

# CITY OF CRAWFORD

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## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

### SEPTEMBER 26<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 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017, at 6:30 o'clock p.m. The following individuals were present: Mayor David Nixon, Attorney Adam Edmund, Council Member Roy Norgard, Council Member Connie Shell and Council Member Larry Olson. Absent: Council Member Ed Kuhnel.

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 Norgard made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2017 regular council meeting, the September 19, 2017 special council meeting and workshop, and to excuse the absence of Mayor Nixon and Council Member Kuhnel from the September 19, 2017 special council meeting and Council Member Kuhnel from the September 19, 2017 workshop. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shell. The following Council Members voted AYE: Norgard, Shell and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

#### Board Reports:

**Park:** community building floor needs work; recommend no reduction in community building fees due to high utility costs; pool wages were up this year; playground equipment is in good shape; a slide at the ball field is a little twisted.

**Hospital:** cash-on-hand month-to-date \$1,667,051.93 and year-to-date \$16,651,579.18; in-patient use is up this month and outpatient is down; a Community Health Assessment was done showing that small communities are down in most of the resources; obesity is higher in the panhandle; distracted drivers are a big problem; net revenue at LGHS is decreasing due to not as many people using the clinic; a chief patient care officer has started; Diane Letcher and Home Health Nurses are being recognized with the Community Star for excellent service.

**SWANN:** two meetings combined, went through bills.

**Fire:** is talk of pouring concrete

**Rodeo:** meets 9/26/17.

**Sub-Committee for use of Cultural Center:** museum still wants to rebuild the north part of the lean-to; will contact Job Corps about masonry work to repair bricks and fascia; barber shop needs to be displayed.

**Golf, Ponderosa Villa, NNDC, Chamber of Commerce:** no report.

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 and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Tim Kreider and Bruce Schmidt with EMC Insurance presented the city insurance plan and coverage. The City could add the park buildings, could add the golf carts; department heads should check the auto and equipment lists for accuracy; \$1,000 per occurrence deductible on buildings; \$250 deductible on comp and \$500 deductible on collision; mod factor affecting worker's comp is down to 0.93.

Council Member Shell made a motion to approve the confirmation of the real property exchange between the City of Crawford and Westco. 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.

Council Member Olson made a motion to approve \$200 of Keno funds for the Halloween activities on October 28, 2017. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shell. The following Council Members voted AYE: Olson, Shell and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Olson made a motion to approve the street closure on Second Street from Linn to Elm for the Halloween activities on October 28, 2017. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shell. The following Council Members voted AYE: Olson, Shell and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

No action was taken on the adjustment of Community Building rental rates for youth group meetings.

Council Member Shell made a motion to approve the bid from Westco for pump fuel, bulk fuel and propane. The motion was seconded by Council Member Olson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Shell, Olson and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Nancy Kile requested that the council consider a Resolution to proclaim the second Monday in October as Indigenous People's Day and as a city holiday.

No action was taken on the street priorities that will constitute a four-year plan.

Council Member Shell made a motion to approve the hire of Marcy Thompson as head librarian at \$10.00 per hour for 30 hours per week maximum and to start as soon as possible. The motion was seconded by Council Member Olson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Shell, Olson and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Public comment was received regarding the budget being the best in 8 or 10 years; a thank-you for the 10 mph speed limit signs; the need for speed limit signs on Beech Street and/or more enforcement.

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

Council Member Olson made a motion to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shell. The following Council Members voted AYE: Olson, Shell and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

The September 26, 2017 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Minutes by: Jane Dailey  
Jane Dailey  
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by: David Nixon  
David Nixon  
Mayor