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## **CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 12, 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021, at 6:30 o'clock 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 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 Kuhnel made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2021 regular council meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Thompson, Leeling and Riggs. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Leeling made a motion to approve a commute agreement for any vehicle anytime for Tim Schultz and also for Gene Anderson as warranted at the Mayor's discretion. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Leeling, Thompson, Kuhnel and Riggs. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

The tractor that the Golf Board was interested in buying has sold to another buyer. The Board will be looking at other opportunities. It was stated that 21<sup>st</sup> Century in Gordon should be contacted for an estimate to re-haul the current tractor and look into one of their programs.

USDA will not be able to include the sewer line from D&S Market to NW Auto in the current project. It has been referred to the State Revolving Fund.

No action was taken on advertising for bids for the concrete work in front of Legend Buttes Health Services as it is not expected to exceed \$30,000.

The Sioux County Foundation has offered a challenge grant of \$5,000 to match \$5,000 for a total of \$10,000 for a pool lift and safety equipment for the pool. The Foundation also gave \$1,500 for BBQ grills at the city park and a \$3,000 matching grant for an electronic sign. It was thought to put the sign on the south side of the museum.

Council Member Riggs made a motion to approve advertising for bids to purchase a dump truck. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Riggs, Thompson, Kuhnel and Leeling. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

A list of surplus items was presented. A surplus sale will be scheduled in the spring. Items can still be added to the list.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-09 to declare as surplus the 1994 International dump truck. The motion was seconded by Council Member Riggs. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Riggs, Thompson and Leeling. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve open bids for the 1994 International dump truck at the November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 council meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Thompson, Leeling and Riggs. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

The City of Crawford thanked Christ Community Church for the donation of tables for the Cameco Pavilion at the City Park.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the building permits for Dwight Deaver for a modular home at 415 Beech Street and for Brian Miller for a fence at 608 Elm Street. The motion was seconded by Council Member Riggs. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Riggs, Thompson and Leeling. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Tim Kreider presented information on the City insurance. It increased 4.8% from last year, but many policies have had much higher increases. Rates have remained pretty consistent and the work comp mod factor is about .87 which is very good. The history of the annual safety dividend payments was also presented.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve adding the three park buildings south frame small garage, larger south frame storage building and the larger north frame storage building to the City insurance. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Thompson, Leeling and Riggs. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Justin Tollman presented information on the City health insurance plan from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska. Another option would be to not offer health insurance to employees and then they would qualify for insurance through the Marketplace, through an advanced tax credit plan. Looking at the closest plan, costs range from \$0 to \$320 per month. Currently, the BCBS plan has \$1,000 deductible and \$2,000 total out-of-pocket for the employee. Marketplace would be a \$1,400 deductible and out-of-pocket of \$7,500. Justin stated that the concern that Marketplace insurance was pool-based and may run out of money was not true. The City's BCBS cost for 5 employees will increase from \$4,438 to \$4,600 per month.

The City website is not functioning. The current host has not responded to many requests for assistance. Other avenues are being looked into – other web design and host companies that specialize in government websites. More information will be brought to the next council meeting.

Mayor Shell stated that about 30 nuisance letters have gone out and all but a couple of complied. We've come up with some leads on the location of some of the absentee property-owners.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to accept the resignation of Del Neidert as of October 22, 2021. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Leeling, Thompson and Riggs. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the current security pledges and the Security First Bank of Crawford and Rapid City, and the Homestead Bank (formerly known as FNB of Chadron) as the designated banks for the City of Crawford. The motion was seconded by Council Member Riggs. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Riggs, Thompson and Leeling. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve advertising for bids to purchase a generator for the water plant. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Thompson, Leeling and Riggs. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the change in ownership of the cemetery deed for Barry Tagart. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Thompson, Leeling and Riggs. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

The Water Loss Report for July through September showed a -3.47% loss, between water produced and water billed or consumed.

Council Member Leeling made a motion to approve Pay Application #4 for Paul Reed Construction for \$161,754.05. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Leeling, Kuhnel, Thompson and Riggs. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve CDBG drawdown #4 for the water project. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Leeling, Thompson and Riggs. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report included changes in assets and liabilities; the budget report was talked about at the last meeting when discussing the final quarterly transfers; the revenue chart showed an increase in revenue from the prior year and more than expected, which helped reduce the deficit in the fire and golf funds; the cash report listed the cash balance for all of the accounts; the savings account detail spreadsheet showed how much hail insurance money is still awaiting repairs and the status of the insurance money received for vehicles; a review of September claims was also available.

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

No action was taken on the roll-over or partial redemption of the CD or CDARS.

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

<b>SU=SUPPLIES; SE=SERVICE</b>	<b>*P=Payroll/payroll-related</b>	<b>*AOD=ach on delivery</b>	<b>*R=dept head resolution</b>
BARB MOODY RICHARDS	AIR FRESHENER-LIB		32.97
BARKER CONCRETE	SAND - GOLF		1,359.15
BAUERKEMPERS BEAVER VALLEY	PRK/CEM ULTRA GAL MIX		14.10
LOGISTICS	TRUCKING DELIVERY OF 1994 DUMP TRUCK		3,060.00

BRANDON SMITH	TRASH COLL	5,489.39	
CAPITAL GUARDIAN	PENSION 10-5-21	608.30	*P
CITY OF CRAWFORD	GARBAGE	143.50	
CUMMINS	SWR GENERATOR REPAIRS	648.40	
DAWES CO CLERK	FILING OF CEM.DEED	10.00	
DENNIS KROTZ	REIMB MEALS-TRAINING	20.75	
DIETRICH DISTRIB	RESALE LIQUOR	767.90	*AOD
EFTPS	FED/FICA 10/5/21	3,721.32	*P
ENVIRO SERVICE	SWR LAB FEES	117.00	
FISHER ROOFING	LIB ROOF	10,856.00	
FLORIDA SDU	CHILD SUPP FOR 10/19/21	37.38	
HAWKINS	CHLORINE CYL RENT	5.00	
HERREN BROS	SUPPLIES	591.08	
HIGH PLAINS BUD	RESALE BEER	29.50	*AOD
IPAYMENT	CRED CRD PROC	688.44	ACH
JR LIB GUILD	BOOKS	452.20	
KREIDER INS	ANNUAL CITY INSURANCE	92,127.00	
MICHAEL FREDERICK	LIB BKS	48.00	
MOBIUS	PHONE/FAX/INT	759.97	
NE CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT FOR 10/19/21	138.47	
NE CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT FOR FINAL PYCHK	138.47	
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	GOLF - SALES TAX	1,451.07	
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	SALES TAX - W/WW/GEN	4,250.54	
NET PAYROLL	10/5/2021	12,548.63	*P
NPPD	ELECT	8,044.62	
NW PIPE	COMP. UNION; CURB STOPS, CPLGS, TAPS, BUSHINGS, STIFFNER	958.46	
NW RURAL PUBLIC POWER	ELECT - WELLS	47.69	
ONE CALL	DIGGERS - QRTL	50.72	
PANHANDLE CLERKS ASSOC	ANNUAL DUES	40.00	
PETTY CASH	2013 DODGE SUPPLIES, REGISTRATION, BUS WASH	64.87	
PINE RIDGE SE	TIRE RE, MOWER FUEL, SUPPLIES, DIESEL	477.23	
REGINA RANKIN	ANIMAL SHELTER	250.00	
SECURITY FIRST	MTHLY ACH FEE	7.80	ACH
SECURITY FIRST	WIRE FEE - WTR BOND INTEREST	7.00	ACH
SECURITY FIRST	WIRE FEE - WTR BOND PRINCIPAL	7.00	ACH
SECURITY FIRST	GOLF CREDIT LINE PYMT	7,458.14	
SECURITY FIRST	BACKHOE LOAN	10,203.16	

SKAVDAHL, EDMUND	LEGAL FEES/MILE REIMB	1,110.48
STOTZ EQUIP	CPLG, FILTER ELEMENT, BUSHING	110.87
SWANN	LANDFILL	8,252.11
US POST	POSTAGE	181.46 *R
UTILITY SE	WTR TANK MAINT	9,820.32
VERIZON	CELL PHONES	423.61
WESTCO	FUEL/BULK	1,285.01
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>187,522.96</b>


**INTERNAL TRANSFERS**


WTR CASH TO WTR SVGS	RTS REVENUE	2,918.73
SWR CASH TO SWR SVGS	FOR DEC SWR BOND PYMT	11,702.73
GEN TO OTHER FUNDS	FINAL QUARTERLY XFER	169,622.41
GEN CASH TO GEN SVGS	MTHLY XFER TO SVGS - INS. PYMT	7,677.25
CDBG TO WTR/SWR CHKG	XFER CDBG DRAWDOWN #3 TO CHKG	55,635.34

A townhall gathering will be held regarding the Ponderosa Villa at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Building on October 19, 2021. Ralene Suchor spoke on the amount of money spent on agency help, with RN wages going over \$100 per hour. If the Villa could get six more CNAs to work, it would really help. The Villa has one CD, \$100,000 line of credit, a census of 23 and 10 in assisted-living, including four private pay and the rest Medicaid.

Council Member Leeling made a motion to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Leeling, Kuhnel, Thompson and Riggs. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

The October 12, 2021 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Minutes by:   
Jane Dailey  
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by:   
Connie J. Shell  
Mayor