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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 11TH, 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 11th day of September, 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 and Council Member Larry Olson. Absent: Council Member Connie Shell.

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 Olson made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2018 regular council meeting, excusing the absence of Council Member Kuhnel. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norgard. The following Council Members voted AYE: Olson and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Council Member Kuhnel. Motion carried.

Board Reports:

Golf: met 8-20-18; discussed group and tournament rates and couples and family memberships; Jack Hunter donated his time and use of his mini-excavator for repairing a water break; there is currently a board vacancy.

Ponderosa Villa: 26 in nursing home; 13 in assisted-living; 3 Medicare Part A and 1 Medicare Part B; made \$499.46.

SWANN: will meet 9-20-18.

Chamber of Commerce: Car Show will be September 21 and 22; will be an October Halloween function;

Cattle Call is November 3; received part of a grant for picnic tables and trash cans.

Park, Hospital, NNDC, Rodeo, Sub-Committee for use of Cultural Center: no report.

Attorney Edmund reported that the attorney for PADD has not made a final determination if PADD can receive the old Fire Hall property, has reached out to a title company, but is not too promising. Attorney Edmund has the deed and we could also contact NNDC.

Council Member Norgard made a motion to accept the only bid received which was from Westco for the following fuel: bulk non-highway diesel, bulk unleaded, highway diesel at the pump, unleaded at the pump, premium unleaded at the pump and bulk propane. The motion was seconded by Council Member Olson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Norgard, Olson and Kuhnel. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to accept the only bid received which was from Regina Rankin for an animal shelter. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norgard. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Norgard and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Kelsee Streety presented information on the fence erected at 103 Second Street, improvements made to the property and the placement of other fences in the City. She was given the option of getting the procedure started for a possible appeal.

With the City insurance policy coming up for renewal, Tim Kreider presented information on insurance provided to the City through EMC. Coverages, deductibles and costs were discussed. Worker compensation claims have decreased over the years, which results in lower premiums compared to several years ago. As a good reminder, Mr. Kreider agreed to arrange for another safety training for the city employees, as was done a few years ago.

Council Member Olson made a motion to approve the discounted one-year contract with Direct TV for the Golf Clubhouse. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norgard. The following Council Members voted AYE: Olson, Norgard and Kuhnel. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Norgard made a motion to approve the placement of trees at the Tourist Information Booth area, being mindful of the State and obstructions of view. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Norgard, Kuhnel and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Norgard made a motion to accept the resignation of Zane Limbach from the Golf Board. The motion was seconded by Council Member Olson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Norgard, Olson and Kuhnel. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the appointment of Rex Micheel to the Golf Board. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norgard. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Norgard and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Regarding a discussion of banked comp-time hours of employees, a policy will be drafted proposing to set a time limit of one year to use the banked time and a limit of hours banked based on the number of hours worked in the employee's normal work-week.

Council Member Norgard made a motion to approve the advertising for snow-removal employees. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Norgard, Kuhnel and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Norgard made a motion to approve the street closures as presented for the Cattle Call on November 3, 2018, leaving the decorated bales up for display through November 10, 2018. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Norgard, Kuhnel and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the street closures as presented for the homecoming parade and for the pep rally at 2nd & Elm Street. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norgard. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Norgard and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

There was no action or discussion on the Rock Show at this time.

Mr. Wally Seiler inquired as to the strategy of moving forward with the old Fire Hall. The Post Playhouse Board had indicated that they know what is being asked. Since the City can only donate property to another public agency, Council Member Kuhnel will talk to Deb Cottier at NNDC to see if they can be a resource. Attorney Edmund will also look into the possible role of the Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA) and if they would be considered a public agency.

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

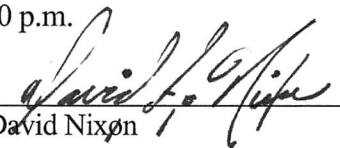
Council Member Olson made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Olson, Kuhnel and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

The September 11, 2018 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes by:


Jane Dailey
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by:


David Nixon
Mayor