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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 27TH, 2018

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 27th day of March, 2018, 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 13, 2018 regular council meeting. 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.

Board Reports:

Golf: recommending Clubhouse help; price changes for next meeting.

Park: will meet 4-10-18; pool will cost \$5,000 to \$7,000 for a new burner; with the new chlorinator, a new burner should last longer.

Ponderosa Villa: met 3-26-18; lost \$13,241.39 in February; 26 in nursing home; 11 in assisted living; 6 with Medicare Part A.

Hospital: met 3-19-18; revenues are down and expenses are up; doors are framed out for physical therapy; will be moving equipment and then getting inspected.

SWANN: will be getting a new truck.

Rodeo: will meet 4-3-18.

NNDC: CDBG \$12,238; RBEG \$12,166; IRP \$48,908.

Sub-Committee for use of Cultural Center: Fisher Roofing should be here to work on roof on Friday 3-30-18 or the following week; someone donated money for the dry wall inside the storage area.

Chamber of Commerce: no report.

The Sheriff's Office reported 116 complaints for the month of February, including misdemeanors, animal complaints, accidents, motorist and public assists, fire and rescue calls. Since the first of the year, there have been three felony cases from Crawford that are still being worked on.

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

Mayor Nixon read the following Proclamations: April as Fair Housing Month, April 8-14 as Public Transit Week and April 3 as Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service.

The City of Crawford received a Safety Dividend from EMC Insurance for \$7,137.62.

Council Member Norgard made a motion to approve the hire of seasonal employees as: park full-time Rose Fuhrman and Jim Radenic; cemetery full-time Steve Green; and Kathy Smith as part-time park and cemetery as needed; to start 4-2-18; Fuhrman at \$10.00 per hour and the rest at \$9.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Norgard, Kuhnel, Olson and Shell. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Norgard made a motion to approve the hire of seasonal Legend Buttes Golf Course Clubhouse employees as: George Mohler and Katelyn Woodrum at \$0.25 more per hour than last year, Nathan Kackmeister at \$8.00 per hour and Denee Limbach at \$9.00 per hour. 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.

Council Member Norgard made a motion to approve a \$1.00 per hour wage increase for Zac Riggs and Tim Schultz. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Norgard, Kuhnel, Olson and Shell. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Norgard made a motion to introduce and waive the three readings of Ordinance 662 extending the Park Board terms from one year to three years. 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.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to pass and publish Ordinance 662. 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 reappointment of Park Board Member Barb Prosser for a two-year term and Paul Bernath for a three-year term. 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.

Mike Kesselring reported that with the water department and fire department working together, the fire insurance rating has decreased; plans to finish the project at the new fire hall; the Operation and Maintenance Manual for the new fire hall; working with Baker on a Comprehensive Two and Ten Year Plan which would include a valve and hydrant plan.

Council Member Shell made a motion to approve the Two and Ten Year Plan for water and waste water. 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.

Rachel Johnson reported that the RSVP program has been in Crawford since 1972; there are 50 volunteers in Crawford, providing 6,000 hours of volunteer service per year; some of the locations receiving volunteer service are the blood drives, Post Playhouse, the art show, county fair, the local and mobile food pantry,

schools, Salvation Army, toy drive, museum, Ponderosa Villa, Senior Center, Homebound Seniors, disaster preparedness and the Volunteer Reception Center, and the fire academy.

No action was taken on Jim Brady's request to adjust the charges for water consumption due to water leak.

Zac Riggs provided a list of city-owned vehicles for the Vehicle Committee.

Duane Sams asked about the possibility of using the old fire hall for the local food pantry; and about addressing the muddy mess at the current emergency entrance at the food pantry located at the clinic. Mayor Nixon stated that it will be a while before the reuse of the fire hall will be decided.

Council Member Shell made a motion to approve the following building permits: St. John's Catholic Church for sidewalk, retaining wall, drainage at 808 Fourth Street; Brian Piper for a fence at 120 Reed Street (fence has to be 40 feet back from the center of the street); April Grant for a fence at 1011 Sixth Street; James Domingo for an addition at 113 Coates Street. 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 Olson made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Crawford and Chadron Community Hospital Corp. 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.

No action was taken on the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Crawford and White River Wacipi. The reference to White River Wacipi keeping camping fees received is in regards to the Odd Fellows turn-around area by the rodeo grounds entrance, not the City's official camping spots.

No action was taken on the Keno funds for insurance for White River Wacipi. Assistance may be available through the Nebraska Minorities resource and the Travel Board. White River Wacipi is in the process of obtaining a 501(c)(3) status and looking into grants. It is believed that in order for the events to be included on the City's insurance, the City has to be in direct control and supervision of the events.

Mike Kesselring will meet with White River Wacipi to talk about their plans and needs, such as potable versus non-potable water. Tapping fee is \$700 and a new hydrant is approximately \$150. There was also a reminder that food-service licenses are required in some instances of fund-raisers that involve food.

Five bids for the surplus golf carts were opened and the highest three were \$951, \$975 and \$1,500. The money must initially be deposited in the general fund.

Council Member Shell made a motion to accept the three highest bids. 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.

Public Comment was received regarding golf financials, alcohol sales, bogus accounting, alcohol and beer profit-and-loss, accounting in error, golf debt, gophers at the cemetery which can be addressed by Tucker Knode, thank-you for the National Service Day Proclamation, Ready-to-Serve charges and if there are any plans for properties.

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

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shell. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Shell, Olson and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

The March 27, 2018 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Minutes by: Jane Dailey
Jane Dailey
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by: David Nixon
David Nixon
Mayor