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**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**DECEMBER 13<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 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 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 6:30 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 November 22, 2016 regular council meeting and to excuse the absence of Council Member Chub from the November 22, 2016 council 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.

**Board Reports:**

**Golf:** have one holiday party booked; some missing tables are believed to be at the Fire Hall; working on tournaments for next year; next meeting January 18, 2017.

**Park:** Paul Bernath presented a Good Sam's Club RV parks book as an opportunity for advertising; next meeting scheduled for Jan. 16, 2017.

**Ponderosa Villa:** lost some nurses due to lack of health care coverage; considering foreign nurse staffing with an international nursing agency.

**Hospital:** \$2.1 million in the bank; \$4.2 million in accounts receivable; \$1.8 million in bad debt; the ambulance barn will match the hospital in appearance; Prairie Pines will be paid off this year; no more progress expected on an Alzheimer's Unit, may be converted into independent living; Harold Krueger wishes to resign but still stay involved; Regional West will decide on his replacement; no meeting in December; meetings are held on the last Mondays of the month.

**NNDC:** will meet next week.

**SWANN, Fire, Rodeo, Chamber of Commerce:** no report.

Clerk Report: front pad in front of City Hall was completed; roof repair at fire hall completed; notified DED we are working on Leadership Certification; gas was shut off at hatchery building; there has been a lot of very cooperative compliance on tree-trimming; sent in a letter of support for PADD's application to receive Brownfields funds; still working with auditors; the Dawes County Joint Planning/Kickstart Crawford college group working on an area trails brochure/map presented their work at a recent meeting and are continuing

with that project; at the Medical Clinic, there is a window needing replaced and branches rubbing on the roof that need addressed; waiting on Amy Seiler to get back to us regarding the Tree Inventory and free trees; need to decide on repairing or closing 200 block of Pine Street; community building marquee sign is in need of some repair; Mike Kesselring will be contacting Zimmer Electric for raw water tank relay and Mike thought he and Gene could take care of the railing at water well steps; awaiting the audit from the Villa; wondering if the problem between the security cameras and internet at Clubhouse will be solved if we hook up to Mobius' fiber-optic later on; need better wiring accommodations for the POS machine; have not heard on the Game and Parks grant yet; city Impala may have a rack and pinion issue; repairing a leak under the sink at city hall is waiting on John Aid; surplus auction still pending; checking on further grants will probably have to wait until we know our costs on the new fire hall infrastructure; Daniel Bennett is doing a little research on the elevator on First Street.

Council Member Adams made a motion to approve the survey for \$1,500 for the Fire Hall water tap and waste water collection project. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Adams, Kuhnel and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve Bruce Hoffman's estimate of \$2,936.00 to provide power surge protection at the waste water treatment plant. 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 Norgard made a motion to approve Mobius service at water plant for phone lines and internet. 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.

No action was taken on street repairs at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Beech, awaiting cost estimates.

No action was taken on raising cemetery fees, awaiting more information on man hours required for opening and closing graves.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the building permit for Barbara Heckman for a fence at 238 McPherson. 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 accept the resignation of Connie Shell from the Planning Commission and to advertise for a replacement. 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 appointment of Anthony (Toney) Krajewski as the Street Superintendent and to continue with Baker & Associates, Inc. as the city engineer. 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 Roy Norgard as the SWANN representative. The motion was seconded by Council Member Adams. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel and Adams. Council Members voted NAY: None. Council Members ABSTAINING: Norgard. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the hire of snow removal employees: Ryann Utter, Logan Haverland and Ronnie Thompson. 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 the golf and city ads in the 2017 Journey magazine. 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 Adams made a motion to approve the Proclamation of January 2017 as National Radon Action Month. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Adams, Kuhnel and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Adams made a motion to ratify the salary and wages for Dailey and Knode as last approved. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Adams and Kuhnel. Council Members voted NAY: Norgard. Motion carried.

Council Member Karla Adams expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to serve the city as a South Ward Council Member.

The December 13, 2016 council meeting adjourned Sine Die at 7:30 p.m.

Clerk Dailey reported on the November 1, 2016 election results: Chubb, North Ward, 165 votes; Shell, South Ward, 216 votes; write-in Thompson, South Ward, 56 votes.

Connie Shell was sworn in as the newly elected South Ward Council Member by Clerk Dailey.

There will not be a Council Meeting on December 27, 2016.  
The next Council Meeting date is scheduled for January 10, 2017.

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

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shell. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Shell and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

The December 13, 2016 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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

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