


CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2017

Members of the City Council of the City of Crawford, Nebraska, met in workshop session in the City Hall Council Chambers, 135 Elm Street, Crawford, Nebraska on the 19th day of September, 2017, at 5:30 o'clock p.m. The following individuals were present: Mayor David Nixon, Council Member Roy Norgard, Council Member Connie Shell and Council Member Larry Olson. Absent: Attorney Adam Edmund and Council Member Ed Kuhnel.

Notice of the workshop 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 and by posting at three locations: City Hall, D & S Market and the US Post Office, as certified and 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 workshop was open to the attendance of the public.


 Mayor Nixon called the workshop to order and declared a quorum present at 5:30 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.


Street Superintendent Tony Krajewski shared information on the condition of the park bridge and future options; a box culvert would have to be big and would be costly; low-water crossing is not advised; a bridge is the best option and we should start planning for replacing the bridge; steel-girder bridge may cost in the range of \$150,000 and usually only require a few months.

Heavy snow removal trucks will not use the park bridge this winter.

The crosswalks at the school need painted; was asked if gravel road around the football field could be sprayed down with water for dust control before games; the east road by Westco is now city property; due to traffic congestion and for the safety of the students, a one-lane, one-way street in front of the school was discussed; options for the roads are that they could be graded and have rock added, be surfaced and paving or gravel districts could be assessed to the property owners with frontage property with intersections typically being the responsibility of the city.

Pine Street between 2nd and 3rd Streets: need to tear it out, dig to find if there's a water leak, remove the wet dirt, haul in dry dirt.

 The back road to the park has been widened; the drainage problem in the sale barn area will be investigated as to repair or replace the culvert(s).

 Regarding BNSF crossings, Mayor Nixon reported that NDOT has offered to cover 100% up to \$300,000 for the modification of Annin Crossing if Mill Road Crossing is closed. Several comments were received against the idea of closing Mill Road Crossing regarding access for six families, access to bulk fuel tanks,

emergency vehicle access, train is often blocking the way, Bethel Road is not adequate access and possible affects to the respective property values if access is diminished.

Regarding the drainage problem at the intersection of First Street, Harris Avenue and the sale barn: the consensus was to purchase two culverts to replace the ones there, since we don't have the equipment to clean them out and they are likely rusted through anyway.

Backhoe has been repaired; red rock is needed and was directed to get a semi-load; Street Supervisor Riggs would like a mechanic to check over all snow removal equipment. Mayor Nixon asked the council to prioritize the top needs for a four-year plan to be discussed at the next council meeting on September 26.

It was stated that calcium chloride is reasonably inexpensive and it does help with dust control.

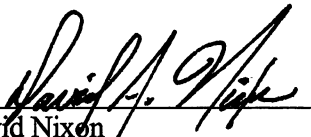
The area of the Old Hwy 20 corner and Steinacher's property also has a drainage issue.

Property owners need to clear their alleys of obstructions and then the city will maintain them.

Council Member Shell made a motion to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norgard. The following Council Members voted AYE: Shell, Norgard and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

The September 19, 2017 workshop of the City Council adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Minutes by: 
Jane Dailey
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by: 
David Nixon
Mayor