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CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES

JULY 23, 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 23rd day of July, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. The following individuals were present: Mayor Connie Shell, Council Member Ed Kuhnel (left workshop early), 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 Street, Cemetery, Park, Pool and Community Building funds.

Street fund: Council expressed interest in increasing Tim Schultz's wages to \$20 per hour and Jerry Lemmon's wages to \$16 per hour, which would include a cost-of-living adjustment; the backhoe will be due for service at a split of approximately \$1,000 each for water, wastewater, street, cemetery and park; Council expressed interest in extending the \$0.47 raise for each water and wastewater certification to be applied to that certified employees' wages in all departments; there was also Council interest in extending the \$0.47 raise to all certifications of any kind in any area.

Park fund: allowed for a possible \$40,000 grant; interest expressed in starting wage for seasonal park and cemetery workers to be \$10.50 per hour; about 50% of Jerry Lemmon's wages could be budgeted for park; to save fuel driving pickups, they would be interested in another golfcart if golf wants to get rid of any; will look into the cost of insuring all of the buildings in the park; would like to replace the door on the two-story garage building in the park; take another look at the lease with Chuck Mader to establish responsibility for spraying for weeds; equipment would include purchasing a weed-eater and air compressor.


Pool fund: pool manager Buffy Hourt-Allred was present to discuss plans and needs of the pool; she provided a spreadsheet of items, amounts and explanation of need – some items will be included when seeking grants; allowed for possible grant proceeds of \$50,000; interest expressed by the Council in increasing starting wages for lifeguards at \$9.50 per hour and increasing Buffy's wage to \$12 per hour next year; Buffy stated that six full-time guards and two part-time floaters would be nice so they could accommodate schedules; repairs to building may include doors; repairs to systems may include electrical work and the pool outlet bottom drain covers; grant will be sought for a pump and either paint or a liner for the pool.

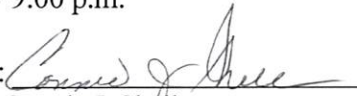
Community Building fund: brief discussion was held on using volunteers for custodial services, but may look at going out for bids for custodial services; supplies to allow for 6 new tables.

Cemetery fund: may need a pump for the water tank; allowing for \$15,000 for repairs-to-systems which may come from the CDARS; supplies may include paint for repainting the fence, sign posts and a hedge-trimmer.

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

The July 23, 2021 workshop of the City Council concluded at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Minutes by: 
Jane Dailey
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by: 
Connie J. Shell
Mayor