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CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES

JULY 31, 2018

Members of the City Council of the City of Crawford, Nebraska, met in a workshop in the old Crawford Fire Hall, 220 Elm Street, Crawford, Nebraska on the 31st day of July, 2018, at 6:30 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. Council Member Ed Kuhnel arrived late. Absent: Attorney Adam Edmund.

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 convened workshop was open to the attendance of the public.

Mayor Nixon called the workshop 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 old Fire Hall. It is also available in pamphlet form from the City Clerk.

Tom Ossowski, the director at the Post Playhouse, spoke to those in attendance about the possibility of renovating the old Fire Hall building as a second venue for the Post Playhouse. Janelle Visser and Wally Seiler were also present to speak on behalf of the proposal. A power-point presentation was given on basic information on the operations of the Post Playhouse, average attendance and possibilities in downtown Crawford – to include family shows, regular evening shows, dinner theatre, cabarets, Saturday morning shows for children, piano bar/lounge singers – and all of the collateral business generated from those activities. They would be looking for a donation of the building and would seek to secure grants and funding for renovation.

Janelle mentioned how this would fit in with the Comprehensive Development Plan. There may be some discussion with PADD about the possibility of Tax Increment Financing. Wally suggested the need for Crawford to provide the amenities to promote and accommodate growth; and the gift of being able to offer the arts, theatre and culture in this area as a destination stop. This could be very helpful for Crawford and bring people downtown.

The next council meeting on August 14, 2018 will include the bid process for the old Fire Hall.

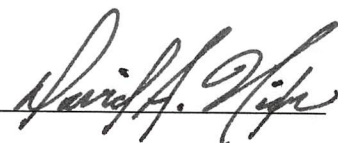
Council Member Shell made a motion to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norgard. The following Council Members voted AYE: Shell, Norgard, Olson and Kuhnel. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

The July 31st workshop of the City Council adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Minutes by:



Approved by:



Jane Dailey
City Clerk/Treasurer

David Nixon
Mayor