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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 10TH, 2017

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 January, 2017, 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, Council Member Roy Norgard and Council Member Connie Shell. Absent: none.

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 December 13, 2016 regular council meeting and to excuse the absence of Council Member Chubb from the December 13, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shell. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Shell and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. ABSTAINING: Chubb. Motion carried.

Board Reports:

Golf: will meet 1-18-17.

Park: will meet 1-16-17.

PonderosaVilla: will meet 1-30-17.

Hospital: will meet 1-30-17.

SWANN: will meet 1-17-17.

Fire: will meet 1-11-17.

Rodeo: has not met.

NNDC: meeting on 1-16-17.

Chamber of Commerce Round-up on 1-19-17.

Deputy Swickard reported for the month of December: 84 complaints including 3 misdemeanors, 5 animal complaints, 6 accidents, 3 traffic warnings, 8 assist-other-agencies (mostly DHHS), 3 motorist-assists, 2 fire, 1 rescue, 1 coroner and 3 domestic; 528 hours plus 31 overtime; 2,800 miles. Discussion was held on: private people are not allowed to do snow removal on city property; it was asked if RSVP or anyone is able to assist individuals with sidewalk snow removal; residents were reminded to park on the even side of the street first and then after the street is cleared of snow, to park on the odd side.

Council Member Chubb made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shell. The following Council Members voted AYE: Chubb, Shell, Kuhnel and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve Connie Shell as the Council President. The motion was seconded by Council Member Chubb. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Chubb and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. ABSTAINING: Shell. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the following liaisons: Fire Department, Ed Kuhnel; Golf Board, Roy Norgard; Hospital Board, Connie Shell; Ponderosa Villa Board, Ed Kuhnel; Rodeo Board, Connie Shell; NNDC, Ed Kuhnel. The motion was seconded by Council Member Chubb. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Chubb, Norgard and Shell. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-02 to set the hearing date for a new Class C liquor license for Ron Hamar dba Diamond Jacks Corner Bar. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norgard. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Norgard, Chubb and Shell. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Chubb made a motion to approve the appointments of Ralene Suchor for a one-year term to the Planning Commission and Paul Bernath for a three-year term on the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Chubb, Kuhnel, Norgard and Shell. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the appointments of Dawson Moody and John Skavdahl to the Golf Board. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shell. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Shell, Chubb and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the appointment of Rhonda Schoenemann to the Ponderosa Villa Board. The motion was seconded by Council Member Chubb. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Chubb, Norgard and Shell. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Norgard made a motion to approve the hire of Bruce Olson as a snow removal employee. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Norgard, Kuhnel, Chubb and Shell. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve \$200 as the community building fee for the Junior Wrestlers. The motion was not seconded.

Council Member Shell made a motion to approve \$250 as the community building fee plus a \$100 deposit for the Junior Wrestlers. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Shell, Kuhnel, Chubb and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

No action was taken on the renewal of the BNSF lease for office space.

Mayor Nixon stated that the AmeriCorps concept letter was due 1-17-17; project ideas include shooting shelters and benches at the gun range; clearing the east side of White River in the park; painting the benches on the walking trail; railroad park; a team of 8-10 is expected with half working on the shelters and half doing clean-up projects; has been a good experience in the past; the City provides supervision, materials and lodging; AmeriCorps provides the labor and their own food.

The process of approving expenditures was discussed; will further discuss possible re-wording or reducing the spending limits of Resolution 2011-04, using a type of requisition order or pre-approval form.

Cemetery rates were discussed, including the hours and equipment that are required for opening and closing graves. One suggestion for opening and closing was \$250 for residents, \$300 for non-residents; and cremain burials at \$100 for residents and \$150 for non-residents.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve using Mobius for phone and internet services at Legend Buttes Golf Course. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shell. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Shell, Chubb and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the Preventive Maintenance Plan for Public Transportation vehicles. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norgard. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Norgard, Chubb and Shell. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Shell made a motion to approve the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding between Chadron Community Hospital and the City of Crawford dba Legend Buttes Health Services. The motion was seconded by Council Member Chubb. The following Council Members voted AYE: Shell, Chubb, Kuhnel and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve attendance at the Snowball Conference on January 25-26, 2017 at Kearney, NE for Tabbott Sauder and Nic Kesselring. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shell. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Shell, Chubb and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

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

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

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve going into executive session for negotiations for cell tower management at 7:57 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shell. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Shell, Chubb and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve to come out of executive session for negotiations for cell tower management at 8:08 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shell. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Shell, Chubb and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Skip Chubb thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as a North Ward Council Member and tendered his resignation from the City Council.

Council Member Shell made a motion to accept the resignation of Council Member Skip Chubb. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Shell, Kuhnel and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. ABSTAINING: Chubb. Motion carried.

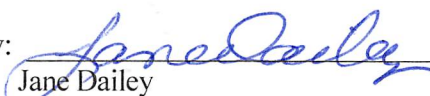
Attorney Edmund stated that notice of the vacancy must be posted in three places (recommend publishing also); those interested in fulfilling the vacancy will submit a letter of interest to the Mayor and he will bring a name forward to the council for approval at the next council meeting; it would require a ballot to abolish election by wards.


Public comment was received on golf beer and liquor profit-and-loss; and the security light is out at the community building parking lot.

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

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 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 January 10, 2017 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes by: 
Jane Dailey
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by: 
David Nixon
Mayor