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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MAY 11, 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 11th day of May, 2021, at 6:30 o'clock p.m. The following individuals were present: Mayor Connie Shell, Attorney Adam Edmund, Council Member Ronnie Thompson and Council Member Zac Riggs. Absent: Council Member Ed Kuhnel and Council Member Susan Leeling.

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 Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2021 regular council meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Riggs. The following Council Members voted AYE: Thompson and Riggs. Council Members voted NAY: None. ABSENT: Kuhnel and Leeling Motion carried.

Board Reports:

Golf: discussed hiring Amanda Vogel for seasonal clubhouse; a tractor they were interested in was already sold.

Park: sewer line from the pool boiler room has been fixed; pool filers are here; trying to get ready for Memorial Day; the rumor of hiring 15 lifeguards is not true, they are only hiring the seven that have already been hired.

Rodeo: Mother's Day fundraiser was a success.

Ponderosa Villa: will meet on 5/27/21.

Sub-committee for use of Cultural Center: Council Member Thompson has not been contacted about a meeting yet.

No other reports.

Discussion on the moto-x grounds will be held at the May 25, 2021 Council meeting.

Lisa Stocker spoke on the selection of Library Board members. The Library Board would like to see the Ordinance and their bylaws changed regarding the residence requirements of Library Board members. In addition to State Statutes, reference was made to the paragraph from Richard Miller, former Director of Library Development, in the Public Library Directors Guidebook reviewed 2/16/10: "The preponderance of

state law appears to indicate that board members need to be residents of the library district the board governs.” Discussion included: some references may be in relation to a County Library; it will come down to if you want to fill the board with people that are not paying taxes here, or just allow 1 or 2 members from the five-member board to qualify. It was suggested to do more recruiting from city residents to try to find people willing to be on the board. Term limits were mentioned. It was suggested to contact the State Library Commission about the relevance of Richard Miller’s 2010 statement. The matter will be back on the Council agenda at the next meeting or in June, whenever we have our ducks in a row.

Resolution 2021-04 will approve declaring the used tin as surplus. At the next Council meeting, the Council can decide on terms for the notice, method of sale, etc.

Council Member Riggs made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-04 declaring tin as surplus. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Riggs and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. ABSENT: Kuhnel and Leeling. Motion carried.

Ownership of the elevator on First Street has been investigated by several people, including Mayor Shell, Duane Sams and Chet Fullerton. Sources that have been contacted are Dawes County Assessor, Dawes County Abstract, PADD and the Brownfields program, NPPD, West Plains Grain, and the railroads of Canadian Pacific, Rapid City, Pierre and Eastern, DM&E. The process of abandoned property could be researched also. Mayor Shell will contact DM&E Railroad again, and in writing. Other suggestions were to contact FRA to see if they have any ideas on how to get the nuisance addressed. The ownership of the White River Trail was also asked – which was a Rails-to-Trails program.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to approve the building permits for a carport for John Jones at 1015 Second Street which will need to be moved over 1 foot to allow for the 5-foot setback; and for a fence for Forest Ewald at 701 Main Street. The motion was seconded by Council Member Riggs. The following Council Members voted AYE: Thompson and Riggs. Council Members voted NAY: None. ABSENT: Kuhnel and Leeling. Motion carried.

Council Member Riggs made a motion to approve the hire of Del Neidert as a seasonal employee, contingent on a satisfactory background check. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Riggs and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. ABSENT: Kuhnel and Leeling. Motion carried.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to approve the purchase of an actuator for the water plant for approximately \$1,800. The motion was seconded by Council Member Riggs. The following Council Members voted AYE: Thompson and Riggs. Council Members voted NAY: None. ABSENT: Kuhnel and Leeling. Motion carried.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for the Tailgate Bar & Grill for an event on July 3, 2021 at 540 Second Street. The motion was seconded by Council Member Riggs. The following Council Members voted AYE: Thompson and Riggs. Council Members voted NAY: None. ABSENT: Kuhnel and Leeling. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Dailey provided budget notes and analysis for each department, detailing revenue and expenses line items. Although revenue dropped in April compared to April 2020, mostly due to a decrease in sales tax, overall, the revenue is ahead of last year and ahead of budgeted expectations. We have received the reimbursement from NDOT of \$13,433.26 for the computer upgrade project. Public Transportation had 407 boardings in April, three medical trips to Scottsbluff, 3 to Chadron and one medical trip to Rapid City. All three vehicles were in use one day. The natural gas selection ended up being with Constellation at a fixed rate per therm of .459 for 2 years. In response to being asked about free vehicles that the City of Chadron were getting, Dailey had contacted the City of Chadron finance officer Jeanette Puzzo who was

only aware of the free public transportation vehicles (the same as the City of Crawford has applied for) and USDA assistance, but was not aware of any other programs for free vehicles.

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

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

Council Member Riggs made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Riggs and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. ABSENT: Kuhnel and Leeling. Motion carried.

SU=SUPPLIES; SE=SERVICE

*Denotes Payment Issued


AOD - ACH on Delivery; B - Banking Fees; P - Payroll/Payroll-Related; R - Res/Dept ; S - Statute/St. Req.

BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS	T.P.	135.90	
BOMGAARS	SAFETY VESTS	29.98	
BRANDON SMITH	TRASH COLL	5,379.12	
CAPITAL GUARDIAN	PENSION	692.98	*P
CARDMEMBER	LIB BKS / DEPOSIT SLIP BOOKS	721.28	APPROX
CENTURY BUS PROD	COPIER MAINT	73.64	
CITY OF CRAWFORD	UB DEPOSIT APPLIED TO ACCT	203.64	
CITY OF CRAWFORD	GARBAGE	143.50	
CRAWFORD CLIPPER	ADS/PUBS	360.43	
D&S	RESALE MIXER ITEMS	41.75	
DARLENE HAWLEY	UTIL DEP REFUND	46.36	
DIETRICH DISTRIB	RESALE BEER/LIQ/BEV/SNKS	173.98	*AOD
EFTPS	FED/FICA	4,052.54	*P
ENVIRO SERVICE	LAB FEES	87.00	
FLORIDA SDU	CHILD SUPP	56.77	*P
GARDNER, LOUTZENHISER	AUDIT BALANCE	9,854.21	
HAWKINS	WTR AND POOL SUPPLIES	1,523.67	
HIGH PLAINS BUD	RESALE BEER	16,020.00	*AOD
IPAYMENT	CRED CRD PROC	569.50	*B - ACH
MANNA	NEW COMPUTER SET-UP	42.50	
MARLENE OSTRANDER	UTIL DEP REFUND	250.00	
MATT PARROT & SON	UTILITY BILL POSTCARDS	757.45	
MOBIUS	PHONE/FAX/INT/NEW ROUTER	1,564.00	
NE DEPT OF REV	SALES TAX	3,147.39	
NE DEPT OF REV	SALES TAX - GOLF	1,467.31	

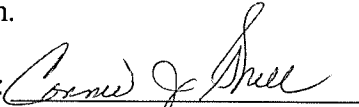
NE TOTAL OFFICE	GOLF PENCILS	29.97	
NET PAYROLL	5/4/2021	13,814.51	*P
NPPD	ELECT	5,171.94	
NW RURAL PPD	ELECT	72.86	
PALMER MONUMENT	HEADSTONE REPAIR	250.00	
PETTY CASH	BUS WASH/POSTAGE/SUPPLIES	61.01	
PINE RIDGE SE	RE TO VEH/FUEL	1,367.73	
RECREATION SUPPLY	POOL FILTERS	3,313.20	
REGINA RANKIN	ANIMAL SHELTER	250.00	
RUNNING WATER GRAVEL	ROCK	636.00	
RW RISING/FAMILY TRUCKING	ROCK DELIVERY	414.00	
SECURITY FIRST	MTHLY ACH FEE	6.20	*B - ACH
SKAVDAHL, EDMUND	LEGAL FEES/MILE REIMB	1,077.48	
SKEETERS NAPA	FUEL/FILTERS/BATTERY - STR & GOLF	335.53	
SWANN	LANDFILL	8,080.16	
SWIRE COCA-COLA	GOLF RESALE BEV	222.91	
US POST	POSTAGE	170.82	*R
USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT	ANNUAL BOND PYMT - W/WW NEW FIRE HALL	3,739.00	
UTILITY SE	WTR TANK MAINT	9,820.32	
VERIZON	CELL PHONES	58.24	
WALDO GOFF	REPAIR COMM BLDG LIGHT	65.00	
WESTCO	FUEL/PROPANE	3,638.66	
TOTAL		99,990.44	
INTERNAL TRANSFERS			
WTR CASH TO WTR SVGS	RTS REVENUE	3,494.74	
SWR CASH TO SWR SVGS	FOR BOND PYMT	14,048.23	
GEN CASH TO GEN SVGS	FOR INS PYMT	7,290.00	
REQUISITION ORDER			
WALMART CHECKS	DEPOSIT SLIPS	107.76	APPROX.

The May 11, 2021 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes by:


Jane Dailey
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by:


Connie J. Shell
Mayor