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## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

### NOVEMBER 8<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 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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 Roy Norgard. Absent: Council Member Skip Chubb.

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 6:35 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 25, 2016 regular council meeting and to excuse the absence of Council Member Norgard from the October 25 meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Adams. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Adams and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Mike Kesselring discussed Ordinance changes needed to increase the amount of the utility deposit from \$150 to \$250 in order to cover two months' bill. This would only affect new customers and re-connected customers. There were no objections to proceeding forward with a draft of the Ordinance for approval at a later date. The following budgeted expenditures received no objections: the relay for the raw water tank from Zimmer Electric for no more than \$5,000; the installation and new casing and pump at Well #1 from Sargent Drilling for \$8,819.38; the programming of the computer for the new meters at the water tanks for \$2,000. Kesselring also requested permission to ask Baker & Associates to come up and draw out the water and waste water plans for the new Fire Hall. NDEQ will consider it an extension of the collection system, not just a tap, which will involve more requirements. Mayor Nixon gave Kesselring permission to contact Baker & Assoc. Kesselring also stated that the power company will need to be involved with solving a problem with the harmonics and power surges at the waste water treatment plant.

Daniel Bennett of Panhandle Area Development District stated that with the Brownfields process is redevelopment and some discussion of the rehab of old buildings, including the re-use of the current Fire Hall. The Greater Goods grants are a Panhandle resource that provides matching funds for projects that are for the common good of the community. This grant is meant to be a one-time infusion of cash and then the project should be sustainable. Communities can apply again for other projects. There is a \$50,000 grant maximum per project, with a \$50,000 local match. The one-to-one match is not necessarily all cash. The community would need to decide if we want to pull together for the November 30 first grant application deadline or wait until the second round which is in May. Ideas that have been presented thus far for re-use

of the current Fire Hall are public restrooms, public parking, relocation of the museum, farmer's market and event gatherings. One comment was offered from the public, being to tear it down and turn it and the next two lots into parking.

No action was taken on Resolution 2016-09 as it was deemed to not be required.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the Panhandle Brownfields Assessment Coalition Agreement. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norgard. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Norgard and Adams. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Board Reports:

Golf: will meet 11-16-16.

Park: will meet 11-14-16.

Ponderosa Villa: will meet 11-28-16.

Hospital: finances are stable; Dr. Krueger has asked to resign.

SWANN: will meet 11-17-16.

NNDC: will meet 11-17-16.

Fire, Rodeo, Chamber of Commerce: no report.

The Sheriff's Office report for September 2016: 604 hours worked and 2,523 miles; 110 complaints including 3 felonies, 5 misdemeanors, 9 animal complaints, 4 accidents, 1 traffic citation, 10 traffic warnings, 8 paper-service, 6 assist-other-agencies, 12 motorist-assists, 3 fire calls, 1 rescue call, 1 disturbance, 3 domestic disturbances.

The Clerk's report: front concrete pad is in the process of being replaced; pending issues are the wiring problems at the clubhouse, additional documents for the Game & Parks grant application, repairs on the city Impala, minor plumbing repair needed at city hall, surplus auction still waiting on detailed list for advertising, generator for fire cell phones, fire hall roof repair, grant search for quiet zone, addressing condition of elevator, deed for Wallace and Lori Goff is waiting on results of city-wide survey.

No action was taken on the bid for downed Russian Trees due to grant involvement.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the building permit for Ronnie Thompson for a fence at 812 Sixth Street. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norgard. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Norgard and Adams. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the building permit for Bernard Berger for a garage at 715 Second Street. The motion was seconded by Council Member Adams. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Adams and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

No action was taken on a single-wide residence for Wilkins at 115 Oak as there was no application yet filed.

No action was taken on an easement for the BNSF access through the old city dump property.

Council Member Norgard made a motion to approve repairs to the Fire Hall roof for \$12, 876. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Norgard, Kuhnel and Adams. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Norgard made a motion to approve a Special Designated Liquor License for Bosses' Night at the Crawford Fire hall on January 7, 2017. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Norgard, Kuhnel and Adams. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Norgard made a motion to approve placement of the Christmas Tree at the intersection of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Elm Street. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Norgard, Kuhnel and Adams. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the attendance of Nic Kesselring at the Grade 6 Backflow Prevention & Cross-Connection Control Course April 10-14, 2017 in Wahoo, NE. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norgard. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Norgard and Adams. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the Banking Resolution. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norgard. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Norgard and Adams. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve upon maturity, placing \$95,400 of Security First CDARS into a 3-month CD and roll-over the remaining; and convert the First National CD to a Freedom CD that allows quarterly access with no penalty. The motion was seconded by Council Member Adams. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Adams and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

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

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve going into executive session at 7:34 p.m. to discuss legal matters regarding street issues. The motion was seconded by Council Member Adams. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Adams and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve coming out of executive session at 7:54 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norgard. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Norgard 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 Kuhnel made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norgard. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Norgard and Adams. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

The November 8, 2016 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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

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