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CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES
JULY 9, 2021

Members of the City Council of the City of Crawford, Nebraska, met in a workshop session in the City Hall Council Chambers, 135 Elm Street, Crawford, Nebraska on the 9th day of July, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. The following individuals were present: Mayor Connie Shell, Council Member Ed Kuhnel, Council Member Ronnie Thompson, Council Member Susan Leeling and Council Member Zac Riggs. Absent: Attorney Adam Edmund.

Notice of the workshop 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 and by posting at three locations: City Hall, D & S Market and the US Post Office, as certified and 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 workshop. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened workshop was open to the attendance of the public.

Mayor Shell called the workshop to order and declared a quorum present at 5:30 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.

Budget worksheets were provided for the Garbage, Fire and Public Transportation funds.

Garbage fund: consensus was to attribute 2% of the Deputy Clerk's wages, payroll tax and retirement to the garbage fund. The 10-year Capital Improvement Plan for the garbage fund includes the possible replacement of the green dumpsters in years 3 and year 10, with the assistance of the NDEE WRR or LRR grants.

Fire fund: allowance was made for payment of the new warning siren in case it does not get finished until after October 1, 2021. A 3% increase in the contract with the Rural Fire District for fire and rescue services was scheduled, per the agreement; and \$1,000 for gravel. The 10-year Capital Improvement Plan only included the warning siren.

Public Transportation fund: NDOT uses a two-year budget cycle and it was completed and approved in March 2021. NDOT considers a five-year life cycle for public transportation vehicles. The 10-year Capital Improvement Plan includes possible replacement of public transportation vehicles in year 3, year 6 and year 8; and starting over with vehicle #1 in year 10. The Plan also includes a possible carport or garage for the three public transportation vehicles for which NDOT would likely reimburse 80%. USDA was also contacted about further financial assistance. Since the NDOT grant could also apply to remodeling, a suggestion was made to refurbish the Sheriff's Office complex to include bays. Another suggestion was to build a City complex west of the new Fire Hall that would house the public transportation vehicles and other City vehicles and equipment, possibly a new street shop and offices for law enforcement.

The next budget workshop is scheduled for July 16 at 5:30 pm. at City Hall.

The July 9, 2021 workshop of the City Council concluded at 6:39 p.m.

Minutes by: Jane Dailey
Jane Dailey
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by: Connie J. Shell
Connie J. Shell
Mayor