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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 8TH, 2017

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 8th day of August, 2017, at 6:30 o'clock p.m. The following individuals were present: Mayor David Nixon, Attorney Adam Edmund, Council Member Ed Kuhnel, Council Member Connie Shell and Council Member Larry Olson. Absent: Council Member Roy Norgard.

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 July 25, 2017 regular council meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Shell, Kuhnel and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Board Reports:

Golf: minutes were available from July 31, 2017.

Park: met Monday 14th; want dumpster in park moved back where it belongs or use barrels; concerned about compost not being taken to SWANN in Chadron; a resident that dumped debris in the wood chip area should be made to remove it or pay to have it removed; Paul Bernath will help people learn how to make viewers at approximately 9:30 am on 8-21-17 and requested donations of boxes; he will also have a telescope with photo capability available.

Ponderosa Villa: 26 residents in nursing; 9 in assisted-living; short of help; a lot of overtime; air conditioner unit went down.

Hospital: cash on hand \$1,891,648; over half of the business is out-patient; discussion of securing new doctors for our rural area; ER signage needs improved and Marshallese language added;

Fire: meet next Wed.

Rodeo: meeting tonight.

NNDC: meet 25th.

Subcommittee on use of Cultural Center: Museum does need more space; building needs to be inspected; Chadron uses Dave Coe; estimated at \$200-\$300 for the inspection; fire hall was inspected in 2014; Larry Olson covered the broken window.

SWANN: Chamber of Commerce: no report.

Deputy Deaver reported 607 hours and 90 complaints in July, including 2 misdemeanors, 12 animal, 2 accidents, 2 traffic violations, 15 traffic warnings, 2 assist-other-agencies, 4 motorist-assists, 2 fire, 3 rescue, 1 domestic.

The third reading of Ordinance 660 amending Water Rental Rates and Readiness-to-Service was read by Council Member Shell.

Public comment on Ordinance 660: questions as to who has to pay and repercussions if they don't, what about grants, effects on real-estate and long-term effects on the community. In response: people may be taken to court for non-payment, the revenue from this will go towards valves, hydrants and infrastructure, the city is researching grants, other towns small and large are doing this with similar rates, the water system is in bad shape; for properties without sewer lines, sewer districts could be set up, and if so, they are paid by the residents and homeowners they are provided to.

Council Member Olson made a motion to approve Ordinance 660 amending Water Rental Rates/Readiness-to-Service with an effective date of October 1, 2017. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shell. The following Council Members voted AYE: Olson, Shell and Kuhnel. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Shell made a motion to approve a building permit for a porch for Paul Bernath at 108 Reed Street. The motion was seconded by Council Member Olson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Shell, Olson and Kuhnel. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Connie Bernath asked the council about reserving the arbor in the park for the White River Gathering activities for the dates of the Eclipse weekend. Council advised using barricades and a "Reserved" sign.

Deputy Swickard advised that there will be a meeting of all agencies (fire, law enforcement, etc.) on August 16.

Council Member Shell made a motion to approve the posting of 25 mph signs on Beech and Pine Streets. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Shell, Kuhnel and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve Keno funds of \$2,000 for the Sr. Pro Rodeo. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shell. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Shell and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the street closures (as presented) for the Legend Buttes Rumble in September. The motion was seconded by Council Member Olson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Olson and Shell. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Olson made a motion to approve park camping fees of \$20 per night for RV and \$10 per night for tent camping with a 14-day limit. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Olson, Kuhnel and Shell. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

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

Council Member Shell made a motion to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Olson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Shell, Olson and Kuhnel. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

The August 8, 2017 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Minutes by: _____

Jane Dailey
City Clerk/Treasurer



Approved by: _____

David Nixon
Mayor

