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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 13TH, 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 13th day of June, 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 May 23, 2017 regular council meeting and the June 8, 2017 council workshop (with correction) and to excuse the absence of Roy Norgard from the May 23, 2017 regular council meeting. 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.

Board Reports:

Golf: May 8 minutes are available; discussed closing hours as 11:30 p.m. except for special occasions; upcoming glow-ball tournament.

Park: met June 12th; Community Building is being used quite a bit; pool expenses and wages are a little high partly due to setting up for season; will set pre-approval amount on spending; discussed lap-swimming rates; weeds around Rodeo grounds need sprayed; fountain is being sandblasted and painted; may close road down for a time while it is painted and dries.

Ponderosa Villa: 28 in nursing home; 8 in assisted-living.

Hospital: may start having Health Fair again; concerned about how often they are closed due to lack of doctors; lab hours may change as it is required for a provider to be on site; Ruth will be retiring.

SWANN: will meet next month.

Rodeo: will meet 6-13-17; High School rodeo was last weekend; painting is completed in Rodeo Building; preparing for July 3-4.

NNDC: will meet 6/23/17.

Fire, Chamber of Commerce: no report.

sub-Committee for use of the Cultural Center: Council Member Larry Olson reported that the conclusion thus far is that the Museum needs more space for storage and display; repairs to the building, especially the back storage area roof needs sealed; recommendation is to seek a professional evaluation to assess exactly what they need to do to proceed.

Council Member Larry Olson reported that after several phone calls to Lincoln, and speaking with Jeff Rollinson who is the Range Specialist, he was told that the mud trucks should not interfere at all; there should be a contract for the last grant that was received; Larry will talk to Dave Kennedy; Jeff's opinion is that the number of mud truck events would not defer any grants; the 300-yard fallout of lead for trap-shooting could be a concern of lead contamination in water if birds drink it.

Council Member Kuhn̄el made a motion to approve permission for Tailgate Bar and Grill, Diamond Jack's Corner Bar and the Eagles to remain open until 2:00 a.m. on July 4, 2017. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shell. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhn̄el, Shell, Norgard and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhn̄el made a motion to approve the applications for a Special Designated Liquor License for July 4, 2017 street dance and activities, after the parade at 11:00 to 2:00 for RBar, Tailgate Bar and Grill, Diamond Jack's Corner Bar and the Eagles. The motion was seconded by Council Member Olson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhn̄el, Olson, Norgard and Shell. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Norgard made a motion to accept the resignation of Colton Micheel. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shell. The following Council Members voted AYE: Norgard, Shell, Kuhn̄el and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Norgard made a motion to accept the resignation of Logan Haverland. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhn̄el. The following Council Members voted AYE: Norgard, Kuhn̄el, Shell and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhn̄el made a motion to approve advertise for a seasonal park employee. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norgard. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhn̄el, Norgard, Shell and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhn̄el made a motion to approve the hire of Bryttnee Lemmon and Josh Harris as Golf Clubhouse seasonal employees, contingent that they are old enough. The motion was seconded by Council Member Olson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhn̄el, Olson, Norgard and Shell. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhn̄el made a motion to approve increasing lap swim admission at the pool to \$4.00. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shell. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhn̄el, Shell, Norgard and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

No action was taken on the projector screen at the Community Building.

The need for signage on the 200 block of Elm Street to help regulate overnight parking will be handled administratively.

Council Member Larry Olson will contact Scott Schremmer with the City of Chadron regarding spraying for mosquitoes.

Council Member Kuhn̄el made a motion to approve attendance of Cindy Drinkwalter at the NATP Manager's Workshop, for Public Transportation, on June 20-22, 2017 in Scottsbluff. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norgard. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhn̄el, Norgard, Shell and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the amended Personnel Manual Chapter 7 "Performance Evaluation". 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.

Discussion was held on the Ready-to-Serve charges for utility services. Questions were presented regarding how the changes would affect churches, adjacent lots, accessory lots, half-lots, snowbirds, and others; expenses could be addressed for the costs of the new Fire Hall, RV camping spots and the operation of the Golf Course; the Mayor responded that the changes will not affect current accounts, only those not subscribing; ready-to-serve is seen as when a water line runs through the street in front of the property; a pair of valves with labor costs about \$8,000; ready-to-serve charges exist in many cities.


Council Member Shell made a motion to approve the cemetery deed for Robert and Jolene DeBock. 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.

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

Council Member Norgard made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. 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.

The June 13, 2017 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Minutes by:


Jane Dailey
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by:


David Nixon
Mayor