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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MAY 24TH, 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 24th day of May, 2022, 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 Kuhnel made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 10, 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.

Jim Gardner of Gardner, Loutzenhiser and Ryan, P.C. presented the financial audit for the Fiscal Year Ending 2021. The audit was considered delinquent since it had to wait until the Ponderosa Villa audit was completed. The State has started the new statutory penalty for late filing, but since it was not under our control, the penalty was waived. Highway Allocation had been suspended, but will resume now that the audit has been filed. Only a few firms conduct health care and government audits. Two things are common: with such a small staff, there is always a lack of segregation of duties, so the Mayor and Council need to be prudent about reviewing things – and the City does not prepare its own official financial statements. The regular pooled cash was cleaned up in the general fund; Golf decreased from -\$230,000 to -\$189,000; without the roof repair expenses, golf would have done okay – the City needs to continue to address the golf deficit. The ARPA money can be used as lost revenue and can now be spent on anything, including streets. The City will just need to identify what it is being spent on.

Reports:

Ponderosa Villa: 28 in the nursing home; 5 in assisted-living; looking for an administrator; debt is down to \$43,000; the big debts have been paid in full; the bank is still waiting on the land evaluation.

Golf: course looks good; Kelli is on medical leave; recruiting help with the mowing; are getting \$1,200 of free ads in exchange for golfing.

Park: pool will open May 28; Snell Services tended to the boiler; we need to think about saving up for a new boiler. Park Board will meet at 8 a.m. on 6/6/22.

Rodeo: will start meeting soon. July 1st is Junior Fun Day; the PRCA Rodeo will be on the 3rd and 4th at 8 pm; there will be fireworks following the rodeo on July 4th.

Hospital: meeting was canceled; will meet in June.

SWANN: compactor went down, but they worked on it; July 1st the roll-off price will increase to \$295/day; no increase on the other rates.

NNDC: CDBG has \$147,599. IRP has \$62,778. RBEG is through another program now.

The Treasurer's Report included an update on the water project funding. In addition to the interim loan increase, the Ready-to-Serve money in savings may also need to be used while waiting on loan and grant funding. Public Transportation had 630 boardings in April. The State is projecting \$30,000 less Municipal Equalization Funds for Crawford next fiscal year, most likely due to a decrease in population. Reports were presented: Treasurer's Report, Budget Report, a detailed breakdown of the savings account, a charted comparison of this year and last year's revenues, budgeted versus actual revenues and a review of April's claims.

Council Member Leeling made a motion to accept the resignation of Jerry Lemmon. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Leeling and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: Kuhnel and Riggs. Mayor Shell: AYE. Motion carried.

No action was taken on advertising for a full-time employee.

Council Member Riggs made a motion to approve the hire of Billy Broyles as a seasonal employee, starting at \$10 per hour on Tuesday, May 31st. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Riggs, Kuhnel, Leeling and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

No action was taken on the NE Association of Transportation Providers workshop as there was not an interest in attending this year.

Council Member Riggs made a motion to approve the surplus auction to be held on July 15, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at the balloon building. 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 the Special Designated Liquor License for July 1 – July 4, 2022 for the Rodeos and July 4th activities. 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 the date of June 14, 202 for a conditional use hearing for an in-home daycare business at 709 Second Street, Crawford, NE. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Riggs, Kuhnel, Thompson and Leeling. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the cemetery quit-claim deed to Mike Reynoldson. 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 Treasurer's 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 approve bills, claims and requisition orders. 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.

*Denotes Payment Issued


AOD = ACH on delivery; P = Payroll/Payroll-Related

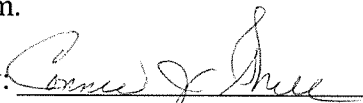
AFLAC	HEALTH INS	888.67	
ARROWHEAD	RESALE BEER/ALC	249.90	
BAUERKEMPER'S	WEED-EATERS X 2	735.00	
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	HEAT	809.47	
BOMGAAR'S	HYD FLUID, SHOP TWLS, SPRAYER	116.97	
CAPITAL GUARDIAN	PENSION	655.46	*P
CARDMEMBER SE	CONF; LIB BKS; TRAINING LODGING; COMP. INK	857.87	
CITY OF CHADRON	SEWER JET RENTAL/LABOR	349.40	
CITY OF GERING	SEWER JET RENTAL/LABOR	556.60	
COCA-COLA	GOLF RESALE	17.83	
CRAWFORD RURAL FIRE	FIRE/RESCUE	7,868.34	
CUMMINS	GENERATOR SE	931.32	
DAVE SWANSON	MOWER RE	105.00	
DAWES CO CLERK	FILE CEM DEED	10.00	
DAWES CO TREAS	LAW ENF	17,266.00	
DEARBORN INS	EMPLOYEE LIFE INS	505.50	
DIETRICH	GOLF RESALE BEER	274.60	*AOD
EFTPS	PAYROLL TAX	4,047.65	*P
ENVIRO SE	WTR/SWR LAB FEES	306.00	
FISHER ROOFING	MUSEUM ROOF	26,481.00	
HAWKINS	WTR & POOL SU	1,738.26	
HIGH PLAINS BUD	RESALE BEER	273.05	*AOD
HIGH PLAINS BUD	RESALE BEER	10.75	
HIGH PLAINS BUD	RESALE BEER	29.30	
HIGH PLAINS BUD	RESALE BEER	114.25	
JOHNSON BROS	GOLF RESALE ALC	584.00	
KREIDER INS	GOLF TRACTOR	201.00	
LL JOHNSON	GOLF SU	280.12	
NDEE FISCAL SE	SEWER BOND	74,624.09	
NE LIQUOR CNTRL	SDL	165.73	
NET PAYROLL	5/17/2022	13,893.06	*P
NW PIPE	WTR SU	923.20	
PETTY CASH	GLF TIP-OUT	4.26	

REPUBLIC NTL	RESALE ALC	79.80	
SECURITY FIRST BK	INTERIM LOAN INT	6,380.10	
SECURITY FIRST BK	NSF FEE	3.00	
SOUTHERN GLAZERS	RESALE ALC	618.00	
TOTAL		162,954.55	
HEARTLAND	GOLF CREDIT CARD FEES TAKEN OUT OF APRIL DEPOSITS	394.58	
REQUISITION ORDERS			
BCBS	HEALTH INS	4,600.62	USUAL
US POST	MTHLY UTILITY BILL POSTAGE	175-185	RANGE
INTERNAL TRANSFERS			
SVGS TO CHKG	REIMB SWR BOND PYMT	74,624.09	
GEN TO PUB TR	XFER LOCAL FUNDS, PER NDOT REQUEST	2,000.00	ONLY IF NEEDED
INTERIM LOAN TO CHKG	REIMB FOR WTR PROJECT	200,000.00	MAX
SVGS TO CHKG	REIMB MUSEUM ROOF	26,481.00	

Council Member Riggs made a motion to adjourn at 7:14 p.m. 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.

The May 24, 2022 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Minutes by: 
Jane Dailey
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by: 
Connie J. Shell
Mayor