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## **CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

### **FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2014**

Members of the City Council of the City of Crawford, Nebraska, met in regular session in the City Hall Council Chambers, 135 Elm Street, Crawford, Nebraska on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014, at 6:30 o'clock p.m. The following individuals were present: Mayor Terrence Haugen, Attorney Adam Edmund, Council Member Dave Kennedy, Council Member Ed Kuhnel and Council Member Karla Adams. Absent: none.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publishing in The Crawford Clipper/Harrison Sun as shown by the affidavit of publication filed in the City Clerk's office at City Hall. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice of the Mayor and City Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Mayor Haugen called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present at 6:30 p.m. and announced to the public that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall in the Council Chambers. It is also available in pamphlet form.

Council Member Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2014 regular council meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kennedy. The following Council Members voted AYE: Adams, Kennedy and Kuhnel. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

Jim Gardner of Fred A. Lockwood & Co., P.C. presented the audit for Crawford Golf Club, Inc., a component unit of the City of Crawford. The City of Crawford audit will be presented at the next meeting on February 25, 2014.

#### Board Reports:

Golf: Dawson Moody will provide the City with the minutes from 1-17-14; Rhonda Pelton has expressed interest in being on the Golf Board and the Golf Board recommends approval; they also inquired as to the City liaison

Fire: will have a meeting tomorrow night

Rodeo: only pending business is the proposal from Dale and Vicki Rising regarding the Sr. Pro Rodeo

Library: submitted the minutes from 11-12-2013; new hours are M-F 1 pm – 6 pm and Sat 10 am – 2 pm, effective Dec. 2, 2013

Park, Ponderosa Villa, Hospital, SWANN: no report

#### Sheriff's Update

Sheriff Dailey, in response to earlier statements made on 2-11-14, reported that with a population of 1500, the Gordon Police Department's budget is \$350,000/yr. Hay Springs, in Sheridan County, is in the middle of a dispute as to whether or not it is a second-class city (second-class cities must have their own police department or contract for law enforcement), but currently Hay Springs has no contract, and the Sheriff only answers calls; there is no guarantee of time. Sheridan County does contract with the county seat of Rushville (population 900) with a guarantee of only 80 hrs/wk (including the Sheriff's administrative office time) for \$84,000, in addition to the Sheriff's Office budget, and one new vehicle every 3 years.

Edgemont, SD (population 800) has one deputy stationed there; they are given no priority or guarantee of time except for 30 hrs/wk, for a budget of \$115,000.

Custer, SD (population 4,500) contracts with the county. Two more deputies, in addition to 9 existing deputies, were added, but with no guarantee to cover the city and they are not required to live there, for a budget of \$348,000/yr.

Crawford is guaranteed at least 136 hrs/wk with fully, dedicated deputies that live in Crawford, or within one-mile, for \$218,000/yr; several other Sheriff's said they wouldn't do it for only \$218,000.

Rushville has renewed their contract for the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> time, and they have just agreed to start enforcing city ordinances.

In 2013, there were 1,038 calls in Crawford; Whitney had 72 and were almost evenly split by Dawes County and Crawford deputies, showing that almost all of the deputies' time is spent in Crawford.

An example of an occasion when deputies are on the highway is when they are en route to court dates.

The claim of 400 gallons of missing diesel fuel was actually 20 gallons, and it was not reported for 2 weeks. For the next 10 days after it was reported, extra patrol was given in that area.

On the highway through town, many drugs have been confiscated on traffic stops.

In a previously stated case involving horses, a deputy was called. The deputy found out who the horses belonged to and tried to contact the owner on the reservation. The BIA and the owner were not cooperative. At that point, it was a civil issue for the person here to care for them. The deputy, in fact, took the extra step and contacted the brand inspector. The brand inspector contacted the owner and, in a few hours, the horses were gone.

Sheriff Dailey also stated that in the past, Crawford has had some good chiefs but when promises were not kept on salaries, benefits and equipment, you can't keep people-"you can't get by on the cheap". If they are cut back to two deputies, Sheriff Dailey feels certain that the county will likely negate the contract and Crawford will have to provide their own police department. Sheriff Dailey himself receives no salary for the contracted services. He stated that it won't work with just two deputies. As it is, other County deputies have put time in, in Crawford, at no cost to the city - to cover sick time, vacation time, 4<sup>th</sup> of July coverage and at no additional cost to the city.

Sheriff Dailey believes that most of the people in Crawford feel they have benefited from the Sheriff's Office being here - that the law is being fairly, equitably and honestly administered by the Sheriff's Office.

Council Member Kennedy pointed out that the outlying areas of Belmont and Whitney have quicker response time as well.

During the Fire, Sheriff Dailey stated that he fought hard to protect Crawford - that he feels invested here.

Deputy Swickard presented an envelope, which he was asked to give to the council, from a Crawford business owner.

Deputy Swickard also presented photos of a serious injury-accident scene, on the highway, which was passed by three people (who did not stop) before the deputy stopped. Other photos were presented of multiple drug paraphernalia and firearms that have been confiscated from cases involving a stolen vehicle, a MIP party within a mile of town, and from a vehicle, traveling at 93 mph between the water towers and Cenex at 9 pm. Deputy Swickard stated that they do run radar, but "the picture is worth 1000 words."

Mike Rumph, a Crawford business owner, was a council member during “the worst times Crawford had as far as a police department” and we “couldn’t hire anybody that was competent to even do the job.” He spoke in favor of the current deputies and is appalled at anyone that complained at the last meeting.

Council Member Dave Kennedy read the letter from another business, the Crawford Pharmacy, in favor of the current services provided by the Dawes County Sheriff’s Office – having been, in the past, “a disastrous mess” and stressful “having a police seat change so many hands.”

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the appointment of Rhonda Pelton to the Golf Board, contingent on a letter from Rhonda requesting it and a letter or the minutes from the Golf Board approving it. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kennedy. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Kennedy and Adams. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

No action was taken on the membership dues for the Panhandle RC & D.

Council Member Kennedy made a motion to approve the building permits for the Verizon Communication Tower and the Verizon Radio Building, both located at 1353 Hwy 2/71. The motion was seconded by Council Member Adams. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kennedy, Adams and Kuhnel. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kennedy made a motion to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for Lover’s Leap investments LLC dba Frontier Bar & Downtown Diner for a wedding reception on March 1, 2013 at the Rodeo Building. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kennedy, Kuhnel and Adams. Council Members voting NAY: none. Motion carried.

Council Member Kennedy made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-01 to set the hearing time and date for a Catering License for the Class C Liquor License for Lover’s Leap investments LLC dba Frontier Bar & Downtown Diner (special meeting on 3-3-14, published 2-19-14.) The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kennedy, Kuhnel and Adams. Council Members voting NAY: none. Motion carried.

Council Member Adams made a motion to approve the cemetery deed, as amended, for Darlene Neidert. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kennedy. The following Council Members voted AYE: Adams, Kennedy and Kuhnel. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kennedy made a motion to approve the cemetery deed for Irene Paris. The motion was seconded by Council Member Adams. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kennedy, Adams and Kuhnel. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

Bills and claims received approval of three Council Members as indicated by their signatures.

**BILLS AND CLAIMS 01/29/2014 – 02/11/2014**

BARCO MUNICIPAL PROD	MANHOLE HOOK/SU	\$55.95
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH BENEFIT	\$1,572.72
BOB'S WELDING	CEMETERY SIGN/GATE REPAIR/PARTIAL	\$940.75
<b>CAPITAL GUARDIAN TRUST</b>	<b>RETIREMENT - 7 FULLTIME EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>\$512.74</b>
CENTURY LINK	PHONE	\$469.46
CHARLIE'S GARAGE	VEHICLE REPAIR/SU	\$438.00
CRAWFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT	PROSSER - MITCHELL TRAIN/ED	\$510.00
CRAWFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS	CLASS C LIQ /TOB LIC FEES	\$1,965.00
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$2,160.57
ENVIRO SERVICE	LAB SE	\$78.00

EUGENE ANDERSON	TRAINING / MILE REIMB	\$494.17
FREMONT MOTOR SCOTTSBLUFF	RESCUE UNIT REPAIRS	\$3,944.90
FYR-TEK	FLASHLITES/HELMET LITES/FIRE SU	\$1,205.66
HACH	SU	\$44.42
IDEAL LINEN	SU	\$80.00
JANE DAILEY	OFFICE SCANNER/SU	\$589.49
KARLA ADAMS	MILEAGE REIMB	\$28.25
KREIDER INS	FIREMEN'S LIFE INS	\$2,016.00
NE PUBLIC HEALTH	LAB SE	\$102.00
NE TOTAL OFFICE	FAX MACHINE CARTRIDGE/SU	\$35.93
NE MUNICIPAL CLERKS ASSO	DUES	\$25.00
NPPD	ELECT	\$187.99
NW RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	RURAL ELECT	\$102.16
PETTY CASH	SU/POSTAGE	\$250.73
SOURCE GAS	UTILITY	\$3,085.26
US POSTMASTER	POSTAGE UTILITY BILLS	\$146.50
YELLOWBIRD	COMM BLDG DEPOSIT REFUND	\$50.00
NET PAYROLL	2/4/2014	\$7,501.47
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$28,593.12</b>

Tentative dates for Sr. Pro Rodeo will be August 14, 15 and 17 with a Golf Tournament on August 16.

Council Member Adams made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kennedy. The following Council Members voted AYE: Adams, Kennedy and Kuhnel. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

The February 11, 2014 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes by: \_\_\_\_\_

Jane Dailey  
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Terrence Haugen  
Mayor