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**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2021**

Members of the City Council of the City of Crawford, Nebraska, met in regular session in the Crawford Community Building, 1005 First Street, Crawford, Nebraska on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021, at 6:30 o'clock p.m. The following individuals were present: Mayor Connie Shell, Attorney Adam Edmund, Council Member Ed Kuhnel, Council Member Ronnie Thompson and Council Member Susan Leeling. Absent: Council Member 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 Shell 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 at the Community Building. It is also available in pamphlet form.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2021 regular Council meeting and to excuse the absence of Council Member Thompson and Council Member Leeling from the February 23 Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel. Council Members voted NAY: None. Council Members Abstaining: Leeling and Thompson. Council Members Absent: Riggs. Motion carried.

**Board Reports:**

Golf: will meet on 3-10-21 at 5:30 p.m.

Ponderosa Villa: will meet 3-22-21 at 4:00 p.m.

Hospital: improvements at Prairie Pines; the covid work caseloads are getting better; purchasing two neonatal monitors.

No other reports.

The hearing for a zoning change from Agricultural to Industrial at 3632 Highway 20, owned by John and Kimberly Dinsley, was opened at 6:30 p.m.

The Planning Commission recommended approval of the zoning change. Council Member Leeling thanked John Dinsley for believing in the community and expanding the business.

The hearing for a zoning change from Agricultural to Industrial at 3632 Highway 20 closed at 6:35 p.m.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the recommendation for a zoning change from Agricultural to Industrial at 3632 Highway 20. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Thompson and Leeling. Council Members voted NAY: None. Council Members Absent: Riggs. Motion carried.

Ordinance 681 amending the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations for a zoning change from Agricultural to Industrial at 3632 Highway 20 was read by title by Mayor Shell.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to introduce and waive the three readings of Ordinance 681 amending the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations for a zoning change from Agricultural to Industrial at 3632 Highway 20. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Leeling and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Council Members Absent: Riggs. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to pass and publish Ordinance 681 amending the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations for a zoning change from Agricultural to Industrial at 3632 Highway 20. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Leeling and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Council Members Absent: Riggs. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the building permit for John Dinsley for an addition at 3532 Highway 20, contingent on the remonstrance period of Ordinance 681. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Thompson and Leeling. Council Members voted NAY: None. Council Members Absent: Riggs. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the building permit for a carport and front step repair/replacement for Hazel Reinmuth at 140 Linn Street. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Leeling and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Council Members Absent: Riggs. Motion carried.

Council Member Thompson suggested appointing the Deputy Clerk as the zoning administrator. Clerk Dailey said she could always delegate those duties to the Deputy Clerk, but ultimately, as her boss, the Clerk is responsible. Attorney Edmund stated that if it were to be a separate position, it would cost money and should wait until budget time.

Council Member Leeling made a motion to appoint the office of the City Clerk as the zoning administrator. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Leeling, Kuhnel and Thompson (at this time). Council Members voted NAY: None. Council Members Absent: Riggs. Motion carried.

The recommendations from the Planning Commission were to allow carports in the side yard by removing the word "carport" in the definition of Accessory Buildings and removing the word "side" in the Accessory Building district regulations. Attorney Edmund will prepare it.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the plumber's permit for Bryan Banta. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Thompson and Leeling. Council Members voted NAY: None. Council Members Absent: Riggs. Motion carried.

Discussion on nuisance property issues included discussion on issuing a letter to Paul Shimek for the property across the street from his house; and there is a property across from Young's that has a washer or dryer outside. Jim Domingo is working on his properties. The typical process consists of: complaint, a courtesy letter, the official letter – and then resulting in a citation and court. It was suggested to devise a

plan for beautification. Sometimes there is a consideration of demolition and condemnation costs. Some people resent the City telling them what to do with their property. Due process must remain in place. It is a never-ending problem. Peer pressure can be very effective. Shaming can be very motivating. To assist with community clean-up, John Dinsley offered a truck, trailer and employees to help with this dynamic problem. The dates of Friday and Saturday April 23 and 24 were tentatively set for community clean-up. Chadron has had assistance from the Big Event and Dial-a-Truck is available. It was suggested to reach out to the High School, Student Council, FFA, Team Mates, Job Corps, AmeriCorps and the public.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the purchase of three computers, support and accessories to be reimbursed by NDOT Emergency Funds. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Leeling and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Council Members Absent: Riggs. Motion carried.

In discussion of the Public Transportation budget, Clerk Dailey stated that the biggest change was in adding a portion of the Clerk and Deputy Clerk wages to the Public Transportation department.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the Public Transportation budget for 2021-2023. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Leeling and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Council Members Absent: Riggs. Motion carried.

Clerk Dailey presented the Treasurer’s Report. Funding for the new warning siren is at the stage of putting out a Notice to Bidders. Nan Gould asked the Region 21 Emergency Manager to share the Notice used by Gurley. John Cook of NEMA said he is not aware of any requirements necessary for testing decibels. At the end of September last year, the Council decided to apply \$30,000 per year of the NPPD franchise fees towards the golf fund deficit. Dailey visited with Mayor Shell and since the NPPD fees are received monthly, it was decided that it would be best to do it monthly at a rate of \$2,500 per month. Clerk Dailey is concerned about the sustainability of the golf course. The golf board is working on a 1&10 Year Plan to be incorporated into a Capital Improvement Plan, to plan for upcoming needs such as a tractor, more golf carts, irrigation system repairs or upgrades and such. Clerk Dailey also stated concern over drawing down on more debt due to changes in direct borrowing statutes. Other departments are also working on long-range 1&10 Year planning.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Thompson, Kuhnel and Leeling. Council Members voted NAY: None. Council Members Absent: Riggs. Motion carried.

Council Member Leeling made a motion to approve bills and claims. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Leeling, Kuhnel and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Council Members Absent: Riggs. Motion carried.

\*Denotes Payment Issued

C - Contract/Agreement; E - Electronic/ACH/Wire; M - by Motion; P - Payroll/Payroll-Related;  
R - Resolution/Dept.Head; S - Statute/St. Req.


<b>CLAIMS 3/09/21</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	
AMAZON	LIB BKS	190.93	
BRANDON SMITH	TRASH COLLECTION FOR JAN	5,332.14	
CAPITAL GUARDIAN	PENSION 3/9/21 P.ROLL	510.54	*p
CENGAGE LEARNING	LIB BKS	123.44	
CENTURY BUSINESS PROD	COPIER MAINT	54.81	

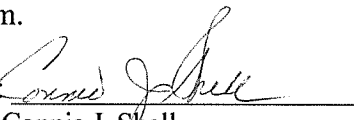
CHADRAD	JOB VACANY ADS	80.00	
CITY OF CRAWFORD	UB DEPOSIT APPLIED TO BILL	504.64	
CITY OF CRAWFORD	GARBAGE	112.75	
CRAWFORD CLIPPER	ADS/PUBS	604.64	
EFTPS	FED/FICA 3/9/21 P.ROLL	2,587.29	*P
FLORIDA SDU	CHILD SUPP 3/9/21 P.ROLL	56.77	*P
HAWKINS	CHLORINE CYL	10.00	
HERITAGE SEED	SALT	16.05	
HERREN BROS	SUPPLIES	320.43	
HNET SOLUTIONS	WEBSITE - ANNUAL	253.17	
HOME HAVEN	FED EX WTR SAMPLES	242.31	
IPAYMENT	OFF-SEASON CRED CRD	22.50	C/E
JANE DAILEY	REIMB OFF SU	94.00	
JEFF GUEST	UTIL DEP REFUND	213.97	
JUSTIN BUDD	UTIL DEP REFUND	124.82	
KREIDER INS	PUB OFFICIALS BOND	129.00	
MOBIUS	PHONE/FAX/INTERNET	729.60	
MURPHY TRACTOR	FRT END LOADER SERVICE	5,077.76	
NE TOTAL OFFICE	SUPPLIES	39.70	
NEBRASKA LIFE	LIB PUB	24.00	
NET PAYROLL	3/9/2021	8,867.92	*P
NPPD	ELECT	5,183.13	
NW RURAL PPD	ELECT - WELLS	148.40	
PETTY CASH	POSTAGE/FILING FEE	134.86	
PINE RIDGE SERVICE	FUEL/PROPANE/TREATMENT	257.89	
RAPID CITY JOURNAL	CHADRON RECORD AD/JOB VAC	180.00	
REGINA RANKIN	ANIMAL SHELTER	250.00	
SAMANTHA CLARK	UTIL DEP REFUND	61.83	
SECURITY FIRST	MTHLY FEE FOR CUSTOMER'S ACH UB PYMTS	6.80	*C/E
SKAVDAHL, EDMUND	LEGAL FEES/MILE REIMB	625.24	
SKEETERS NAPA	FILTERS	20.92	
STAR-HERALD	BID NOTICES	273.71	
SUMMIT	FIRE EXT MAINT/SERVICE/REPAIR	445.50	
SWANN	LANDFILL FOR JAN	8,053.58	
THRIFTBOOKS	LIB BKS	12.26	
US POST	UB POSTAGE	171.70	R
UTILITY SERVICES	WTR TANK MAINT CONTRACT	9,820.32	

VERIZON	CELL PHONES	58.24
WESTCO	FUEL/PROPANE/TREATMENT/DIESEL	2,599.93
ZAC RIGGS	SWR CAMERA - NW AUTO	195.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>54,822.49</b>
<b>INTERNAL TRANSFERS</b>		
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WTR CASH TO WTR SVGS	RTS REVENUE - FOR JAN, PD IN FEB, XFER IN MAR	3,013.68
SWR CASH TO SWR SVGS	TOWARDS JUNE 2021 BOND PYMT	14,048.23
GEN CASH TO GEN SVGS	TOWRDS OCT 2021 INS PYMT	7,290.00
SVGS TO CASH	REIMB CHKING ACCT FOR ROOF REPAIRS PAID	93,688.74
SVGS TO CASH	REIMB CHKING FOR SWR BOND PYMT	84,597.52
<b>REQUISITION ORDER</b>		
DELL	COMPUTERS, SUPPORT, ACCESSORIES	14,277.19 APPROX.

Council Member Leeling made a motion to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Leeling, Kuhnel and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Council Members Absent: Riggs. Motion carried.

The March 9, 2021 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Minutes by:   
Jane Dailey  
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by:   
Connie J. Shell  
Mayor