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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 23, 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 23rd day of October, 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 October 16, 2018 special council meeting. 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.

Board Reports:

Golf: everything is winterized; discussed the Special Designated Liquor License for the Whitney Dock Club event in January.

Park: requested to confirm that everything has been winterized (ballfield bathroom and sprinklers, pool shower house and park bathroom).

Ponderosa Villa: 26 in nursing home with 2 Medicare Part A; 12 in assisted-living; lost \$18,117.33 last month; 11-17-18 is a fundraiser at the Eagles from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm for funds to remodel the bath house.

Hospital: meets 10-29-18.

SWANN: meets in November.

NNDC: meets in November.

Chamber of Commerce: meets 11-1-18.

Sub-committee for use of Cultural Center

Community Redevelopment Authority: provided hand-outs on 10-08-18 agenda and minutes and a Star-Herald article on "Dealing with unsafe buildings".

Rodeo: no report.

Council Member Shell made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. 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.

Alicia Robertson presented a power-point presentation entitled "Quiet Crossing, Crawford, Nebraska". Topics covered included quality of life, federal regulations, feasibility study, decibels of train horns, safety concerns, grant-writer Diana Hutchison, Livestock Market statistics. Comments were received from three Livestock market employees on the effects of the train whistles on the activities at the Livestock Market. Comments in response included that the livestock Market was built next to a railroad; closing First Street would isolate residents; not against a quiet crossing, but closing would effect the bulk plant; Bethel Road is not a reliable road; closing the road does make it become a county problem; why can't we work together; after approve the Resolution, the railroad will tell us how much money they can offer; questioned the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement that hasn't been seen yet; does First Street have to be the one to be closed, or could it be Annin Street; trying to find a solution; now that there is a CRA and RIF and the Post Playhouse plans, we may be looking at a different Crawford and maybe need to look at two silent crossings and not closing either; issue has been discussed long enough, need to move on it; need to work on two silent crossings instead of closing a crossing; all parties should come together in a workshop; don't alienate the rural people; the phrase in the Resolution "a suitable alternative route accessing Crawford" was pointed out; been working on it for a long time.

The Resolution was amended to read "WHEREAS, The City Council of Crawford has determined that the development of quiet crossings is in the best interest of the city and FURTHER RESOLVE to move ahead and negotiate the creation of one or multiple quiet crossings if feasible in Crawford, Nebraska" and the substitute Resolution will be given a 2018 number.

Council Member Shell made a motion to approve the substitute Resolution and to go forward from there. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Shell, Kuhnel, Olson and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Olson made a motion to approve the electrical plans for the White River Wacipi area. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Olson, Kuhnel, Shell and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the floodplain permit for White River Wacipi for electrical development. 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 Olson made a motion to approve Attorney Edmund to draft a permit to allow encroachment on City property at 103 Second Street for the present owner only. 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.

Street and crack repairs were discussed, with Main Street, from the Highway to the overpass, seen as a priority. The storm drain under the underpass is collapsing.

Council Member Olson made a motion to approve concrete repairs with R & J out of Alliance up to but not exceeding \$10,000. 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.

The street project between the pool and the community building was discussed, with complete repair estimated at \$4,500. Council Member Olson made a motion to approve the street project. There was not a second to the motion. A smaller repair will be done by City employees.

Clarification was requested on vendor permits for group events. The consensus was to charge each vendor for a permit. With the late notice, the Craft Show will be charged one overall permit fee this year, but in the future each individual vendor will be charged.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve advertising for the contract for collection and disposal of waste. The motion was seconded by Council Member Olson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Olson, Shell and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for Legend Buttes Golf Course for the Whitney Dock Club event at the Crawford Community Building on January 12, 2019. 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.

No action was taken on Resolution 2018-09 declaring surplus items.


No action was taken on City Hall holiday business hours. It will be discussed at the next meeting.


No action was taken on setting a workshop to discuss contract labor for the park and cemetery. Council Member Larry Olson will report back.

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

Council Member Shell made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. 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.

The October 23, 2018 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes by: 
Jane Dailey
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by: 
David Nixon
Mayor