


CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 12TH, 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 12th day of September, 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 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 August 22, 2017 regular council meeting, excusing the absence of Mayor Nixon and Council Member Olson; the August 31, 2017 special council meeting, excusing the absence of Mayor Nixon and Council Member Norgard; the August 15, 2017 budget workshop and August 30, 2017 budget workshop, excusing the absence of Council member Norgard from the August 30, 2017 workshop. 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.

Board Reports:

Golf: minutes from 8-23-17 and 9-7-17 were available; requesting to close from 10-9-17 to 10-19-17 for the alcohol infraction.

Park: will meet 9-18-17; saplings and trees along river bank need cut back; and trees east side of the bridge need taken care of.

Ponderosa Villa: will meet 9-28-17.

Hospital: will meet 9-25-17.


SWANN: will meet 9-28-17; the recycling bin will get emptied.

Fire: siren not working; Stollendorf Electric will look at it for now; look into grants for new siren system.

Rodeo: meet 9-12-17.

NNDC: will meet 9-15-17.

Chamber of Commerce: no report.

 Sub-Committee for use of Cultural Center: received report from Dave Coe; the building is sound; few blocks are falling out of window area that need repaired; need to tar the lean-to; north side of lean-to may not be worth fixing; roof is substantial and well-built; upstairs is unusable as it is; John Erikson stated that the council and mayor will still need to decide on how to address the two entities in the building.

Daniel Bennett from Panhandle Area Development District presented the draft of the Comprehensive Development Plan update. Future zoning changes must abide by the Future Land Use Map; seeking a consensus on the vision of the city, guidelines and community identity. H.A.M.E. (hours, access, mass and emissions) are factors of intensity to apply to future zoning. An inquiry was made on including the cultural surveys performed by USDA, and NE State Historical surveys. An open house on the Comprehensive Development Plan will be held Monday September 25, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building.

No action was taken on the grant writer, Diane Hamilton.

Council Member Norgard made a motion to approve closing Legend Buttes Golf Course on 10-9-17 and reopen on 10-19-17, and close for the season on 10-31-17. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Norgard, Kuhnel and Shell. Council Members voted NAY: Olson. Motion carried.

Council Member Shell made a motion to approve the adjusted hours of Legend Buttes Golf Course for the remainder of the open season. 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.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the appointment of Susan Leeling to the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Council Member Olson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Olson, Norgard and Shell. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Norgard made a motion to approve the building permit for a driveway and approach for NPPD at 112 Oak Street. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Norgard, Kuhnel, Olson and Shell. Council Members voted NAY: none. Motion carried.

Council Member Norgard made a motion to approve the burn-out contest during the car show, contingent on proof of insurance. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shell. The following Council Members voted AYE: Norgard, Shell, Kuhnel and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Olson made a motion to approve \$300 of Keno funds for the Crawford Food Pantry. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Olson and Kuhnel. Council Members voted NAY: Norgard and Shell. Mayor Nixon voted AYE. Motion carried.

No action was taken on the request for a reduced rental fee of the Community Building for youth group meetings.

Creighton Grant reported that the 10-mph zone has not really decreased dust. He has used 4 bags of calcium chloride @ \$15.50 per bag to treat a 60' x 240' area; a treatment should last 4-6 weeks, and has put down two treatments; subsequent treatments should require less; goes pretty far; min effort to put down; works great.

No action was taken on increasing pool fees for the 2018 season.

The approval of the USDA grant agreement was tabled until the 9-19-17 special meeting.

Council Member Shell made a motion to approve the agreement between the City of Crawford and Westco. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norgard. The following Council Members voted AYE: Shell, Norgard, Kuhnel and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Norgard made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-06 to proceed with a Real Property Exchange between the City of Crawford and Westco. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shell. The following Council Members voted AYE: Norgard, Shell, Olson and Kuhnel. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.


Deputy Deaver asked about complaints of lack of visibility of deputies. Several council members said they had heard complaints. Chris Geary stated that there has been good patrolling of the schools and very immediate response times.

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

Council Member Olson made a motion to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shell. The following Council Members voted AYE: Olson, Shell, Kuhnel and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

The September 12, 2017 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Minutes by:


Jane Dailey
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by:


David Nixon
Mayor