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## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

### OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

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 October, 2016, at 6:30 o'clock p.m. The following individuals were present: Mayor David Nixon, Attorney Adam Edmund, Council Member Ed Kuhnel, Council Member Karla Adams and Council Member Skip Chubb. Absent: Council Member Roy Norgard.

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 Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2016 regular council meeting and to excuse the absence of Council Member Kuhnel from the September 27 council meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Chubb. The following Council Members voted AYE: Adams and Chubb. Council Members ABSTAINING: Kuhnel. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

#### Board Reports:

Golf: winterizing; learning the Point-of-Sale machine; asking to be open for holiday parties

PonderosaVilla: meet on 10-24-16

Hospital: meet on 10-31-16

Fire: a fuse was replaced in the siren; will contact Patrone to service the siren; furnace is being serviced;

Rural Board meeting on 10-12-16; upcoming events are fire prevention week, dance on 10-14-16 and pancake feed on Sunday

Rodeo: profit-and-loss may be available next meeting

NNDC: will meet 10-14-16

Park, SWANN, Chamber of Commerce: no report

No action was taken on the new Fire Hall manhole and storm-sewer intersection, pending information from engineer.

The Brownfields MOU has not yet been received for review.

The conditional use hearing was opened at 6:41 p.m. for Wade & Iris Wilkins for a single-wide mobile home at 115 Oak Street.

Council Member Adams made a motion to approve opening Legend Buttes Golf Course for holiday parties, with no waiver of the rental fee. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Adams, Kuhnel and Chubb. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Wade Wilkins commented that they are looking for what they *can* do before they purchase something. Connie Shell commented that Wilkins had stated that they wanted to buy a newer home, as they own the property next door also. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

The conditional use hearing was closed at 6:48 p.m. for Wade & Iris Wilkins for a single-wide mobile home at 115 Oak Street.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the conditional use for Wade & Iris Wilkins for a single-wide mobile home at 115 Oak Street. The motion was seconded by Council Member Chubb. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Chubb and Adams. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the building permit for Thomas Phillips for additional commercial storage units at 604 Second Street, with concrete and curb-cut the whole length of Second Street between Annin and Ash Streets, except for the fire hydrant. The motion was seconded by Council Member Chubb. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Chubb and Adams. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Chubb made a motion to approve the building permit for the Crawford Rural Fire District for a new Fire Hall at 3450 Highway 20. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Chubb, Kuhnel and Adams. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the building permit for Kelsee Streety for landscaping, but not for the pond. The motion was seconded by Council Member Chubb. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Chubb and Adams. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the recorded exemption for subdivision for Mikel Welling (as part of 3 31 52 PT.S2NE4, PT.N2NE4, PT.E2SE4NW4.) The motion was seconded by Council Member Chubb. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Chubb and Adams. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Chubb made a motion to approve the building permit for Jim Brady to erect a building at 3591 Highway 20. The motion was seconded by Council Member Adams. The following Council Members voted AYE: Chubb, Adams and Kuhnel. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the building permit for E. Allen Bell for a fence at 309 Elm Street. The motion was seconded by Council Member Chubb. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Chubb and Adams. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve to have Skip Chubb and Tabbott Sauder create a spec sheet for the purchase of a backhoe or mini-excavator. The motion was seconded by Council Member Adams. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Adams and Chubb. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Nancy Anderson stated that she has had skunk problems at her residence. After asking the Sheriff's Office who she should talk to, she talked to Don Fryda. Nancy stated that Don said he doesn't come to Crawford

anymore because the Mayor doesn't allow him to come here anymore. In the past he would come and trap here and not charge people anything. Mayor Nixon said no one told him he couldn't come here, just that he couldn't shoot the vultures. Nancy said Fryda said it had something to do with beavers in the park that were eating the trees. Mayor Nixon said he told Fryda the beavers were not a problem and he didn't have any work. He did not tell him not to come to Crawford. Kevin Vogl will be contacted for the availability of a trap for the skunk(s).

No action was taken on the renewal of the lease between the City of Crawford and BNSF. It will be looked at in January.

No action was taken on advertising in the NEBRASKAland magazine.

Council Member Chubb made a motion to approve the Letter of Engagement and Management Letter with Gardner, Loutzenhiser and Ryan for financial audit services. The motion was seconded by Council Member Adams. The following Council Members voted AYE: Chubb, Adams and Kuhnel. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the final transfer of funds from General fund to the other funds as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Chubb. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Chubb and Adams. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

The Delinquent Utility Account report will be presented at the next meeting.

Mayor Nixon stated that the Nebraska Game & Parks grant would ask for up to \$7,500, to be matched with \$7,500 of city funds to address the projects of security lights at the pool, a shelter at the gun range and electricity at the park camping spaces. Up to 20% of the local funds can be from city employee wages. The projects would hope to be completed by Labor Day.

Council Member Chubb made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-07 to apply for a Nebraska Game & Parks Land and Water Conservation Fund grant. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Chubb, Kuhnel and Adams. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

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

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

Council Member Adams made a motion to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Chubb. The following Council Members voted AYE: Adams, Chubb and Kuhnel. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

The October 11, 2016 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Minutes by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jane Dailey  
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
David Nixon  
Mayor