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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 8, 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 8th day of March, 2022, at 5:30 o'clock p.m. The following individuals were present: Mayor Connie Shell, Attorney Adam Edmund (call-in), 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 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 February 22, 2022 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.

Ponderosa Villa report: Rhonda Schoenemann reported that they are still advertising for an administrator. Three candidates are scheduled for a second interview. They would like to bring them here to meet the Mayor and talk about Crawford. The provisional administrator is Stacie Jones. The current one is scheduled to leave on March 15th, but if needed, can run under the current license for a while. Repairs to the fire suppression system is quoted at \$7,553. It was suggested to ask if they will agree to take payments, but it needs to get done.

Council Member Riggs made a motion to approve an agreement with Nebraska Interactive (formerly known as Payport with Nebraska.gov. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Riggs, Leeling, Kuhnel and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

David Albrecht presented the Council with a letter about blight in Crawford. He would like to take the Council and Mayor on a field trip to the front door to look across the street, look at the alley between Security First Bank and City Hall with pot-holes that fill with water; look out the back door behind the parking lot at Hazel Reinmuth's barn. Attorney Edmund stated that the pot-hole is a matter of street construction, not blight; there are abandoned vehicle issues and dangerous buildings around town; the health board could look at some things; took one to court, fined, sat it out in jail, still did not clean it up; the City can abate if the City has the funds to do that. Other comments included: people have property rights, can't just do what we want; there are definitely some nuisance properties; after the snow is gone, we can address it

again; there is an economic issue as some people don't have the funds and neither does the City; the City and law enforcement can cite people and take them to court, but the fines are only good for the school system, not the City. Council Member Leeling asked if Hazel's barn was really hurting anything, it's not falling down – discussed property rights. The address of the owner of the trailer on Main Street will be forwarded to Attorney Edmund. Letters get sent, sometimes car haulers can't help because they need clear titles to the cars. The taped windows in the building across the street from City Hall were mentioned – broken or missing windows need to be dangerous and then we can require that they be boarded up. Mr. Albrecht mentioned being in the face of Espinoza's that own the building next to the bowling alley, while they drive a \$60,000 vehicle – which was stated to be irrelevant. Mr. Albrecht reiterated that his main point is that the City does not have a method to address blight or pot-holes. Rhonda Schoenemann stated that people in this area are very limited on funding.

The carport at NW Auto, Paint & Towing will be completely enclosed, has already been mostly built and is in the downtown commercial district.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to approve the zoning permit for April Grant for a carport at 2nd & Pine (NW Auto, Paint & Towing). 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.

Michelle Haynes and Amanda Vogel were applicants brought forward for the Clubhouse Manager position. It was stated that Rhonda Pelton and Dawson Moody were recommending Amanda Vogel.

Council Member Leeling made a motion to approve Amanda Vogel for Clubhouse Manager at \$12.00 per hour, to start on March 22. 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.

Council Member Leeling made a motion to approve an offer of a fossil-hunting lease for World Fossil-Finder Museum for \$1,100 with the \$500 clause (as was originally included). 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.

Council Member Leeling made a motion to approve the Amendment to Owner-Engineer Agreement with Baker & Associates, Inc. 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 Thompson made a motion to approve a monthly test for the tornado siren on the first Mondays of the month at 6:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Thompson, Leeling, Kuhnel and Riggs. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Leeling made a motion to approve Pay Application #8 for Paul Reed Construction for \$78,233.54. 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.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the CDBG drawdown #7, estimated to be \$24,599.91. 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.

Discussion was held on street maintenance, repairs and millings. The city would like to request millings from the upcoming project between the City of Crawford and Fort Robinson, but the project may be postponed. The City would prefer fresh millings, with the intent to use them in areas including the City

Park, First & Second Street towards the sale-barn, possibly in the alley next to City Hall, putting it down 3-4 inches thick. Mayor Shell will look into the millings and report back.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the attendance of up to \$100 for anyone that wants to participate in the Virtual Nebraska Planning and Zoning Association Workshop on March 18, 2022. 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 Riggs made a motion to approve enrolling in the Single Bank Pooled Collateral Program to secure bank deposits in excess of FDIC coverage. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Riggs, Leeling, Kuhnel and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

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.

*Denotes Payment Issued

ACH = automatic bank withdrawal; P = Payroll/Payroll-Related; R = Dept Head/Resolution

SU=SUPPLIES; SE=SERVICE; RE=REPAIRS

ACTION COMM	WARNING SIREN/INSTALL	46,782.01	
BAKER & ASSOC	WTR PROJ	14,500.25	
BRANDON SMITH	TRASH COLL	5,330.34	
CAPITAL GUARDIAN	PENSION	504.76	*p
CHADRAD	JOB ADS	160.00	
CHARLIES GARAGE	OIL CHG	68.44	
CITY OF CRAWFORD	GARBAGE	112.75	
CITY OF CRAWFORD	UB DEP TO ACCT	133.46	
TOBY ANDERSON	UB DEP BALANCE	64.44	
CRAWFORD CLIPPER	ADS/PUBS	437.56	
EFTPS	FED/FICA	2,642.03	*p
ENVIRO SERVICE	LAB FEES	219.00	
FIRE AND ICE	HVAC - C.BLDG	201.59	
FLORIDA SDU	CHILD SUPP	37.38	
HAWKINS	CYL RENT	5.00	
HENCY PLUMBING	C.BLDG RE	322.10	
HERREN BROS	SU	860.24	
JARROD ALLEN	GENERATOR PWR SUPPLY	1,100.95	
LAWSON PROD	DRILL BITS	149.95	
MIDWEST FARM	MOWER TIRE/RIM	343.01	
MOBIUS	PHONE/FAX/INT	739.38	
MURPHY TRACTOR	MODEMS/INSTALL	2,025.12	
NE DEPT OF REV	SALES TAX	2,050.55	

NE TOTAL OFFICE	INK	79.30	
NEBRASKA LIFE	LIB PUB	25.00	
NET PAYROLL	3/8/22	9,242.81	*P
NPPD	ELECT	5,245.45	
NW RURAL PPD	ELECT	209.89	
PAUL REED CONSTR	WTR PROJ	78,233.54	
PETTY CASH	POSTAGE/CAR WASH	43.94	
PINE RIDGE SE	SU/RE/FUEL	926.66	
REGINA RANKIN	ANIMAL SHELTER	250.00	
SECURITY FIRST	ACH FEE	8.80	ACH
SKAVDAHL, EDMUND	LEGAL FEES/MILEAGE	1,193.18	
SKEETERS NAPA	AIR FILITER / WIPERS	69.44	
SWANN	LANDFILL	8,047.10	
US POST	POSTAGE	176.87	*R
VERIZON	CELL PHONES	400.72	
WESTCO	FUEL/TANK RENT/PROPANE	2246.74	
TOTAL		185,189.75	

INTERNAL TRANSFERS

TO WTR SVGS	RTS	4,328.04	
TO SWR SVGS	JUNE BOND	12,437.34	
TO GEN SVGS	OCT INS	7,677.25	
CDBG TO W/WW	REIMB CHKG	24,599.91	EST

REQUISITION ORDER

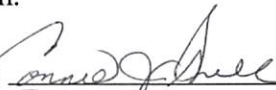
NMC	VOLTAGE REG/ INSTALL	2,275.00	
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Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve Change Order #3 for the sanitary sewer project (NW Auto to D&S Market) for \$108,704.55. The motion was seconded by Council Member Riggs. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Riggs, Thompson and Leeling. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Leeling made a motion to adjourn at 6:22 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 March 8, 2022 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Minutes by: 
Jane Dailey
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by: 
Connie J. Shell
Mayor