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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 26TH, 2018

Members of the City Council of the City of Crawford, Nebraska, met in session in the City Hall Council Chambers, 135 Elm Street, Crawford, Nebraska on the 26th day of December, 2018, at 6:30 o'clock p.m. The following individuals were present: Mayor Connie Shell, Council Member Ed Kuhnel, Council Member Larry Olson, Council Member Ronnie Thompson and Council Member Brian Frahm. Absent: Attorney Adam Edmund.

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 Shell 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 Kuhnel made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2018 regular council meeting and the December 12, 2018 emergency council meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Frahm. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Frahm, Olson and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Board Reports:

Golf: will meet 1-7-19 at 5:30 p.m.; the Security First Bank event at the Rodeo building went very well.

Park: will meet in March.

Ponderosa Villa: will meet in January; Mayor Shell and some others had listened to the highlights from the on-line testimony regarding the negative impact of changes to Medicare/Medicaid on nursing homes; many nursing homes are already having to pay higher wages for non-resident nurses.

SWANN: will meet 1-17-19.

NNDC: met 12-21-18; the following funds are available to loan to businesses: CDBG \$49,274; RBEG \$31,906; IRP \$38,045; Deb Cottier's report was available.

Community Redevelopment Authority: will meet on 1-2-19 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Quiet/Safety Zone: Mayor Shell has contacted Jeremy Wagner (BNSF), David Huntley (Federal Railroad Administration) and Todd Palmer (NDOT); working on arranging a meeting of local people, hopefully in January, to include a representative from the Quiet Zone Committee, a County Commissioner, a resident that lives north of Crawford, one or two Council Members, Jamie Rivera-Haas, Attorney Edmund and Mayor Shell.

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

The backhoe is out of service and the consensus is that it needs to be replaced. The City will need to decide whether to purchase a new backhoe or a used backhoe. Council Member Larry Olson will find a mechanic to thoroughly check out a used backhoe that is available. The City may also look into a skid-steer in the future.

Council Member Ronnie Thompson will get information from Caterpillar. Tim Schultz will be asked to talk to Ron Hamar and Brian Prosser about possibly being available to dig graves in the interim.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the appointment of Carl Burrous to the Park Board. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Thompson, Olson and Frahm. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Liaisons that will be available to City Departments will be Council Member Kuhnel for the Street Department, Council Member Frahm for the Water and Waste Water Departments and Council Member Thompson for the Park and Cemetery Departments. It was suggested that department heads turn in a written report before the first council meeting of the month.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve Gene Anderson as the head water operator and leave Mike Kesselring as the Public Works Commissioner for the next year at least. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Thompson, Olson and Frahm. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the waiver of the Ready-to-Serve charge for Brian Perkins. The motion was seconded by Council Member Olson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Olson, Frahm and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

The City Council will seek to fine-tune the wording in the Ready-to-Serve Ordinance, beginning January 8, 2019.

Specifications for the Request for Proposals for City Engineer will include listing experience working with municipalities, experience working with grant funding and loan entities such as USDA, State Revolving Fund, NDEQ, etc., experience working with Public Works, specifically water, waste water, streets, etc. and the cost per hour.

There will be a council workshop in mid-February on cleaning up the town.

Mayor Shell read the Proclamation for January 2019 as National Radon Action Month.

The Agreement with USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Wildlife Services was tabled to January 8, 2019, awaiting more information on a more-inclusive proposal.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the scheduled transfers into water and sewer savings to fulfill the bond requirements for the new water and sewer at the new Fire Hall, as proposed. The motion was seconded by Council Member Olson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Olson, Frahm and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

There was a consensus to generally leave the council meetings at City Hall unless a large attendance is foreseen for specific meetings.

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

Public comment was heard on asking for clarification of the money for the bond obligation and how it relates to golf; this is for the bond for the water and sewer at the new Fire Hall and does not involve the golf fund; accusations that for three years in a row, money has been taken out of water and put into golf; criticism of the refinancing of the golf clubhouse because even at 3%, it is being extended to 2038; efforts will be to use a new spreadsheet to be more clear on the numbers; to date, the \$110,000 line of credit has only been used to

refinance the clubhouse loan; Wayne Gibbons played a recording regarding his Ready-to-Serve charge and was asked to submit an agenda request for January 8, 2019.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Frahm. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Frahm, Thompson and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

The December 26, 2018 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes by: Jane Dailey
Jane Dailey
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by: Connie Shell
Connie Shell
Mayor