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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 10TH, 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 10th day of October, 2017, at 6:30 o'clock p.m. The following individuals were present: Mayor David Nixon, Council Member Ed Kuhnel, Council Member Roy Norgard and Council Member Connie Shell. Absent: Attorney Adam Edmund and Council Member Larry Olson.

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 Norgard made a motion to approve the minutes, with correction, of the September 26, 2017 regular council meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shell. The following Council Members voted AYE: Norgard, Shell and Kuhnel. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Shell made a motion to excuse the absence of Council Member Kuhnel from the September 26, 2017 regular council meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norgard. The following Council Members voted AYE: Shell, Norgard and Kuhnel. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Board Reports:

Golf Board: meets 10-11-17.

Park Board: will reconvene next spring.

Ponderosa Villa: meets 10-26-17.

Hospital: meets 10-30-17.

SWANN : meets in December.

Fire: Rural Fire would like some wood chips.

NNDC: meets 10-20-17.

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

The hearing for the Comprehensive Development Plan was opened at 6:35 p.m. Daniel Bennett stated that the only changes from the last draft were the future land use and transportation was brought together to address the issues by area of community - bringing it into one list by area, so it is easier to read and understand each area of the community; the Planning Commission requested a different cover page; the comments from the Open House on 9-25-17 were also added, which reiterated the need for senior housing, a way to keep small town businesses, a closer relationship with the college and Fort Robinson; a shuttle to

connect to Fort Robinson; the PUD area west of the new fire hall be commercial, which is now residential (but it could also accommodate commercial if the intensity is the same as residential).

The Plan is based on the premise that Crawford would like to grow modestly, around 1100 population, over the next 15 to 20 years, but the reality is the tendency for decline.

The Plan formalizes some of the intensities of land use to help make good decisions in the future regarding hours, emissions, etc.; and also designates an increased amount of property north of Beech Street and northeast of the Highway for potential heavier commercial and industrial use, resulting in less conflict with residential properties. The area south of the Highway is one of the few places feasible to extend utilities and is reserved for residential potential.

A common question is how to implement the plan – which is with groups such as Kickstart Crawford or the Historical Society, look at zoning codes for changes that could be made, and seek new sources of financing – but first, we need the updated plan. A question was asked the Plan addressing business growth – and though it is not the purview of the Plan to address business recruitment or strategies, or business retention and expansion, it does recommend more general commercial area from Linn Street south and possible use of tools such as Tax Increment Financing to mediate blighted areas for redevelopment – and having those larger tracts of land available for heavy commercial and industrial use.

At times when commercial is next to residential, the Plan mentions that it is the Planning Commission and Council's responsibility to make sure the heavier commercial use is compatible with the residential use in intensity factors. A question was asked on nuisance properties (bowling alley and old telephone building). These are private properties and fall under enforcement of nuisance codes; there are costs to acquiring property and the city would need to set aside money for nuisance abatement; the city attorney will be asked for guidance. The City is finishing up on the Jones property.

Council Member Shell made a motion to approve placement of decorated haybales at street corners November 3 – November 17, 2017. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Shell, Kuhnel and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve a building permit for Cindy Crawford for a shed at 123 Linn Street. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norgard. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Norgard and Shell. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

There were no further comments offered on the Comprehensive Development Plan Update.

The hearing for the Comprehensive Development Plan Update was closed at 6:50 p.m.

Council Member Shell made a motion to approve the Comprehensive Development Plan Update. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norgard. The following Council Members voted AYE: Shell, Norgard and Kuhnel. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the hire of Rose Fuhrman for snow removal. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shell. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Shell and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Clerk Dailey presented the Delinquent Utility Account Report. She was directed to check with Attorney Edmund on the possibility of placing liens on landlord's property for renter's debts; and to seek 10 small claims before the end of the calendar year.

Council Member Shell made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-08 for an application for a new public transportation bus. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norgard. The following Council Members voted AYE: Shell, Norgard and Kuhnel. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Shell made a motion to approve Jennifer Dean as an emergency back-up public transportation driver. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Shell, Kuhnel and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Shell made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-09 to set a hearing date of October 24, 2017 for a new liquor license for White Earth Inc. dba MJ's Ranch House. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norgard. The following Council Members voted AYE: Shell, Norgard and Kuhnel. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the final quarterly transfers from general to other funds as presented (\$49,521 to police fund; \$14,237.99 to street fund; \$6,621.66 to park fund; \$22,032.52 to pool fund; \$1,129,31 for community building fund; \$3,387.29 for cemetery fund; \$16,418.92 for library fund; \$26,327.06 for fire fund and \$3,479.48 for public transportation fund). The motion was seconded by Council Member Shell. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Shell and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

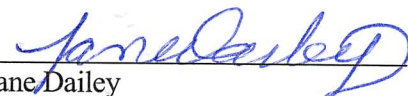
Deputy Swickard reported for the month of September: 553 calls including 2 felonies, 6 misdemeanors, 10 animal complaints, 2 accidents, 1 traffic citation, 17 traffic warnings, 4 paper-service, 5 assist-other-agency (mostly DHHS), 3 motorist-assists, 2 fire calls, 3 rescue calls, 3 domestic disturbances; there have been 8 criminal actions in two weeks (all within city limits) which will generate 32 pages of reports; some assistance received from NE State Patrol; 3 people in jail, 2 people cited in lieu of jail; also patrol, perform community assistance with parade and bon-fire, copies for court, evidence cataloged, video downloaded. The bowling alley building is involved in the court system.

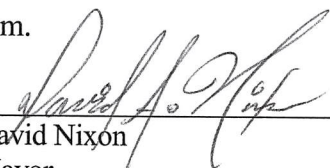
Council Member Shell made a motion to approve the purchase of the rent-to-own air compressor from NMC. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Shell, Kuhnel and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

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

Council Member Shell made a motion to adjourn at 7:17 p.m.. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norgard. The following Council Members voted AYE: Shell, Norgard and Kuhnel. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

The October 10, 2017 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Minutes by: 
Jane Dailey
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by: 
David Nixon
Mayor