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## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

### APRIL 11<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 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 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. 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 Shell made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2017 regular council meeting, April 4, 2017 special council meeting and April 9, 2017 emergency council meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Olson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Shell, Olson, Norgard and Kuhnel. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

#### Board Reports:

Golf: working on tournaments; fees have been clarified; minutes available from 4-10-17.

Park: bushes on west side of community building need to be removed for pest control; park employees requested to focus on the park in preparation for Easter; pool plans to open 5-27-17; working on park fountain; pavilion will be used for Eclipse; interviews scheduled for 4-17-17.

Ponderosa Villa: meets 4-24-17.

Hospital: meets 4-24-17.

SWANN: meets 4-20-17.

Fire: no meeting.

Rodeo: meets 4-1-17; good turn-out at fundraiser, but down from previous years.

NNDC: meets 4-21-17.

Chamber of Commerce: membership drive; Gallery ribbon-cutting; Eclipse meeting 6 pm 4-12-17 at Tailgate; purchasing t-shirts with Eclipse theme; 3 people will be manning the information booth; no plans for July 4<sup>th</sup> activities in the park.

Discussion was held on the removal of a tree apparently sharing the west property line of Legend Buttes Health Services.

Council Member Olson made a motion to approve paying \$300 of the tree removal expense. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Olson, Kuhnel, Norgard and Shell. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

John Trecek from Ameritas presented the refinancing of the 2001 USDA water bond at a lower interest rate, resulting in an earlier payoff date, a savings in interest and with comparable annual payments.

Ordinance 659 to refinance the current water bond was read by Council Member Shell.

Council Member Shell made a motion to introduce and suspend the rules of Ordinance 659. 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 Shell made a motion to approve to pass and publish Ordinance 659. 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.

Mobius plans to complete most of the installation of fiber-optic lines throughout the alleys in this year's construction season, though it may require some finishing work in the spring of 2018.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve construction and installation of the Mobius fiber-optic lines, maintaining communication with the utility and street departments. 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.

Mike Kesselring addressed the recent leak of the 6" water main on Paddock Street. Repairs were complicated by Century Link's delayed response to emergency locate and the condition of the water line itself. Mike will present the Two and Ten Year Water and Waste Water Plan on 4-25-17, which will include plans for gradual valve replacement and water line repairs. In other matters, an inappropriate sewage disposal on Oak Street will be resolved in a day or two. Mike also clarified that the Mayor is the legal spokesperson for water and waste water matters.

Mayor Nixon read the Proclamation of April as Fair Housing Month.

Clerk Dailey reported that due to notice publication requirements the hearing date for new public transportation vehicle(s) will be May 23, 2017.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the following building permits: Don Clausen for a fence at 109 Elm Street; Evelyn Raben for a fence at 122 Linn Street; Jeff and Becky Wendland for a fence at 303 Coates; Jaci Mills for a pole barn garage at 13501 Hwy 2/71; Amanda Kissell for a fence at 512 Elm Street; Crawford Public Schools for concrete pads and fencing at 908 Fifth Street. 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.

No action was taken on approving the expenditure of \$7,500 for electrical hook-ups at the park camping area.

Council Member Norgard made a motion to accept the resignation of Virginia Fleming as of July 7, 2017. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shell. The following Council Members voted AYE: Norgard, Shell and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: Kuhnel. Motion carried.

Council Member Norgard made a motion to advertise for the full-time position of Deputy Clerk. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shell. The following Council Members voted AYE: Norgard, Shell and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: Kuhnel. Motion carried.

Council Member Norgard made a motion to approve a wage increase for Zachariah Riggs of \$1.50 per hour and to be the interim street supervisor. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Norgard, Kuhnel, Shell and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

No action was taken on the Section 504 ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-04 authorizing documents for USDA loan and grant funding for the new fire hall water and wastewater infrastructure. 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.

No action was taken on the selection of a natural gas supplier.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve up to \$300 from Keno funds for the community picnic at 4:00 pm on April 22 following the local Great American Clean-up. 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 floodplain permit for the wacipi arbor structures. 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 Olson made a motion to approve the lease between the City of Crawford and BNSF for office space at \$200 per month for a one-year term. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shell. The following Council Members voted AYE: Olson, Shell, Kuhnel and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.


The street by the sale barn has been graded. The ditch still needs addressed. Council Member Kuhnel provided a map of street repairs on Main Street to be done by July 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

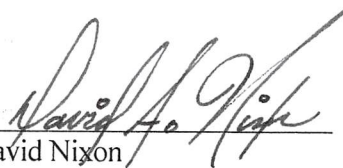
Council Member Shell made a motion to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norgard. The following Council Members voted AYE: Shell, Norgard, Kuhnel and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

The April 11, 2017 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Minutes by:

  
Jane Dailey  
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by:

  
David Nixon  
Mayor