

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 27, 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 27th day of April, 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, Council Member Susan Leeling and Council Member Zac Riggs. 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 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 in the Community Building. It is also available in pamphlet form.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2021 regular Council meeting and to excuse the absence of Council Member Riggs from the April 13, 2021 Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Thompson, Leeling and Riggs. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Board Reports:

Golf: working on a One & Ten Year Plan; looking into a tractor; an inquiry about assistance from Keno funds or grant money; idea of drawing down on loan and selling four golf carts; recommending hire of Amanda Vogel as seasonal Clubhouse employee.

Park: considering how to pay for new pool filters; community building men's room light needs replaced.

Rodeo: there will be a Mother's Day fundraiser; there will also be a rodeo this year; possibly be a fundraiser and auction in September.

Ponderosa Villa: new sign is up out front; meeting May 24.

Hospital: gift certificates for Hospital Week; two new hospice cars; improving financials; received an endowment; Covid funds have been used for Chadron's operating room lights and cat scan machine.

SWANN: rates remain the same; Alliance will have a tire amnesty event.

No other reports.

Discussion was held on the ownership of the Rodeo building; is believed that Pepper Creek gave Rodeo the building, it was moved here; the City pays the insurance; surplus tin from the rodeo building should be used for the bathroom and crow's nest and what is not used for rodeo facilities would be sold; will sell by sealed bid by the square-foot or linear-foot.

Discussion on the electrical upgrade for the new park shop included: Jerry Lemmon wants conduit and more outlets; Brian Prosser said \$1.25 per foot for trenching; the NPPD review board meets tonight; Jarrod Allen said the biggest concern was that if an emergency arises, he would have to leave and come back later.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the hire of Roberts Electric for Option 2 of their estimate for the electrical upgrade of the park shop. The motion was seconded by Council Member Riggs. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Riggs and Leeling. Council Members voted NAY: Thompson. Motion carried.

Discussion on the bid specifications for a new warning siren included that the siren is needed for storm and disaster type warnings; work on an 8-cell specification; keep talking to Tim Newman, Region 22 emergency manager, that has had experience in bids and awards for new warning sirens.

Discussion on the purchase of pool filters was debated on grounds of whether the drainage from the pumphouse should be fixed first.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the purchase of pool filters for approximately \$3,300. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel and Leeling. Council Members voted NAY: Riggs and Thompson. Mayor voted AYE. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on whether or not more Golf Clubhouse seasonal employees were needed. No action was taken on the hire of Amanda Vogel as a seasonal Golf Clubhouse employee.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the purchase of a pH and DO meter for the water department. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Leeling, Thompson and Riggs. Council Members voted NAY: None. Mayor voted AYE. Motion carried.

Council Member Leeling made a motion to approve registrations for Eugene Anderson and Dennis Krotz for a wastewater workshop in Chadron on May 19 and a water workshop in Chadron on July 13. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Leeling, Thompson, Kuhnel and Riggs. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Discussion on turkey vultures included: this is their breeding ground; nothing we can do; they are protected; you can disturb them, but if you harm or kill them, there can be a fine up to \$100,000 and prison time; talk to the new USDA representative; some feel noise doesn't work, they just come back.

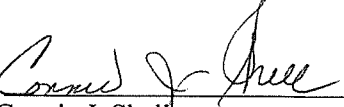
Community Clean-up had 12 volunteers on Friday and 25 on Saturday; worked on 20 properties; some have volunteered to keep some of the properties up; Dairy Sweet provided meat and buns for lunch on both days.

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

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Leeling, Thompson and Riggs. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

The April 27, 2021 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes by: 
Jane Dailey
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by: 
Connie J. Shell
Mayor

*Denotes Payment Issued				
ACH - Bank Withdrawal; AOD - ACH on Delivery; P - Payroll/Payroll-Related; S - Statute/St. Req.				
CLAIMS 4/27/21	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT		
AFLAC	HEALTH INS SUPPLEMENT 4/20/21	960.48	*P	
ARROWHEAD	RESALE BEER	89.05	*AOD	
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	HEAT	982.21		
BCBS	HEALTH INS	4,438.20		
BOMGAAR'S	OIL & FILTERS/COLD WELD/GLOVES/WD-40	178.33		
CAPITAL GUARDIAN	PENSION - 4/20/21	619.86	*P	
CHADRON LOCK	PARK BATHRM	185.00		
CRAWFORD RURAL FIRE	FIRE/RESCUE	7,639.17		
DAWES CO TREAS	LAW ENF	16,964.91		
DIRECT TV	GOLF TV	188.06	*ACH	
EFTPS	PAYROLL TAX -4/20/21 & 4/22/21	3,563.28	*P	
ENVIRO SERVICE	WTR LAB FEES	40.00		
FLORIDA SDU	CHILD SUPP - 4/20/21	56.77	*P	
HERITAGE SEED	WHITE DUTCH CLOVER/HERBICIDE/MOLE BAIT	441.75		
HERREN BROS	SUPPLIES	982.75		
HIGH PLAINS BUDWEISER	RESALE BEER	205.70	*AOD	
IIMC	ANNUAL DUES	175.00		
KELLI HAYNES	REIMB MEMBERSHIP CARDS	29.52		
LAWSON PROD	SCREWS	17.50		
LL JOHNSON	GOLF SPRINKLER PARTS	479.42		
MANNA	GEN MTHLY MAINT	30.00		
MPC	LIB: CLEAN/CHANGE FURNACE FILTER	175.70		
NE DEPT OF REV	SALES/USE TAX	3,398.31	*S	
NE DEPT OF REV	SALES/USE TAX - GOLF	186.32	*S	
NE DEPT OF REV	STATE PAYROLL TAX - FOR APRIL	856.73		
NE PUB HEALTH LAB	WTR LAB FEES	82.00		
NET PAYROLL	4/20/21 & 4/22/21	12,765.98	*P	
PETTY CASH	OFFICE SU/POSTAGE/FILE DEED	27.36		
R&R PROD	GOLF: LID, PUTTING CUPS, SPLICE KIT	157.52		
STOTZ EQUIP	OIL CUP #2 FOR GOLF TRACTOR	58.60		
SWANN	TIRE DISPOSAL FEES	75.00		
TTG ENTERPRISES	WTR PLANT AIR DRYER REPAIRS	851.90		
WESTCO	GOLF: BULK FUEL	1,335.93		
TOTAL		58,238.31		