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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 12TH, 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 12th day of June, 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 Connie Shell and Council Member Larry Olson. Absent: Council Member Roy Norgard.

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 29, 2018 regular council meeting and the June 4, 2018 Council workshop. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Shell, Kuhnel and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Board Reports:

Golf: minutes were available from 6-11-18 meeting; Dawes County Tournament is not going to work out this year; will schedule some glow-ball night golf; discussing definition of family memberships; recommend hire of Emma Harris; will need to reschedule another paint day; greens are a mess; refinance proposal.

Rodeo: cleaning up grounds; need a decision on the bridge before the July 4 activities.

Sub-committee for use of Cultural Center: Fisher Roofing has been back to fix the roof.

Vehicle Committee: Ronnie Thompson has been locating vehicles (19 plus the 6x6), including a 1952 Willy's; appears to be 10 vehicles as surplus, including the 6x6; that leaves 9 vehicles, not counting the street sweeper.

Park, Ponderosa Villa, Hospital, SWANN, NNDC: no report.

Council Member Shell made a motion to approve the following building permits: Eric Snitily for an enclosed porch/entry way at 312 Annin Street; Jo Anne Fisher for a fence at 708 Elm Street; and James Domingo for a fence at 1107 Hospital Drive. The motion was seconded by Council Member Olson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Shell, Olson and Kuhnel. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Daniel Bennett from Panhandle Area Development District led discussion on the establishment of a Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA) or a Community Development Agency (CDA). This is the entity that oversees the blighted areas for redevelopment. It can accept donations, buy and sell property and oversee approval of any Tax Increment Financing applications. The CDA is composed of the Mayor and

Council and is therefore easier to fill the positions. The CRA is composed of community members and is sometimes more pro-active. Both are five-person boards. The CRA reports to the Council. The Mayor appoints members with the approval of the Council. There are staggering terms for the members and even though the accounting is separate, it is still run through the City and through the City budget. Activity is subject to matters such as notices and quorums. They can levy, but it would still be subject to our budget authority. The City will accept letters of interest in being on a CRA. Tax Increment Financing is a door-opener to development. An Ordinance is required to establish a CRA or CDA. Though it would normally only meet as needed, it could begin by discussing how to reach out to developers, etc. Consensus is to place a CRA Ordinance on the next agenda.

Les Haverland approached the council to discuss the drainage of storm water in the area of his residence at 5th and Paddock. The gutter is not adequate for water drainage; an asphalt bump is needed to divert the water.

The hearing to allow Bed & Breakfasts and Boarding/Lodging in the Residential District was opened at 7:16 p.m.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the hire of Emma Harris as a seasonal Clubhouse employee. The motion was seconded by Council Member Olson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Olson and Shell. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

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

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

No action was taken on the proposed cemetery policies. It will be discussed at the June 26, 2018 council meeting.

Carl Burrous presented an inventory on City buildings. He would like to see another workshop scheduled.

Council Member Olson made a motion to approve \$2,000 of Keno funds for the Chamber of Commerce for July 4th activities. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Olson, Kuhnel and Shell. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Receiving no comments, the hearing to allow Bed & Breakfasts and Boarding/Lodging in the Residential District was closed at 7:34 p.m. An Ordinance will be presented at the next council meeting on June 26, 2018 to approve Bed & Breakfasts and Boarding/Lodging in the Residential District.

The first reading of Ordinance 664 amending vendor permits was read by Council Member Larry Olson. The second reading is scheduled for the June 26 council meeting. The Chamber of Commerce would like to be involved in the process.

Council Member Olson made a motion to approve a Zero Tolerance Substance Abuse Policy for Public Transportation. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shell. The following Council Members voted AYE: Olson, Shell and Kuhnel. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Shell made a motion to approve the cemetery deed for Louetta Sue Vogl. The motion was seconded by Council Member Olson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Shell, Olson and Kuhnel. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Stan Schoenemann requested that the Council research groups not paying for water; problems arise when valves do not work; we don't see infrastructure, but it needs upkeep; what groups are not paying and how much lost revenue is there.

John Kobel Jr. called the Council's attention to the problem of water drainage at the area of 7th & Paddock; gravel was added, it now levels out by the driveway; heavy storm water run-off caused large portion of basement wall to collapse; flooding at 716 6th Street; 18 inches of water in basement at 719 Paddock; suggest deepening and extending the culvert and adding drains.

For repairs to the Street Sweeper, suggestions were made to look into dealers that are more closely located, such as Titan Machinery in Rapid City.

Discussion was held on park employee duties. Ronnie Thompson offered his verbal, conditional resignation.

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

No action was taken on City of Crawford sponsorship of a community service worker.

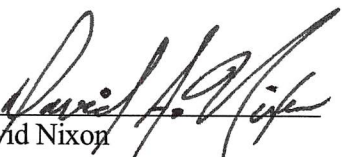
The pool policies of how many lifeguards are on duty led to a consensus that there should normally be three on duty at a time, two on pool guard duty and one in office on rotation; 0-3 year-olds are free with a paying adult.

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

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shell. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Shell and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

The June 12, 2018 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Minutes by: 
Jane Dailey
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by: 
David Nixon
Mayor