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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 13TH, 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 13th day of November, 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 23, 2018 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: will meet 11-26-18.

Park: will meet in March.

Ponderosa Villa: will meet 11-26-18.

Hospital: had a special meeting on 11-12-18; regular meeting will be 11-26-18.

SWANN: will meet 11-15-18.

NNDC: will meet 11-16-18.

Chamber of Commerce: Robyn Garvin reported that the Cattle Call on 11-3-18 included 29 cattle pens and 15 vendors; total funds generated for participating non-profit groups was \$2,669; still taking donations for Mr. Fireworks with information on the Chamber website; Christmas in Crawford will be on 12-07-18 at the Fire Hall; an invitation was extended to attend the Crawford visioning meeting at the Fire Hall at 6:30 p.m. on 11-14-18; Robyn clarified that the Chamber website is located at crawfordnebraska.info.

Community Redevelopment Authority: the CRA met on 11-5-18 and continue to set goals and priorities; they have a list of questions for Megan Spargo, of the CRA in Benkelman, Nebraska, who will attend the next meeting on 11-26-18 at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall.

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

Comments from Terry Rajewich of NPPD on the Professional Retail Operations Agreement and Franchise Agreement: removes reference to Wholesale power agreement following (5) year written notice; Council has the option to increase lease payment in ½% increments annually with a 90-day notice up to a maximum of 14%; NPPD is in its sixth year of not increasing their rates; allows for collection of lease

payments from entities currently receiving the Municipal Discount, but the City is not considering that at this time; the Retail Advisory Committee is open for council members to join on conference calls; enables the City to add renewable generation up to 10% of their maximum load; starting in February, they will move to monthly franchise payments to the City, instead of quarterly.

Doug Dykstra of GenPro Solar Energy stated that if the City moved forward with solar energy, the wastewater treatment plant would not make sense as a stand-alone solar energy project; and it would make more sense for a third-party to be the investor as they could get tax credits and better rates.

Council Member Olson made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-11 approving the Professional Retail Operations Agreement between the Nebraska Public Power District and the City of Crawford. 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.

Ordinance 668 approving the NPPD franchise agreement was read by title by Council Member Larry Olson.

Council Member Shell made a motion to introduce Ordinance 668 and suspend the rules. The motion was seconded by Council Member Olson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Shell, Olson, Norgard and Kuhnel. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Shell made a motion to pass and publish Ordinance 668. 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.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the building permits for Jim Domingo for an addition at 1107 Hospital Drive and for Jack Hunter for a retaining wall at 323 Reed Street. 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.

The following days were proposed for being closed for business hours, but not as additionally paid holidays: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, President's Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Friday, Christmas Eve Day and New Year's Eve Day. This would extend to all staff, allowing the choice of working or using paid vacation, if applicable.

Council Member Shell made a motion to approve closing for business on the additional days as proposed. 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.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve placing the Christmas Tree at the intersection of Second and Elm Streets. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norgard. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Norgard, Shell and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Olson made a motion to accept the resignation of Carla Knapp from the Community Redevelopment Authority. 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.

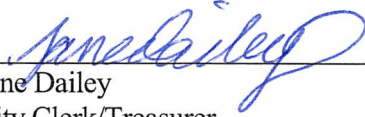
Council Member Norgard made a motion to approve the appointment of Ben Eicher to the Community Redevelopment Authority. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Norgard, Kuhnel, Shell and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

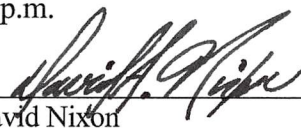
Consensus of the City Council was to move forward with the eight highest outstanding utility bills for small claims action, not including any of the RTS (Ready-to-Serve) accounts.

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

Council Member Norgard made a motion to adjourn at 7:14 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 November 13, 2018 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Minutes by: 
Jane Dailey
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by: 
David Nixon
Mayor