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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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JANUARY 24, 2023

Members of the City Council of the City of Crawford, Nebraska, met in regular session in the Crawford City Hall Council Chambers, 135 Elm Street, Crawford, Nebraska on the 24th day of January, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. The following individuals were present: Mayor Tom Phillips, Council Member Susan Leeling, Council Member Shane Norman, Council Member April Grant and Attorney Adam Edmund. Absent: Council Member Zach Riggs

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 Phillips called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present at 5:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Adam Edmund and recited. Mayor Phillips 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 Members discussed some of the Warrants presented for clarification before signing.

Council Member Leeling made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting held January 17, 2023. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norman. Mayor Phillips called for a Roll Call Vote. AYE: Leeling, Norman and Grant. NAY: None. Absent: Council Member Zach Riggs Motion carried.

Board Reports:

Ponderosa Villa: Mayor Tom Phillip said that bids and applications are being received for repair from the water damage in December.

Golf: Mayor Phillips reported that the golf board made \$1500.00 on the bar for the Whitney Lake Boat Dock Dinner. They will begin the process for hiring seasonal help when it is approved by the Council.

Park: Next Meeting is February 6, 2023 at 3:00 in the City Building. Paul Bernath is the President of that Board.

Rodeo: No Meeting, No Report.

Hospital: Council Leeling stated that their next meeting is January 30, 2023.

SWANN: Council Member Norman reported that he attended their recent meeting. All of their Officers are the same as before. They have two new hires.

NNDC: Council Grant attended their annual meeting January 20, 2013. She was the only one in attendance from Crawford. Officers rotate up one position each year. She stated that there has been a lack of participation from Crawford and lack of information given to anyone from Crawford. Grant stated that the NNDC Grant Programs are second in line behind bank loans for businesses. Council Member Leeling asked if they have offered any help to anyone in Crawford. Grant stated that there was some discussion about a "Business Camp" for area businesses.

Grant then announced that they hold meetings in the odd number months and she will be attending as she was elected as Secretary for this year.

Crawford Chamber of Commerce: No report.

Library: Lisa Stocker reported that they had an event featuring an author who wrote about the Cheyenne Outbreak. There were 26 people in attendance. In February, they will be having a Zoom Presentation with an author writing about the Buffalo Soldiers.

Mayor Phillips stated that the Library seems to be missing an opportunity to work more closely with the schools and assisting the public with computer assistance and training. Lisa said that they are working in that direction. "Tech Talks" will be offered in the future. The mayor stated that there is a real need for technology teaching in the community. He also suggested that they take a look at children's books and obtain books that are of interest to them.

A letter of resignation from the Library Board from Allen Hicks was then read. Mayor Phillips asked the Council to vote on its approval. It was moved by Grant that his resignation be approved.

Seconded by Leeling. Mayor asked for roll call vote. AYE: Grant, Leeling, Norman NAY: none.

Absent: Council Member Zach Riggs Motion carried

Mayor Phillips asked for a motion to discuss/approve/disapprove the appointment of Kathy Storbeck to the Library Board. Leeling made a motion to appoint Kathy Storbeck to the Library Board.

Seconded by Grant. Roll Call Vote: AYE: Leeling, Grant, Norman NAY: none Absent: Council Member Zach Riggs Motion carried.

Melody Baily from Nebraska Public Power District attended the meeting to reach out to the new mayor and city council members. She gave a presentation on "NPPD Retail Briefing 2023". See attached presentation. The Council and community members had a discussion and questions for Baily. The Mayor thanked Melody for attending the meeting and the presentation.

Mayor Phillips asked for any discussion on approval/disapproval of Cemetery Deed for two spaces for Deb Horst. Leeling moved the deeds to be approved. It was seconded by Grant. Roll call vote: AYE: Leeling, Grant, Norman NAY: none Absent: Council Member Zach Riggs Motion approved.

Mayor asked for any discussion regarding advertising for Legend Buttes Golf Course Assistant Manager in addition to the Clubhouse Manager. It would be posted to the Crawford Clipper, NE Workforce, Panhandle Post, and Chadrad. Grant also suggested it be posted on INDEED. Norman made a motion that the positions be advertised using those resources. Leeling seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: AYE: Norman, Leeling, Grant NAY: none Absent: Council Member Zach Riggs Motion carried.

Mayor Phillips then asked for discussion regarding advertising seasonal help positions as needed for Cemetery, Golf, Park, and Pool. It would be posted to the Crawford Clipper, NE Workforce,

Panhandle Post, and Chadrad. Grant also suggested it be posted on INDEED. It was moved by Leeling and seconded by Norman that these positions be advertised as noted. Roll Call Vote: AYE: Leeling, Norman, Grant NAY: none Absent: Council Member Zach Riggs Motion approved.

Mayor Phillips asks for a motion to approve bills and claims. It was discussed by the council members that they wanted more supporting paperwork for Rankin, DVM and Arrowhead. The City Clerk will obtain this before the next Council meeting. Attorney Edmund reviewed the Warrant for the bank transfer for the Sewer Project Warrant. He said to go ahead and pay it, but put more updated paperwork with it next month. The Warrant for BCBS needs to have the amount corrected on the Warrant. It was moved by Grant to approve bills and claims with the noted provisions. The motion was seconded by Leeling. Roll call vote. AYE: Grant, Leeling, Norman. NAY: none Absent: Council Member Zach Riggs The motion carried.

Mayor Phillips asks if there is anything else from the floor.

Elmer Willson began asking questions about the Golf Course. He feels there is money missing from alcohol and beer sales. Council member Grant asked that he request to be on the Agenda for the next City Council Meeting on February 14, 2023. The Mayor stated that they are looking at making a few changes at the golf course, but this discussion is in an early phase. Mr. Willson will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Tony Storbeck stated that he appreciated the Council reviewing the bill so thoroughly and asking questions.

It was asked what the new wages will be for the City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk. Mayor Phillips stated \$20.00 and \$16.00 per hour respectively.

Mayor Phillips asked for anything else from the floor.

1.24.22 CLAIMS

SU=SUPPIES; SE=SERVICE

Checks


BLUE CROSS	EMP HEALTH INS	\$3,537.39
Century Business Products	Copier Maint Contract	\$85.92
Core & Main	Iperl meters, insulating blankets	\$2,585.20
Hawking	CHLORINE CYL RENT	\$50.00
NE Public Health Lab	Water-lab fees	\$102.00
NNDC	Meeting registration	\$25.00
Net Payroll	1/25/2023	\$8,146.58
Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher	Legal Fees	\$30.00
Utility Services	Water Tank Maint Contract	\$5,128.75
NE Dept of Revene	State withholding 4th QTR 2022	\$1,114.95
TOTAL		\$20,805.79

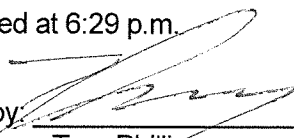
INTERNAL TRANSFERS

SWR CHKG TO SVGS	JUNE 2023 SWR BOND PYMT	\$12,381.92
		<u>\$12,381.92</u>
		<u>\$33,187.71</u>

Council Member Grant made a motion to adjourn at 6:29p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Leeling, Grant, Norman. NAY: none
Absent: Council Member Zach Riggs The motion carried.

The January 10, 2023 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Minutes by: 
Paula Schoenemann
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by: 
Tom Phillips
Mayor