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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 23, 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 23rd day of November, 2021, at 6:30 o'clock p.m. The following individuals were present: Mayor Connie Shell, Attorney Adam Edmund, Council Member Ed Kuhnel, Council Member Ronnie Thompson, Council Member Susan Leeling and Council Member Zac Riggs. Absent: none.

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 Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2021 regular council meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Thompson, Kuhnel, Leeling and Riggs. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Board Reports:

Golf: everything is shut down for the winter; asked for a bonus for Fred Kruse; looking at two web-sales companies: Teesnap and foreUP; the committee to purchase a tractor for up to \$25,000 will be Dawson Moody, John Skavdahl and Kelli Haynes.

Ponderosa Villa: 20 in nursing home, 10 in assisted-living which are occupancy rates of 57% and 61%; still needing 3 full-time RNs or LPNs, 3 full-time CNAs, 1 part-time CNA and 1 full-time MA; talking about if the City could help with some of their expenses with Keno or anything.

Hospital: meet 29th

SWANN: 1,244 tons to the landfill in September; 1,245 tons to the landfill in October; expenses are below expected.

NNDC: CDBG has \$34,386 to loan; USDA RBEG has \$107,771 to loan; USDA IRP has \$27,435 to loan.

Chamber of Commerce: cattle call pens were down but the vendors did well; Chamber will be having a raffle for beef to be drawn on Saturday after the lights parade, with ½ going to Mr. Fireworks and ½ for the electronic sign.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the purchase of the engine for the 2006 Chevy, estimated at \$2,800 for the motor and \$1,737.20 for the labor. 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 Leeling made a motion to approve the purchase of the SCADA Control System for the wastewater plant, estimated at \$18,635. 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 hearing for the One & Six Year Street Improvement Plan opened at 6:44 p.m.

Brendan Lilley presented the Annual Street Report financials. He stated that the main thing is to spend at least 25% over and above the amount of Highway Allocation received. Projects consist of maintenance, including curb and gutter; the park bridge also remains on the radar. Brendan and Toney Krajewski looked at the bridge. The southeast corner looks bad – would be nice to get a replacement done, or look at repair; steel bridge estimated at \$150,000. If we look at a storm sewer project down the road, we can add it to the One & Six Year Plan.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to accept the Annual Street Financial Report. 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 close the hearing for the One & Six Year Street Improvement Plan at 6:52 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.

Mayor Shell read Resolution 2021-14 for the One & Six Year Street Improvement Plan.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-14 for the One & Six Year Street Improvement Plan. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Leeling, Riggs and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the building permit for a fence at 214 Pine Street for Creighton and April Grant. 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.

Update on the electronic sign: Mayor Shell encouraged people to continue to think about it. Consensus was to also check with Cozad out of Gering. Information will be presented at the December 14th Council meeting if possible.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve a Special Designated Liquor License for Appreciation Night at the Crawford Fire Hall on January 8, 2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Thompson, Riggs and Leeling. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to accept the resignation of Wallace Goff from the Ponderosa Villa Board. 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 Riggs made a motion to approve the appointment of Kristina Mader to the Ponderosa Villa Board. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Riggs, Leeling, Thompson and Kuhnel. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the attendance of Eugene Anderson and Dennis Krotz at the backflow continuing education class in Mitchell, NE on December 7, 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 hire of Frank Richardson for snow removal. 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 renewal of the City Maintenance Agreement between the City of Crawford and NDOT for highway snow removal. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Leeling, Riggs and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Leeling made a motion to approve bills and claims. 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.

*Denotes Payment Issued
P = Payroll/Payroll-Related


AFLAC	HEALTH INS SUPPLEMENT	960.48	
BAKER & ASSOC	WTR PROJECT REP/PROF FEES	14,063.18	
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	HEAT UTILITY	870.24	
BCBS	HEALTH INS	4,438.20	
BCBS	HEALTH INS NEW POLICY ADDED	162.42	
CAPITAL GUARDIAN	PENSION	590.96	*P
CRAWFORD CLIPPER	ADS/PUBS	270.64	
CRAWFORD RURAL FIRE	FIRE/RESCUE	7,868.34	
DAWES CO TREAS	LAW ENF	17,266.00	
DEARBORN INS	EMPLOYEE LIFE INS BENEFIT	495.00	
EFTPS	PAYROLL TAX	3,038.68	*P
ENVIRO SERVICE	WTR LAB FEES	40.00	
FLORIDA SDU	CHILD SUPP	37.38	
GWORCS	W2S/1099S	187.35	
KREIDER INS	DUMP TRUCK/2013 DODGE/PARK BLDGS	2,449.00	
MOBIUS	PHONE/FAX/INT - LIB	202.74	
MUNICIPAL AUTOMATION	SEWER PLANT SCADA SYSTEM	18,635.00	est.
MURPHY TRACTOR	BACKHOE CUTTING EDGES/BOLTS	261.58	
NDEE FISCAL SERVICES	SEWER BOND	79,005.24	
NE DEE	WATER LICENSE PRO-RATED	28.75	
NE DOT	SNOW REMOVAL AGREEMENT	2,487.10	
NERWA	TRAINING -W/WW	150.00	
NET PAYROLL	11/16/2021	10,343.02	*P
NW PIPE FITTING	VALVES/CURB BOXES	555.20	
PETTY CASH	SUPPLIES/OFFICE SUPPLIES/POSTAGE/ VAN WASH	193.62	


QUILL	LIB - CALC. RIBBON, USBs, CALENDARS	64.15
SECURITY FIRST BANK	INTERIM LOAN INTEREST (WTR PROJECT)	473.95
TOTAL		165,138.22
INTERNAL TRANSFERS		
SVGS TO CHECKING	TO REIMB FOR SEWER BOND PYMT	79,005.24

Council Member Thompson spoke on a matter not on the agenda, regarding expressing thank-yous to Christ Community Church for the gifts of chairs at the community building and tables at the pavilion.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. 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 November 23, 2021 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Minutes by: 
Jane Dailey
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by: 
Connie J. Shell
Mayor