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**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 25, 2022**

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 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022, at 5:30 o'clock p.m. The following individuals were present: Mayor Connie Shell, Attorney Adam Edmund, Council Member Ed Kuhnel, Council Member Ronnie Thompson and Council Member Susan Leeling. Absent: Council Member Zac Riggs.

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 and by posting in three public places as shown by the Certificate of Posting available at 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 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.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2022 regular council meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Leeling and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Council Members ABSENT: Riggs. Motion carried.

**Board Reports:**

Golf: attendance seemed down this year at the Whitney Dock Club. Bidding, which was approved previously, is for the purchase of a tractor in Hiawatha, Kansas.

Ponderosa Villa: will have a special meeting on February 1. There are 25 in the nursing home and 9 in assisted-living. Some private-pays are not paying. Medicaid will increase \$20 from January through June. Hospital: meets January 31.

SWANN: the reorganization of directors remained the same. They've changed health insurance to United Health Care. Tire amnesty will probably be the first weekend in June and will probably be in Chadron.

Water Report and Water Loss Report: there was only one question on the reports, from Council Member Leeling, who has heard from some people that they are billed for thousands of gallons they don't think they could have used. Deputy Clerk Dean explained that when those cases are brought to her attention, she will have the meters re-read, ask the customer questions about sprinkler systems, water softeners, running toilets, etc. Clerk Dailey also stated that there is a high consumption report that prints out after billing that can alert us to customers' unusually high consumption so we can be pro-active about the matter. Council Member Thompson asked Dean about figuring out the issue at 909 Fifth Street and Dean thought the customer figured that out.

Mayor Shell will call Aulick about when a dump-truck will be ready to view. USDA should be able to assist if and when more federal money comes in. Council Member Leeling questioned why we were looking at one dump-truck for \$43,000 when she had bid on three for \$31,000 and the City could pay for the employees to get their CDLs.

CARES Act funding will cover 100% of a marketing electronic sign for public transportation. The sign is planned to be installed on the front side of City Hall. Three quotes will be submitted to NDOT.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve applying for CARES Act funds for an electronic sign for Public Transportation. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Thompson and Leeling. Council Members voted NAY: None. Council Members ABSENT: Riggs. Motion carried.

The Proclamation that designates March 2022 as Problem-Gambling Awareness Month was read by Mayor Shell.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to reappoint Rhonda Schoenemann for a 2022-2027 term on the Villa Board, to reappoint Dave Thomas and Lori Beaver for 2022-2025 terms on the Planning Commission and to appoint Council Member Leeling as the alternate representative to the SWANN Board. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Thompson and Leeling. Council Members voted NAY: None. Council Members ABSENT: Riggs. Motion carried.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to approve the cemetery deed to Roger Hughes. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Thompson, Kuhnel and Leeling. Council Members voted NAY: None. Council Members ABSENT: Riggs. Motion carried.

Regarding the matter of a service plan for the City vehicles: Council Member Thompson has talked to Jamie Rivera-Haas at Pine Ridge Service Center. It would be about \$50 - \$62 for an oil change and points, etc. Some comments were received from the public that it sounds like the City doesn't trust the employees to do it themselves; the State and County do their own; sounds like a personnel problem; Council Member Thompson said he'd talked to George Serres and he used to have a friend come down and do a lot of oil changes. It was also mentioned that the City is not equipped to do certain things, like rotating tires. The City will also check with Charlie's to see if he is interested in the work, or sharing work between the two service stations.

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 and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Council Members ABSENT: Riggs. Motion carried.

P = Payroll/Payroll-Related

AFLAC	HEALTH INS SUPPLEMENT	1,030.24	*p
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	HEAT UTILITY	2,010.05	
BCBS	HEALTH INS	4,600.62	
BIG IRON AUCTION	GOLF TRACTOR	27,000.00	Final Bid
CAPITAL GUARDIAN	PENSION	531.78	*p
CARDMEMBER SERVICES	LIB BK CREDIT/SDL FOR DOCK/CONFERENCE	123.33	
CRAWFORD RURAL FIRE	FIRE/RESCUE	7,868.34	
DAWES CO CLERK	FILE CEM DEED - HUGHES	10.00	
DAWES CO TREAS	LAW ENF	17,266.00	

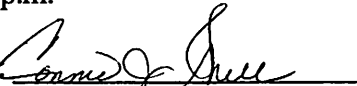
EFTPS	PAYROLL TAX 1/25/22	2,726.11	*p
ENVIRO SERVICE	WTR LAB FEES	50.00	
FLORIDA SDU	CHILD SUPP	37.38	
GOLDSTAR	SEWER SOLVENT	423.02	
HAWKINS	WTR CHLORINE/ALUM	998.19	
HERITAGE SEED	SALT	54.75	
JANE DAILEY	REIMB. PLANNING CONFERENCE MILEAGE, ETC	115.83	
NDEE	WW LICENSE RENEWAL	150.00	
NE DEPT OF REV	STATE PAYROLL TAX	776.10	
NE PUB HEALTH LAB	WTR LAB FEES	82.00	
NET PAYROLL	1/25/2022	9,334.94	*p
NMC	POWER SUPPLY/CORD/INSTALL GENERATOR	1,865.00	
NW PIPE FITTING	HYDRANT& VALVE BOX EXTENSIONS	886.56	
PANHANDLE PARTNERSHIP	PLANNING CONFERENCE	140.00	
PETTY CASH	CASH DRAWER FOR WHIT.DOCK EVENT; SUPPLIES	800.00	
PETTY CASH	POSTAGE/SU/VAN WASH	94.16	
STURDEVANT'S	OIL FILTER/BUNGEES/WIPES	48.55	
SUBSURFACE SOLUTIONS	LINE LOCATER	4,253.43	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>83,276.38</b>	

Mayor Shell announced that there will be a Special Council Meeting on February 2, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Building regarding Ponderosa Villa.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to adjourn at 5:56 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Leeling and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Council Members ABSENT: Riggs. Motion carried.

The January 25, 2022 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Minutes by:   
Jane Dailey  
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by:   
Connie J. Shell  
Mayor