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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 24TH, 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 24th day of October, 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 October 10, 2017 regular council meeting and to excuse the absence of Council Member Larry Olson from the October 10, 2017 regular council meeting. 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: the Clubhouse is winterized and closed; the next meeting is November 8, 2017.

PonderosaVilla: will meet October 26.

Hospital: will meet October 30.

SWANN: will meet next month.

Rodeo: will start meeting first Tuesday of the month; are rebuilding the Crow's Nest.

NNDC: CDBG funds \$87,093; USDA \$54,624; IRP \$42,163; the State is trying to get rid of Tax Increment Financing (TIF); the League of Municipalities is against this change.

Subcommittee for use of Cultural Center: Waldo Goff's opinion is that repairing the storage area would be cost-prohibitive but recommends reinforcing the support structure of the roof; John Jones was contacted about some interior work as an inside project for the Industrial Arts class; need to get the roof and back area tarred; Larry Olson contacted Job Corp about the block work, but has not yet heard back.

Park, Fire, Chamber of Commerce: no report.

Deputy Swickard offered some information on speed limits. State Statute gives municipalities authority to set speed limits, being allowed to be more restrictive, but not less restrictive than the state statutes of 20 mph in business districts and 25 mph in residential districts; one option would be to place signs stating a city-wide speed limit of perhaps 20 mph "unless otherwise posted" which would probably only require 12 signs posted at city entrances. Signs other than 20 mph could still be posted as appropriate.

Council Member Norgard made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. 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.

Diana Hutchison presented her Professional Summary as a Certified Grant Professional. Diana has a passion for working with communities for a better quality of life and to promote tourism; has specific experience in areas of recreation, CDBG, and historic preservation; she has toured the city and sees a lot of potential; has written grants worth several thousand dollars to several million dollars; works with various Foundations which typically have less hoops and regulations than governmental grant sources; is considered a community development specialist; golf could benefit from a market analysis, identify gaps, areas to improve and add revenue; Diana works by retainer and by the hour, and sometimes a retainer against future grant commissions; has worked with the cities of Osceola, Genoa and Gordon; would start with prioritizing focus areas; best results are achieved when citizen advocacy groups partner with the city and have community backing – a buy-in from everyone.

The hearing for a new liquor license for White Earth Inc. dba MJ's Ranch House was opened at 7:18 p.m.

Proposed hourly wage increases resulted in the following: Gene Anderson \$17.87, Nicolas Kesselring \$16.42, Zac Riggs \$14.00, Barb Prosser \$9.75, Cleone Hoyda \$9.25 and Linda VerHage \$9.25.

Council Member Olson made a motion to approve the wage increases for 2017-2018 as proposed. 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.

Council Member Olson made a motion to approve the pay application and change order for the fire hall water and waste water extension project for \$112,712.17. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Olson, Kuhnel, Shell and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Receiving no comments, the hearing for a new liquor license for White Earth Inc. dba MJ's Ranch House was closed at 7:26 p.m.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the new liquor license for White Earth Inc. dba MJ's Ranch House. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shell. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Shell, Olson and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the hire of Travis Sauder for snow removal. 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 Kuhnel made a motion to approve the purchase of a new pump for the yellow plow truck. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shell. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Shell, Olson and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Options available in the Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE health insurance plan were briefly discussed.

Council Member Shell made a motion to approve the drawdown for the Comprehensive Development Plan grant of \$3,769 CDBG funds, \$500 CDBG administrative funds and matching city funds. The motion was seconded by Council Member Olson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Shell, Olson, Kuhnel and Norgard. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.


There were no public comments.

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

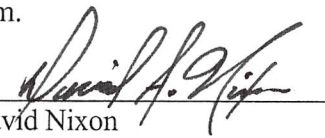
Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shell. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Shell, Norgard and Olson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

The October 24, 2017 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Minutes by:


Jane Dailey
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by:


David Nixon
Mayor