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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
CRAWFORD CITY COUNCIL/RURAL FIRE BOARD
APRIL 8TH, 2015

Members of the City Council of the City of Crawford, Nebraska, met in special session in the Crawford Fire Hall, 220 Elm Street, Crawford, Nebraska on the 8th day of April, 2015, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. The following individuals were present: Mayor David Nixon, Council Member Ed Kuhnel, Council Member Karla Adams, Council Member Skip Chubb and Council Member Roy Norgard. Absent: Attorney Adam Edmund.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting at three locations: City Hall, D & S Market and the US Post Office, as certified and 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 7:00 p.m. and announced to the public that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall in the Crawford Fire Hall. It is also available in pamphlet form.

After discussion and agreement of the Rural Fire Board, Council Member Adams made a motion to approve submitting split-fire billing to the Rural Fire Board on a monthly basis. The motion was seconded by Council Member Chubb. The following Council Members voted AYE: Adams, Chubb, Kuhnel and Norgard. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

Ron Dyer has visited with High Country Erectors and Natalie Furrow with USDA. A two-million dollar bond at 3.5% for 40 years would cost approximately \$93,660 annually. A 16,000 square foot building was estimated at a cost of \$1.4 million.

Council Member Skip Chubb reported on a building of 100' x 240' as possibly being available for \$158,000 but would still need to be set up, equipped with electricity, heating, etc.

Randy Cullers of Crites, Shaffer, Connealy, Watson, Patras and Cullers, PC, LLO, presented information on the many aspects of merging the rural and city, the budget being the most important item to be worked out. Other cities that have merged have been Ord, Burwell, Imperial and Greeley and some have donated property, supplied snow removal and mowing, free water, etc. City residents would be taxed at the same mill levy rate as rural residents. The City of Crawford's taxable value is a little over \$31,000,000. The City would give up control, but would still have one member on the board. A Joint Resolution and hearing would be required. Rural Fire would need to make sure that they can apply for and receive a grant and would be willing to administer it.

Next meeting: May 13, 2015.

The April 8, 2015 special meeting of the City Council and Rural Fire Board adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes by: _____
Jane Dailey
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by: _____
David Nixon
Mayor