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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 8TH, 2021

Members of the City Council of the City of Crawford, Nebraska, met in regular session in Crawford City Hall, 135 Elm Street, Crawford, Nebraska on the 8th day of June, 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 Zac 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 in the Council Chambers. 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 May 25, 2021 regular council meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Thompson, Leeling and Kuhnel. Council Members voted NAY: None. ABSENT: Riggs. Motion carried.

Board Reports:

Golf: Travis Johnson will work on the fence in the front; 22 memberships; 13 associate members; upcoming Nathan Kackmeister benefit; scheduling evaluations; meet July 12th.

Park: hiring another lifeguard; playground equipment needs to be inspected; pool is looking into an automatic pool vacuum; cemetery water is waiting on Brian Prosser and Jerry Lemmon to get together; electricity at Park shop is waiting on Roberts Electric.

Hospital: meets 6/28/21.

SWANN: meet in July.

Rodeo: meet 6/15/21.

NNDC: meets 6/25/21.

Chamber of Commerce: meet 7/1/21 at Homestead.

No other reports.

Mayor Shell provided an update on weed-spraying. She reported that Tom Rempp had given a price of \$1,000 and that Jerry Lemmon said he'd have it all done by Friday except for the cemetery.

Discussion on surplus tin concluded with there being eight piles in total, including the locations of the golf course, rodeo grounds, pavilion, balloon building and community building.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve posting the Notice to Bidders and advertising in the paper on the 16th, with a 21st deadline and opening bids on the 22nd with all tin to be removed by July 1. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Thompson and Leeling. Council Members voted NAY: None. ABSENT: Riggs. Motion carried.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to approve the hire of Amanda Vogel as a seasonal golf clubhouse employee. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Thompson, Kuhnel and Leeling. Council Members voted NAY: None. ABSENT: Riggs. Motion carried.

Discussion on the elevator on First Street included: can't find an owner; everyone connected to it is gone; can't find whos' paid taxes; at a stand-still; have checked with Dawes County Assessor Dawes County Abstract and the railroads, among others; still working on it.

Chet Fullerton addressed the Council on the matter of millings from the State. Discussion included: tell them how much we need, get it for \$5.00 per ton; there would also be the cost of trucking; Rising Trucking could haul it; could probably do 17-20 ton per load; First Street is a busy street; need someone to sit there constantly to give out tickets; lower the speed limit; to slow traffic, could put in speed bumps; Pine Street to Oak Street would be 300 feet, 25 feet wide and four inches thick would equal 600 ton, for about \$3,000; not planned for in the current budget; contact Lincoln and see if we can get it for free; check other parts of town and how much we should get and get a plan together; Fort Robinson work may have millings becoming available and they'd be fresh and close next year; ask if we can get parking lot at the community building and the pool area done; will talk about it at budget time.

Ginger Fleming addressed the Council regarding the wacipi area and events. They are planning an event on August 13th and 14th, to include a teaching-type of activity on Friday and dances on Saturday; no special circumstances; working on improvements. Other comments included the mowing looks nice; avoid systems when driving in stakes; people don't want to camp on the railroad side with the trains; trying to keep campers close to their area; working on fundraising; food is probably tacos as it's their main fundraiser; vendors will be responsible to get their vendor license from the City; NPPD could be turned on now.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the hire of Alexa Tollman as a seasonal lifeguard. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Leeling and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. ABSENT: Riggs. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the building permits of Jennifer Dean for a cement step with roof at 706 Second Street, Mariah Nelson for a fence at 120 Ash Street, Lisa Stocker for a house, deck, garage, driveway, sidewalk and fence at 1003 Second Street and Anthony Storbeck for a driveway, sidewalk and block retaining walls at 807 Fifth Street. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Leeling and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. ABSENT: Riggs. Motion carried.

Tamara Wohlers addressed the Council about the Farmer's Market. Consensus was that the Chamber could buy one city-wide vendor permit and this will allow Chamber members to sell at all Chamber-sponsored events.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the plumber's permit for Jock Faris (Faris Plumbing and Heating Inc. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel and Leeling. Council Members voted NAY: Thompson. ABSENT: Riggs. Motion carried.

Discussion on the sewer project included: the biggest share of the sewer project is done; they tore into properties; contract includes putting grass seed back in; didn't put the concrete back in yet; need to put it back to the way it was and as soon as possible; reclamation should be a priority; should do curb and gutter too; talk to the engineers.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the pay request to Paul Reed Construction. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Leeling and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. ABSENT: Riggs. Motion carried.

Council Member Leeling made a motion to approve the drawdown request for CDBG funds. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Leeling, Kuhnel and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. ABSENT: Riggs. Motion carried.

During the Treasurer's Report, Clerk Dailey reported that there was an amendment to the interest rate for the sewer plant bond, reducing it from 2.5% interest to 1%.

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

Council Member Leeling made a motion to approve the 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. ABSENT: Riggs. Motion carried.

		*ACH=auto w/drawal *AOD=ACH on delivery *P=Payroll/Payroll-related
SU=SUPPLIES; SE=SERVICE		*R=Resolution (dept. head)
ALLIANCE TIMES	GOLF PUB/AD	52.50
AMANDA MEININGER	UTILITY DEP REFUND	153.76
BAUERKEMPERS	REPAIR YAMAHA - GOLF	1,162.28
BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS	POOL CHEMICALS	24.98
BRANDON SMITH	TRASH COLL	5,418.83
CAPITAL GUARDIAN	PENSION 6-1-21	645.64 *P
CARDMEMBER	LIQ LIC SDLS/TRAINING/DEP.SLIPS**	608.49
CENTURY BUS PROD	COPIER MAINT	58.90
CITY OF CHADRON	SEWER JET RENTAL/USAGE	315.00
CITY OF CRAWFORD	UB DEPOSITS APPLY TO ACCOUNTS	238.36
CITY OF CRAWFORD	GARBAGE	143.50
CRAWFORD CLIPPER	ADS/PUBS	225.00
CUMMINS CENTRAL PWR	SWR PLANT GENERATOR MAINT. CONTRACT	902.23
DIETRICH DISTRIB	RESALE BEER	332.40 *AOD
EFTPS	FED/FICA	4,257.74 *P
ENVIRO SERVICE	SWR LAB FEES	210.00
ESSENTIAL SCREENS	BKGRD CHECK	20.00
FISHER ROOFING	BB/POOL/GOLF	12,419.00

FLORIDA SDU	CHILD SUPP	56.77	*P
GALEY'S REPAIR	HOT WATER HEATER - S.O.	74.00	
HACH	WTR PH/DO PROBE	2,646.24	
HARRIS SALES	GLF RESALE SNACKS	173.55	
HAWKINS	CHLORINE CYL	10.00	
HERITAGE SEED	DURA TURF/DIURON/DE FOR POOL/TOM 4 /CHEM 90	407.50	
HERREN BROS	SU	995.65	
HIGH PLAINS BUD	RESALE BEER	518.20	*AOD
HOME HAVEN	WTR SAMPLES	119.31	
IPAYMENT	CRED CRD PROC	867.38	*ACH
MANNA	COMP MAINT, REPAIRS	115.00	
MATT PARROT & SON	UTILITY BILL POSTCARDS - AMENDED AMOUNT	818.69	
MIDWEST FARM	MOWER REPAIRS - PRK/CEM	1,033.53	
MOBIUS	PHONE/FAX/INT	801.33	
NE CHILD SUPPORT	GARNISHMENT	138.47	*P
NET PAYROLL	6/1/2021	14,534.62	*P
NNDC	ANNUAL DUES	1,200.00	
NW RURAL PPD	ELECT	243.14	
PETTY CASH	START UP POOL/SU	121.56/	
PINE RIDGE SE	SU/FUEL	462.50	
POST PLAYHOUSE	UTILITY DEPOSIT REFUND	210.86	
REGINA RANKIN	ANIMAL SHELTER	250.00	
SECURITY FIRST	MTHLY ACH FEE	7.00	
SKAVDAHL, EDMUND	LEGAL FEES/MILE REIMB	1,210.72	
SWANN	LANDFILL	8,125.51	
SWIRE COCA-COLA	GOLF RESALE BEV/LIDS	373.23	
TURF CONTROL	TORO TIMING MECHANISM	474.90	
US POST	POSTAGE	170.53	*R
VERIZON	CELL PHONES	58.24	
WALLY JUHLIN	UTILITY DEPOSIT REFUND ACCT #5600203	250.00	
WALLY JUHLIN	UTILITY DEPOSIT REFUND ACCT #5500101	147.02	
WESTCO	FUEL & DIESEL	1,269.45	
TOTAL		64,745.69	
INTERNAL TRANSFERS			
WTR CASH TO WTR SVGS	RTS REVENUE	4,387.97	
GEN CASH TO GEN SVGS	FOR INS PYMT	7,290.00	

SVGS TO CASH REIMB ROOF REPAIRS 54,285.38

**CREDIT CARD CHARGES APPROVED

NE LIQUOR COMMISSION	APPROVED 5-25-21 BY MOTION FOR RODEO SDL X 4 DAYS	165.73
LONM	APPROVED 5-25-21 BY MOTION FOR TRAINING CONFERENCE	335.00
WALMART CHECK	APPROVED 5-11-21 BY REQUISTION ORDER	107.76
	TOTAL	608.49

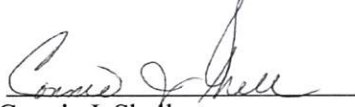
Ginger Fleming thanked the Council for the gravel on their road.

Council Member Thompson requested the warning siren to be on the next meeting agenda. He wants the people to know it's not working. The guy in Scottsbluff said at one time he'd honor the price, maybe not now because it's been so long; also, we need to be selling buildings and properties, instead of sitting on them. It seems like we start on something and then it gets covered up and not brought back. We talk about not having any money, let's sell buildings and property so we get some money to do some things. A town in Mississippi had a company come in, businesses bought the paint and the company painted the buildings. Why can't we do that here, because we have a CRA that's wishers and dreamers; and no one wants to work with anyone; they say it'll never happen, this is Crawford. We had an artist here last year that's still downtown that wanted to get a group of artists together to paint on sides of buildings and she wanted help. Do you think anyone wanted to help? No, because she's an outsider, they don't care. Mayor Shell clarified that there was some stuff lined up, but the artist wanted to put it off until next year. She also stated that Brian Prosser said it took them 10 minutes to fix the warning siren as it was just unplugged. Council Member Thompson said there's some wiring on top that's starting to fray, we need to get it moved. Mayor Shell stated that we have not gotten any more help yet with writing the specs. Council Member Thompson suggested getting ahold of Rick Derr, but Attorney Edmund advised that someone drafting the specs can't bid on the project; have to be careful with adding agreeable alternates so everyone gets a fair shot to bid. Council Member Thompson said we've used parts from an old one, now we're hee-hawing around. A commissioner talked about PADD being able to get us money for the park. Mayor Shell stated that none of this is on the agenda. Council Member Thompson wants to get these things on the agenda and he has the right to talk about it. Again, it was stated, but not if it's not on the agenda. Suggestion was made to keep unresolved issues on the agenda, until they are done. Attorney Edmund advised that this meeting needs to be over, by law; and regarding property sales, it was this Council that said they are not doing this for a while, this Council and Council Member Thompson was a part of it, so don't act like we dropped the ball. It was this Council that decided to wait and look at it again down the road.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Leeling and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. ABSENT: Riggs. Motion carried.

The June 8, 2021 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Minutes by: 
Jane Dailey
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by: 
Connie J. Shell
Mayor