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## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

### FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 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 Roy Norgard, Council Member Connie Shell and Council Member Larry Olson (sworn in at this meeting.) 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 January 10, 2017 regular council meeting. 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.

Annie Loutzenhiser of Gardner, Loutzenhiser and Ryan presented the financial audit for FY 2016-2017.

#### Board Reports:

Golf: advertising for summer employees; carpet squares have arrived, paid for by Men's League.

Park: discussed roads in park, need to remove downed Russian Olives; request attorney to look into needing to move Mud Truck area; and water used for Mud Truck events.

Ponderosa Villa: will meet 2-20-17.

Hospital: met 1-30-17; Anna Turman has stepped in as interim; Mr. Krueger is President of Chadron Hospital Corporation; income \$1.9 million, accounts receivable \$5 million, bad debt of \$1.8 million, expect \$700,000 back from the government, \$3.2 million on-hand, Medicare changes result in a loss of \$230,000 per year; MRI unit should open in February.

SWANN: discussing insurance carriers; burn pile needs pushed up by city crew.

Fire: meeting on new fire hall water and waste water lines; allowing temporary contractors to use power from the balloon building.

Rodeo: schedule of upcoming events was presented; doing some remodeling at Dance Hall.

NNDC: will meet 2-17-17; annual meeting report was available; was a good year: \$98,191 income and \$89,015 expenses.

Chamber of Commerce: no report.

Mayor Nixon nominated Larry Olson for the North Ward council vacancy.

Council Member Shell made a motion to approve Larry Olson as the new North Ward Council Member. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norgard. The following Council Members voted AYE: Shell and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: Kuhnel. Motion carried.

Larry Olson was sworn in by Clerk Dailey as the new North Ward Council Member.

Mayor Nixon read the Proclamation of March 2017 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month.

Council Member Ed Kuhnel and Council Member Roy Norgard will be the liaisons for the Street and Cemetery departments.

Council Member Connie Shell will be the liaison for the Park Board.

Clerk Report: waiting on PestGo to evaluate some old termite damage at City Hall; asked Fire liaison Ed Kuhnel to check with Glenn Patrone to see if the warning siren had been tended to; 3<sup>rd</sup> & Beech Street repair is underway; waiting on Amy Seiler for the Tree Inventory; have been rounding up items at City Hall for upcoming surplus auction (no date set yet).

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

Clerk Dailey was instructed to make the changes on the BNSF lease for a one-year term at \$200 per month and send it back to BNSF for a response.

The hearing for a new Class C liquor license for Ron Hamar dba Diamond Jacks Corner Bar was opened at 7:10 p.m.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-03 to apply for Public Transportation grant funds. The motion was seconded by Council Member Olson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Olson, Norgard and Shell. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the Banking Resolutions and signature cards for Mayor Nixon, Clerk Dailey and Council President Shell. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norgard. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Norgard, Shell and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the appointment of Council President Shell to the Board of Health. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norgard. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Norgard and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. ABSTAINED: Shell. Motion carried.

With no comments, the hearing for a new Class C liquor license for Ron Hamar dba Diamond Jacks Corner Bar was closed at 7:15 p.m.

Council Member Shell made a motion to approve a new Class C liquor license for Ron Hamar dba Diamond Jacks Corner Bar. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Shell, Kuhnel, Norgard and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve Ron Hamar dba Diamond Jacks Corner Bar as a Keno outlet. The motion was seconded by Council Member Olson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Olson, Norgard and Shell. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the hire of John MacKenzie and Sheena Hemsher as back-up snow removal employees (calling the current snow removal employees first). The motion was seconded by Council Member Norgard. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Norgard, Shell and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve attendance at the League's Midwinter Conference in Lincoln on Feb. 27-28, 2017 for Mayor Nixon. The motion was seconded by Council Member Olson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Olson and Shell. Council Members voted NAY: Norgard. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve attendance at the NPZA Planning and Zoning conference in Kearney on March 8-10, 2017 for Mayor Nixon and Council Member Connie Shell. The motion was seconded by Council Member Olson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: Norgard. ABSTAINED: Shell. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve attendance at the NE Municipal Clerk Institute and Academy in Kearney on March 20-24, 2017 for Clerk Dailey. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shell. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Shell and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: Norgard. Motion carried.

Council Member Shell made a motion to approve the cemetery rates as follow: grave spaces for residents \$250, grave spaces for non-residents \$300, grave openings for week days \$300, grave openings on Saturdays and holidays \$350, cremations \$125, cremations on Saturday and holidays \$200, exhumations within cemetery \$350 and exhumations out of cemetery \$250. The motion was seconded by Council Member Olson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Shell, Olson, Kuhnel and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the trial of additional days/hours of Public Transportation services to accommodate an occasional dinner and movie. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norgard. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Norgard, Shell and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve an AmeriCorps application and funding for housing. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shell. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Shell, Norgard and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Shell made a motion to approve an application to Dawes County Tourism grants. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norgard. The following Council Members voted AYE: Shell, Norgard, Kuhnel and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Clerk Dailey was instructed to notify Ameritas John Trecek to move forward with plans to refinance the USDA water bond, saving years and interest.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve participating in a Low and Moderate Income Survey from PADD for CDBG funding. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shell. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Shell, Norgard and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the following snow removal wages: dumptrucks, snowplows and sander at \$11.00 for seasonal snow removal employees, with city employees driving the grader, front-end loader and snowblower at their regular wage. The motion was seconded by Council

Member Shell. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Shell, Norgard and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve participating in the Great American Clean Up and gearing it towards the Big Event. The motion was seconded by Council Member Olson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Olson, Norgard and Shell. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

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

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

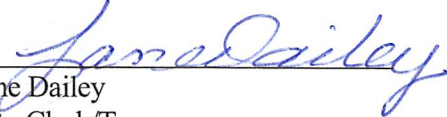
Public comment was heard on road grading, potholes, culverts and golf financials.

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

Council Member Shell made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Shell, Kuhnel, Norgard and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

The February 14, 2017 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Minutes by:

  
Jane Dailey  
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by:

  
David Nixon  
Mayor