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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 22ND, 2019

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 22nd day of January, 2019, at 6:30 o'clock p.m. The following individuals were present: Mayor Connie Shell, Attorney Adam Edmund, Council Member Ed Kuhnel, Council Member Larry Olson, Council Member Ronnie Thompson and Council Member Brian Frahm. 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 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 Frahm made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2019 regular council meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Olson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Frahm, Olson, Kuhnel and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

The hearing for the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan was opened at 6:31 p.m. Street Superintendent Anthony Krajewski explained the importance of general maintenance of streets and how it is much less expensive than having to replace asphalt or concrete. Some communities use a fog-seal on city asphalt streets that are not subject to very heavy traffic.

Board Reports:

Golf: next meeting on 2-4-19.

Ponderosa Villa: next meeting on 1-28-19.

Hospital: next meeting on 1-30-19.

SWANN: met last Thursday; huge baler rod broke; SWANN is a \$2-million-dollar business; health care coverage for their employees costs \$200,000 year; the least amount it will increase, depending on the option chosen, would be 7%.

Rodeo: will be changing meeting time so it doesn't conflict with the council meetings.

NNDC: met Friday; CDBG \$54,855; RBEG \$34,461; IRP \$38,375.

Chamber of Commerce: hosting annual membership Round-up at 6 p.m. at the Rodeo building on 2-13-19.

Sub-committee for use of Cultural Center: John Erickson reminded the council that the museum does not have heat on its side; plans are underway on conducting business during the absence of the curator; plans for the barber shop are in the works.

Quiet/Safety Zone Update: the meeting on 1-21-19 was very productive – good information; working on a Letter of Intent, then will get new dollar amounts and the next steps to be done; next meeting will probably be in mid-February/early March.

Park, Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA): no report.

Receiving no comments, the hearing for the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan was closed at 6:45 p.m.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-02 for the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan. 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 rental of a backhoe from Murphy Tractor for thirty days. 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.

Rick Derr from Action Communications stated that they have worked on our existing warning siren quite a lot. Scottsbluff has a 10-cell on Avenue I and a 5-cell by Rosita's Restaurant. Morrill uses two small sirens because it is a longer area, whereas Crawford is fairly square, so he suggests we seek a 10-cell and place it more centrally, such as on the Library property. We have two sirens now: one for fire and tornado, and one for rescue and requires a 3-phase service which is a little more expensive. In a new unit, batteries have to be kept up and are usually replaced about every five years.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve Attachment B with snow-removal only for \$2,487.10 for the 2019 maintenance agreement between the City of Crawford and NE Department of Transportation. 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.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve to remain with Baker & Associates for City Engineer. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Thompson, Frahm and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

No action was taken on the pay schedule for Mike Kesselring as Public Works Commissioner.

Council Member Frahm made a motion to approve the purchase of a butterfly valve for the #1 filter at the water plant for \$3,150. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Frahm, Thompson, Kuhnel and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the hire of Vince Bartlett to address the problem of beavers in the park at \$5.00 per head. 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.

Council Member Frahm made a motion to approve having a logo contest and \$50 in Chamber Bucks for the winner of the logo contest for the new Public Transportation bus. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Frahm, Kuhnel, Thompson and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to approve the logo contest to extend for 30 days. The motion was seconded by Council Member Frahm. The following Council Members voted AYE: Thompson, Frahm, Kuhnel and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

No action was taken on the request for a waiver of the Ready-to-Serve charge for Wayne Gibbons or Wayne and Jess Espinoza. The Council will be looking at the wording of the Ordinance at the next meeting.

Council Member Olson made a motion to approve the natural gas selection at a group rate through Northwest Community Action Partnership. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Olson, Kuhnel, Thompson and Frahm. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the appointment of Wallace Goff to the Ponderosa Villa Board for the 2019 – 2024 term. 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.

To fill the members of the Board of Adjustment, the most recent members of the Board of Adjustment will be asked if they want to remain on the Board, and the vacancies will be advertised.

Council Member Frahm made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement between the City of Crawford and Chadron Community Hospital Corp. dba Legend Buttes Health Services for the next 12-month term. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Frahm, Thompson, Olson and Kuhnel. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to approve Council Member Ed Kuhnel as the alternate liaison to the Hospital Board, per the Memorandum of Understanding. The motion was seconded by Council Member Olson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Thompson, Olson, Frahm and Kuhnel. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve remitting the abandoned utility account deposits to the Nebraska State Treasurer's Office. 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.


Attorney Edmund will work with Clerk Dailey on the collections process for outstanding balances on the settled small claims cases.

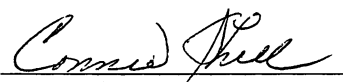
Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve to reschedule the next council meeting for February 13, 2019. The motion was seconded by Council Member Frahm. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Frahm, Olson and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

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

Council Member Frahm made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Frahm, Thompson, Kuhnel and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

The January 22, 2019 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Minutes by: 
Jane Dailey
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by: 
Connie Shell
Mayor