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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 28TH, 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 28th day of February, 2017, at 6:30 o'clock p.m. The following individuals were present: Attorney Adam Edmund, Council Member Ed Kuhnel, Council Member Roy Norgard, Council Member Connie Shell and Council Member Larry Olson. Absent: Mayor David Nixon.

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.

Council President Shell 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 February 14, 2017 regular council meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Olson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Olson, Shell and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Terry Rajewich presented information on Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD), and the professional agreement and the franchise agreement between the City of Crawford and NPPD. As street lights need replaced, they will be replaced with LED lights. Several hand-outs were provided.

The hearing for the One & Six Year Street Improvement Plan was opened at 7:04 p.m. Street Superintendent Tony Krajewski explained the proposal; is necessary to receive Highway Allocation Funds; plan can be changed as needed; street improvement grants are not available as they once were in the past.

Board Reports:

Golf: meet 3-1-17.

Park: met 3-13-17.

Ponderosa Villa: 21 in nursing home; 9 in assisted-living; have new nurse from Kenya; is a \$20/day increase on Medicare; made \$15,280.77 in November and -\$20,971.91 in December, affected by timing of Medicaid payments.

Hospital: income of \$2,174,189, accounts receivable \$5,163,063, Medicare \$2.4 million, \$1.9 million in bad debt, and \$2.3 million cash-on-hand; new MRI opens 4-1-17; hired chief financial officer is Jane Brown; implemented Moon Plan regarding outpatient care; next meeting is 3-27-17.

SWANN: changed insurance providers to keep their rates down, saving \$30,000 with new L.A.R.M. provider.

Rodeo: meets 3-14-17; 2-14-17 meeting was a paint party with assistance of High school students.

NNDC: funds available are CDBG \$50,589, RBEG \$36,792 and IRP \$28,088.

Fire, Chamber of Commerce: no report.

Receiving no comments, the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan hearing was closed at 7:27 p.m.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-01 to adopt the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan. 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 Treasurer's Report. 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.

Clerk Dailey presented the Delinquent Utility Account Report. Writing off some of the oldest accounts, as well as the option of small claims and liens, were discussed.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the hire of Denee Limbach for Golf Clubhouse manager at \$11.80 per hour. 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 golf course maintenance seasonal employees: Gerry Oleson at \$9.85 per hour; Dale Stephens at \$8.50 per hour; Lawrence Jacobs at \$8.50 per hour and Fay Hughes at \$8.25 per hour. 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 City Maintenance Agreement with NE Department of Roads. 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 Lyle Human as a seasonal snow removal employee. 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 read Ordinance 658 increasing cemetery rates.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to introduce and waive the three readings of Ordinance 658 increasing cemetery rates. 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 pass and publish Ordinance 658 increasing cemetery rates. 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.

No action was taken on the lease between the City of Crawford and BNSF for office space.

Mike Kesselring recommended that the city thank Becky Chubb for the opportunity to purchase a storage container, but that the city not purchase one at this time.

Mike Kesselring updated the council on the plans for the new water and waste water proposal at the new Fire Hall site. The Opinion of Cost provided by Baker and Associates: \$183,073.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the agreement with Baker and Associates, Inc. for services for Fire Hall water and waste water project, not to exceed \$13,850, so they can draw it out and move forward with the bid process. 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 going into executive session regarding legal negotiations at 8:17 p.m. 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 come out of executive session at 8:34 p.m. 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.

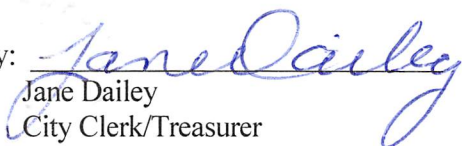
Public comment was heard on golf financials and low profit margins on beer and alcohol; Highway Allocation Funds are used for all street department expenses including wages, vehicle repairs, curb and gutter repairs, etc.

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

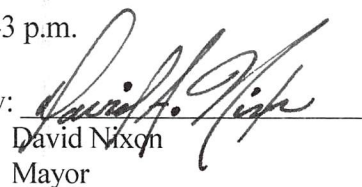
Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Olson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Olson, Norgard and Shell. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

The February 28, 2017 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Minutes by:


Jane Dailey
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by:


David Nixon
Mayor