

# CITY OF CRAWFORD

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## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

### OCTOBER 26, 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021, at 6:30 o'clock p.m. The following individuals were present: Attorney Adam Edmund, Council Member Ed Kuhnel, Council Member Ronnie Thompson, Council Member Susan Leeling and Council Member Zac Riggs. Absent: Mayor Connie Shell.

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.

Council President Leeling 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 October 12, 2021 regular council meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Riggs. The following Council Members voted AYE: Thompson, Riggs, Kuhnel and Leeling. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

#### Board Reports:

**Golf:** will meet October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall

**Ponderosa Villa:** need help with employees, LPNs, CNAs. Zac Riggs, council liaison for the Villa Board, reported that the Villa said they are charged \$20 for a ride to Chadron on the public transportation bus, while other citizens pay \$5.00. Clerk Dailey clarified that the round trip to Chadron is a total of \$20, but the fare is split between the riders, so if, for example, four people are going on the trip, it would cost them \$5.00 each (down to a certain minimum). If only one person is going, it would cost that person \$20. Everyone is treated the same. The Villa has also asked about a waiver or some level of assistance with their water bill, which can be discussed at a future time if desired.

**Hospital:** good results on their audit, including for being pro-active in their treatment of Covid, have improved equipment, the ER remodel is progressing, are updating areas of the hospital, staff is updating trainings; emphasis on community areas of support, developing a sliding fee schedule.

**SWANN:** will meet on November 18.

Gale Henry addressed the Council about when and how to settle the water problem at his property on Fremont Street. He was served papers and it went to court. The City has not enforced the judgement yet. Attorney Edmund had concerns about the property being charged for 2 lots in the beginning, but explained that if the water line going by is serviceable, it is subject to the Ready-to-Serve charge. Discussion included past problems with the property including fire damage, turning on the water for "squatters", not having sewer and run-off drainage from the highway. Attorney Edmund will consider the number of lots charged and will

let the City know when ready to enforce the judgement and payment. Gale Henry also presented a paper from someone else complaining about the parking on Second Street and wanting to eliminate livestock cattle trucks from driving on Second Street. Mr. Henry stated that we need to support and keep the sale barn. Consensus of the Council was in agreement, intending to keep Second Street as it is.

Bids were presented for the sidewalk, curb and gutter work in front of Legend Buttes Health Services. Chadron Restoration: \$26,867. Paul Reed Construction: \$21,569. Fuller Construction: \$30,000.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to accept the bid from Paul Reed Construction for \$21, 569. The motion was seconded by Council Member Riggs. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Riggs, Leeling and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Chadron Community Hospital will be asked to help pay for half of the sidewalk, curb and gutter work. The CDARS at Security First Bank will be maturing November 4, 2021. Discussion was held on how much, if any, to withhold before reinvesting the remainder of it. It was also suggested to use magnesium chloride on the dirt streets in town.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve to redeem \$21,569 from the Hospital CDARS and \$6,778.75 from the Fire CDARS. 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 received proposals from web design companies that service governmental organizations, which included CivicPlus and Revize. CivicPlus had a start-up and 1<sup>st</sup> year of \$7,500, and \$1,900 annually after that. Revize had a start-up and 1<sup>st</sup> year of \$1,450 and \$1,200 annually after that. The plans include backups, security, updates and support.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve an agreement with Revize for the city website. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Leeling and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: Riggs. Motion carried.

The Vendor Agreement between the City of Crawford and DHHS for the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) would have the potential to assist with customer's water and sewer bill. DHHS works directly with the customer, DHHS makes the determination who will qualify and DHHS issues the payment to the City. This only applies to water and sewer, not trash, electric or gas bills.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the Vendor Agreement between the City of Crawford and DHHS for the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP). The motion was seconded by Council Member Riggs. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Riggs, Leeling and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve bills and claims, including the drawdown on the interim loan. 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.

AFLAC	HEALTH INS SUPP	960.48
BAKER & ASSOC	WTR PROJECT FEES	19,764.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	HEAT	355.55
BCBS	HEALTH INS	4,438.20
BOMGAAR'S	GOLF SU	80.46
CAPITAL GUARDIAN	PENSION	583.56

CENTURY BUS PROD	COPIER MAINT	98.94
CRAWF PUB SCHOOLS	LIQ LIC FEES	2,225.00
CRAWF RURAL FIRE	FIRE/RESCUE	7,868.34
DAWES CO TREAS	LAW ENF	17,266.00
DIRECT TV	GOLF TV	153.99
EAGLE COMM	ADS-GOLF	125.00
EFTPS	PAYROLL TAX	3,569.49
ENVIRO SE	LAB FEES	40.00
FLORIDA SDU	CHILD SUPP	37.38
GREG BRUENING	DUMP TRK DELIVERY	3,000.00
LL JOHNSON	GOLF - HOSE	226.57
MANNA	BKUP/ANTIVIRUS	30.00
NE DEPT OF AG	PET LIC FEES	97.60
NE DEPT OF REV	SALES TAX-PARK	125.52
NE DEPT OF REV	PAYROLL TAX	960.81
NE PUB HEALTH LAB	LAB FEES	19.00
NE TOTAL OFFICE	OFF SU	93.48
NERWA	TRAINING CONF	250.00
NET PAYROLL	10/19/2021	12,323.38
NMC	RENTAL OF LIFT TRUCK	1,015.00
NMCA	DUES	70.00
NW AUTO	BUS RE	2,155.53
PAUL REED CONSTR	WTR PROJECT	161,754.05
PETTY CASH	GOLF /SU	172.22
PETTY CASH	TITLE, CEM DEED, POSTAGE	45.30
US POST	PRESORT PERMIT	265.00
VERIZON	CELL PHONES	445.23
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>240,615.08</b>
<b>INTERNAL TRANSFERS</b>		
GEN TO PUB TR	LOCAL FUNDS MATCH	2,500.00
SVGS TO CHKG	REIMB LIB ROOF RE	9,083.23
CDBG TO W/WW	WTR/SWR PROJECT	2,457.46
INTERIM LOAN TO CHKG	WTR/SWR PROJECT	200,000.00 max.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. 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 October 26, 2021 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

10/26/2021 Minutes by: Jane Dailey  
Jane Dailey  
City Clerk/Treasurer

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