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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 10TH, 2015

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 10th day of November, 2015, at 6:30 o'clock p.m. The following individuals were present: Mayor David Nixon, Attorney Adam Edmund, Council Member Ed Kuhnel, Council Member Skip Chubb and Council Member Roy Norgard. Absent: Council Member Karla Adams.

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 Nixon 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 Kuhnel made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2015 regular council meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norgard. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Norgard and Chubb. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

Board Reports:

Ponderosa Villa: will meet end of November

SWANN: will meet next week

NNDC: will meet Friday

Golf, Park, Hospital, Fire, Rodeo: no report.

Deputy Swickard reported 104 calls in October including 3 felonies, 7 misdemeanors, 7 animal complaints, 5 accidents, 9 paper-service, 6 assist-other-agencies, 3 motorist-assists, 7 domestic violence and 1 special assignment. Barricades for street closures were discussed. The Sheriff's Office will enforce violations but the labor of setting up the barricades of city-sanctioned events is up to the sponsoring organization/business or the city street department, with the exception of the July 4th parade. Traffic enforcement and specifically school traffic was discussed.

Council Member Chubb made a motion to approve the building permit for Brad Goff for an addition to 227 Main. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Chubb, Kuhnel and Norgard. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the permit to move a trailer-home from 103 Paddock. The motion was seconded by Council Member Chubb. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Chubb and Norgard. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Chubb made a motion to approve a permit to destroy a building at 217 Coates. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Chubb, Kuhnel and Norgard. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

Tim Bosak and Mayor Nixon will meet at City Hall and look into the utility account of Shirley Seifert-Lindholm.

One change on the job description for street supervisor was discussed: to delete the reference to certifications for water, sewer and street superintendent.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve a slender Christmas tree at the intersection of 2nd and Elm. The motion was seconded by Council Member Chubb. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Chubb and Norgard. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve holiday decorating at the City Park. The motion was seconded by Council Member Chubb. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Chubb and Norgard. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

Two issues will be looked into: putting the Christmas tree on its own circuit and some sparking at the power pole when turning Christmas lights on and off.

Cost-share for the Rodeo Grounds septic system will be discussed at the next meeting on November 24 when someone from the Rodeo Board can attend.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the Agreement between the City of Crawford and the Crawford Rural Fire Protection District, conditional on securing the legal description for the property north of the city park entrance. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norgard. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Norgard and Chubb. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the city clerk's attendance at the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) Annual Conference in Omaha, NE, May 21- May 25, 2016. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norgard. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Norgard and Chubb. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

The issue of dangerous trees on private properties was discussed. The City of Crawford Ordinances have established a Tree Board with the authority to address trees on private property. Without an active Tree Board, the City has no authority – it is the homeowner's liability. It would require an Ordinance change to possibly merge the Tree Board with the Park Board or to eliminate the Tree Board, possibly giving the authority back to the City. Dangerous trees on private property are not included in the nuisance property definitions.

Council Member Norgard made a motion to approve the cemetery deed for Cynthia J. Zilinski. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Norgard, Kuhnel and Chubb. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

There were inquiries on treating the stumps along First Street with a recommendation of drilling a hole and adding Epsom salt; was there consideration of building a new fire hall at the current location; when is the bowling alley and old telephone building going to be coming down at which Council Member Kuhnel stated maybe this next year.

The next council planning workshop will be January 19, 2016 at 6:30 at City Hall.

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

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Chubb. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Chubb and Norgard. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

The November 10, 2015 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Minutes by: _____
Jane Dailey
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by: _____
David Nixon
Mayor