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**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2021**

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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2021, at 6:30 o'clock p.m. The following individuals were present: Mayor Connie Shell, Attorney Adam Edmund, Council Member Ronnie Thompson, Council Member Susan Leeling and Council Member Zac Riggs. Absent: Council Member Ed Kuhnel.

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 and on the internet.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2021 regular council meeting and to excuse the absence of Council Member Riggs from the June 8, 2021 council meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Thompson, Leeling and Riggs. Council Members voted NAY: None. Council Members ABSENT: Kuhnel. Motion carried.

**Board Reports:**

Golf: will meet July 12.

Park: minutes from June 7, 2021 were available; hired Alexa Tollman as lifeguard; will ask Job Corp about making BBQ grills for the park.

Hospital: will meet June 28.

Rodeo: PRCA Rodeo will be July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

Sub-committee for use of Cultural Center: John Erickson announced that next Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at the Museum, Char Vail will be recognized with the NE Heritage Hero medal. This is for small towns trying to keep local history and preserving our heritage. Award will be presented by Bob Wickersham. There will be light refreshments.

No other reports.

Council Member Riggs made a motion to approve appointments to the Board of Health as Mayor Connie Shell, Council President Susan Leeling, Deputy Sean Considine and Fire Chief Brian Prosser. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Riggs, Thompson and Leeling. Council Members voted NAY: None. Council Members ABSENT: Kuhnel. Motion carried.

The update on the warning siren included: it has been written to the best of our abilities, using a template that Tim Newman did for Scottsbluff. We've consulted with Region 23 Emergency Manager Nan Gould, Baker & Associates, the League of NE Municipalities and Chadron Dispatch. Attorney Edmund has reviewed it also. We are looking at one siren to cover 5,000 feet and to be located at the Library. Bidder will work with NPPD. USDA is offering a 35% grant. We will dispose of the old one after it is taken down. Bid it and see what happens. We will put it out for bids.

The update on requirements to be on the Library Board included: Mayor Shell visited with Christa Porter of the NE Library Commission, who stated that the City Ordinances take precedence; the importance of staying within the City limits because of the taxes that are paid by City residents. People living outside the City limits are able to go on the Friends of the Library Board and can do as much or more. There are a few City residents interested in being on the Library Board. Fliers have been put out. Mayor Shell offered the names of Irene Hughes and Barb Richards to be contacted as they have stated some interest. All of the recent discussion has spurred interest in being on the Library Board.

Bids for surplus tin were opened and read. Piles #3 and #4 at the balloon building did not receive any bids.

Council Member Riggs made a motion to approve the bids for surplus tin to Chris Turnbull for piles #8 for \$500 and #6 for \$500; Chuck Mader for piles #1 for \$150, #2 for \$150 and #7 for \$300; Dan Mader for pile #5 for \$800. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Riggs, Thompson and Leeling. Council Members voted NAY: None. Council Members ABSENT: Kuhnel. Motion carried.

Discussion on the sale of City properties concluded with the formation of a committee to work on a vision and to look at options. Volunteers for the committee were Rich and Alicia Robertson, Carla Knapp, Council Member Ronnie Thompson and Council Member Susan Leeling. As a realtor, Bruce Schoepner may be asked for input.

Regarding the work to be completed on the cemetery water tank, the consensus was that Jarrod Allen will be asked to put in the cemetery tank float and the electricity required.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to approve private fireworks to cease at 12 midnight on July 4th. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Thompson and Leeling. Council Members voted NAY: Riggs. Council Members ABSENT: Kuhnel. Motion carried.

Council Member Riggs made a motion to approve an addendum to the current lease between the City of Crawford and Crawford Management Inc. to be a 50-year lease and giving authority to Mayor Shell to sign. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Riggs, Leeling and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Council Members ABSENT: Kuhnel. Motion carried.

Council Member Riggs made a motion to approve the street closure for the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade and sidewalk art. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Riggs, Leeling and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Council Members ABSENT: Kuhnel. Motion carried.

Discussion on the next surplus sale included the propane tank at the old sewer plant and two or three vehicles. A list for those items, and anything else, can be addressed at the next council meeting with a Resolution.

Council Member Riggs made a motion to allow the Tailgate Bar & Grill to remain open until 2:00 a.m. for July 4<sup>th</sup> (a.m. of July 5<sup>th</sup>). The motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Riggs, Thompson and Leeling. Council Members voted NAY: None. Council Members ABSENT: Kuhnel. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the legal age requirements for operating a mower. No action was taken on the hire of Lawson Nolan as seasonal golf course maintenance employee.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to approve the cemetery deed quit-claimed to Neal and Vonda Soester. The motion was seconded by Council Member Riggs. The following Council Members voted AYE: Thompson, Riggs and Leeling. Council Members voted NAY: None. Council Members ABSENT: Kuhnel. Motion carried.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to approve the cemetery deed quit-claimed to Verona Douthit. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Thompson, Leeling and Riggs. Council Members voted NAY: None. Council Members ABSENT: Kuhnel. Motion carried.

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, every city is eligible to apply for a certain amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. The City of Crawford is expected to receive \$82,299 in July and the same amount again in July of 2022. Currently, the funds can be used for water, wastewater and broadband. To receive the funds, an application must be turned in by July 2, 2021.

Council Member Riggs made a motion to authorize application for the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA): Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funding. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Riggs, Leeling and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Council Members ABSENT: Kuhnel. Motion carried.

Council Member Leeling made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-05 to establish a new fund and bank account for the American Rescue Plan Act. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Leeling, Thompson and Riggs. Council Members voted NAY: None. Council Members ABSENT: Kuhnel. Motion carried.

Budget workshops will be held on Fridays at 5:30 p.m. at Crawford City Hall on July 9, 16, 23 and 30; and August 6 and 13, 2021.

Council Member Leeling made a motion to approve bills and claims, with the addition of library books from Amazon. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Leeling, Thompson and Riggs. Council Members voted NAY: None. Council Members ABSENT: Kuhnel. Motion carried.

AOD = ACH on delivery; P = Payroll/Payroll-Related; R = Dept. Head/Resolution; S - Statute/St. Req.

<b>CLAIMS 6/22/21</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	
AFLAC	HEALTH INS SUPPLEMENT FOR JUNE	960.48	
AMAZON	LIB BKS	240.27	
ARROWHEAD	RESALE BEER/LIQ/BEV	404.55	*AOD
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	HEAT FOR C. BLDG & POOL	1,452.81	
BCBS	HEALTH INS	4,438.20	
BOMGAAR'S	SPRAYER PART	1.69	

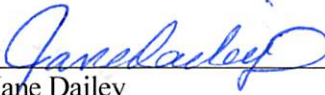
BRIAN BROWNING	REFUND BLD PERMIT FEE	30.00	
BUSINESS CONNECTION	OFFICE CHAIR - PUB TR	175.99	
CAPITAL GUARDIAN	PENSION - 6/15/21	698.96	*P
CASHWA DISTRIB	PAPER SU	185.59	
COCA-COLA	GOLF RESALE BEV	412.18	
CRAWFORD RURAL FIRE	FIRE/RESCUE	7,639.17	
DAWES CO TREAS	LAW ENF	16,964.91	
DEMCO	LIB SU	146.06	
DIETRICH DISTRIB	GOLF RESALE BEER/LIQ	872.75	*AOD
DIRECT TV	GOLF TV	153.99	
EFTPS	PAYROLL TAX 6/15/21	5,181.38	*P
ENVIRO SERVICE	WTR LAB FEES	40.00	
FISHER ROOFING	GOLF MAINT BLDG ROOF	12,893.00	
FLORIDA SDU	CHILD SUPP - 6/15/21	56.77	*P
FLORIDA SDU	CHILD SUPP - 6/29/21	56.77	
HACH	WTR SU	350.86	
HARRIS SALES	RESALE SNKS-GOLF	134.64	
HAWKINS	POOL CHLORINE, SU	2,089.91	
HERITAGE SEED	POOL DE/PARK MOSQUITO TRTMT	238.15	
HIGH PLAINS BUDWEISER	RESALE BEER	1,730.40	*AOD
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JOHNSON WELDING	CEMETERY WORK	1,531.27	
KELLI HAYNES	MILEAGE-PICK UP SAT.BRDS/CUSHMAN	517.44	
NATP	ANNUAL DUES - PUB TR	85.00	
NDEE FISCAL SERVICES	SEWER LICENSE RENEWAL	150.00	*R
NE CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPP 6/15/21	138.47	*P
NE CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPP 6/29/21	138.47	
NE DEPT OF REV	SALES/USE TAX	3,503.04	*S
NE DEPT OF REV	SALES/USE TAX - GOLF	1,831.15	*S
NET PAYROLL	6/15/2021	18,154.44	*P
NPPD	ELECT	5,212.32	
PAUL REED CONSTR	SWR PROJECT PAY APP #1	22,339.70	
PETTY CASH	POSTAGE/SU	100.86	
QUILL	LIB INK/FOLDERS	160.75	
SIOUX CO S.O.	PAPER SERVICE-SM. CLAIMS	47.83	
SNELL SERVICES	POOL BOILER START-UP	240.00	
SPLENDOURS	LETTERING FOR CITY HALL/MINI-VAN	180.00	

STOTZ EQUIP	GAUGE-GOLF	34.03	
UTILITY SERVICE	WTR TANK MAINT	9,820.32	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>122,963.72</b>	
<b>REQUISITION ORDERS</b>			
EXPRESS VPN - VIA CREDIT CARD	VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORK - 1 YR - INCL. 5 COMPUTERS	100.00	APPROX
JARROD ALLEN	CEMETERY TANK FLOAT INSTALLATION	1,210.00	ESTIMATE
<b>INTERNAL TRANSFERS</b>			
QUARTERLY TRANSFER	FR. GEN TO OTHER FUNDS	119,286.85	
TRANSFER FROM SVGS TO GOLF	REIMB FOR GOLF MAINT. BLDG ROOF	9,009.32	


Council Member Riggs made a motion to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Riggs, Leeling and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Council Members ABSENT: Kuhnel. Motion carried.

The June 22, 2021 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Minutes by:

  
 Jane Dailey  
 City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by:

  
 Connie J. Shell  
 Mayor