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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 26TH, 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 26th day of July, 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 Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2022 regular council meeting and the July 21, 2022 budget workshop. 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:

Ponderosa Villa: 25 in nursing home and two referrals; 6 in assisted-living and one referral.

Golf: worked on their budget at the last meeting.

Park: next meeting is Aug. 2nd at 8 a.m.

Hospital: financials are good; covid is back; are getting new masks with respirators for the staff and doctors.

SWANN: at \$56,651 at the end of May; made \$74,604 in June.

No other reports.

The Delinquent Utility Account Report showed that the regular, active accounts are in pretty good shape. The problem is in the Ready-to-Serve accounts. The City still needs to find the best, most expedient way to enforce payment. Some cities use collection agencies, but some money is lost to their fees. Attorney Edmund felt that liens are less effective than court judgments. He will work with the City on determining the feasibility of which cases to go back to court.

Regarding using the 560 acres north of Crawford as collateral instead of the Ponderosa Villa's CDs, Jennifer Barry from Security First Bank stated that the properties have a valuation of \$319,000 which is plenty to cover as collateral for the Ponderosa Villa. Then both of their CDs would still be in place. The line of credit gets paid to \$0 each month. The Villa Board would approve cashing the CDs in if/when needed. This

avenue keeps the Ponderosa Villa building out of play. Stacie Jones stated that there are still some issues with Medicare payments being received promptly

Council Member Riggs made a motion to approve the Substitution of Collateral to replace the CDs with the land north of Crawford. 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 to pay for the street sweeper out of the checking account for now, then using savings and surplus sale proceeds if needed. 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 Riggs made a motion to approve a wage increase to \$16.50 per hour for Kelli Haynes effective August 1. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Riggs, Leeling and Kuhnel. Council Members voted NAY: Thompson. Motion carried.

Council Member Riggs made a motion to approve the renewal of the lease between the City of Crawford and Rhonda's New Waves. 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 a Keno license for Doug and Sandy Budd dba Diamond Jack's Corner Bar as a Keno outlet. 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 Kuhnel made a motion to approve the rehire of Tommy Goddard as a seasonal employee. 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 Leeling made a motion to approve Change Order #4 for Paul Reed Construction to include final as-constructed bid quantities and to modify contract time. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Leeling, Kuhnel, Riggs and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Leeling made a motion to approve Pay App #11 for Paul Reed Construction for \$169,806.30. 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 Leeling made a motion to approve Pay App #12 for Paul Reed Construction for \$2,686.35. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Leeling, Kuhnel, Riggs and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Leeling made a motion to approve the transfer of \$154,173.53 from the CDBG account to the checking account. 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 Leeling made a motion to approve advertising for fuel bids (bulk unleaded gasoline, bulk non-highway diesel, pump highway diesel, pump premium unleaded gasoline, pump unleaded gasoline and

propane). The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Leeling, Kuhnel, Riggs and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Public Transportation had 299 boardings in June. June revenue took a dip as regular sales tax was down, NPPD was down a little and municipal equalization was down. YTD revenue is down by \$16,211.87 from where we budgeted to be at this time – though most things vary month-to-month, so we could still catch up by the end of the fiscal year. This number includes all of the NPPD franchise revenue. We have not discussed putting any towards the Golf deficit this year and it is not clear if we will be able to. Last fiscal year ended with an improved deficit in golf of just over \$189,000. At the end of June, it is at a deficit of \$208,335.46, which might be a manageable amount to at least equal last year's deficit, but we need to make progress on reducing the deficit, not just remain status quo.

Council Member Riggs made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. 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 Leeling made a motion to approve bills and claims, transfers and requisition orders. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Leeling, Kuhnel, Riggs and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

*Denotes Payment Issued

AOD = ACH on delivery

ACUSHNET	GOLF PROSHOP HATS	63.62	
AFLAC	HEALTH INS SUPP	747.10	
ARNER AUCTION	ADVERTISING FOR SURPLUS SALE	296.00	
ARROWHEAD	RESALE BEER/ALCOHOL	318.45	*AOD
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	HEAT UTILITY	2,957.47	
BCBS	HEALTH INS	4,600.62	
CAPITAL GUARDIAN	PENSION	643.76	
CARDMEMBER	LIB BKS; GLF POURERS; POOL SUPPLIES	685.42	
CENTURY BUS	COPIER MAINT	70.35	
CHADD ARNER	SURPLUS SALE COMMISSION	1,505.85	
CHADRON ACE	A/C UNITS	303.98	
COCA-COLA	GOLF RESALE BEV	499.26	
COMFORT INN	TRAINING LODGING	288.00	
CRAWFORD RURAL FIRE	FIRE/RESCUE	7,868.34	
D&S MARKET	GOLF RESALE/MIXERS	85.60	
DAWES CO COURT	COURT FEE	17.00	
DAWES CO TREAS	LAW ENF	17,266.00	
DIETRICH DISTRIB	GOLF RESALE BEER/ALCOHOL	137.65	*AOD
DIRECT TV	GOLF TV	153.99	
EFTPS	PAYROLL TAX FOR 8/1/22	5,024.64	
ENVIRO SE	WTR LAB FEES	50.00	
HARRIS SALES	GOLF RESALE	240.13	

HAWKINS	WTR CHLORINE CYL RENT	40.00	
HIGH PLAINS BUD	RESALE BEER	29.30	*AOD
HIGH PLAINS BUD	RESALE BEER	673.50	*AOD
JANE DAILEY	REIMB A/C UNIT	397.74	
JOHNSON BROS	GOLF RESALE ALCOHOL	658.45	
LANDRETH PLUMBING	PARK BATHROOM REPAIRS	2,026.04	
MITCHELL'S UPHOLSTERY	EMBROIDER GOLF PROSHOP HATS	18.00	
MURPHY TRACTOR	BACKHOE FILTERS, ELEMENT, PLUS 50	215.24	
NE DEPT OF REV	STATE PAYROLL TAX	1,439.73	
NET PAYROLL	8/1/2022	17,449.64	
PADD	ANNUAL DUES	739.20	
PAUL REED CONSTR	PAY APP #11	169,806.30	
PAUL REED CONSTR	PAY APP #12	2,686.35	
PETTY CASH	LIQUOR FREIGHT/TRUCKING	186.50	
REPUBLIC NTL	RESALE ALCOHOL	579.76	
SEC FIRST BANK	NSF FEE ON CUSTOMER'S RETURNED CHECK	3.00	
SEC FIRST BANK	CUSTOMER'S RETURNED CHECK	400.00	
SHERI HOEVET	REFUND C.BLDG DEPOSIT	300.00	
SOUTHERN GLAZERS	RESALE ALCOHOL	1,546.41	
UTILITY SE	WTR TANK MAINT	9,820.32	
WEST NE WEED SE	SPRAY FIRE HALL LOTS	300.00	
TOTAL		253,138.71	
HEARTLAND - INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES	GOLF CREDIT CARD FEES TAKEN OUT OF APRIL DEPOSITS	740.94	
REQUISITION ORDERS			
POOLWEB - APPROVED IN MINUTES	PUMP	4,035.31	
POOLWEB	VACUUM HOSE	UP TO 250	
US POST	MTHLY UTILITY BILL POSTAGE FOR 7/29/22	175-185	RANGE
INTERNAL TRANSFERS			
GEN TO PUB TR	LOCAL MATCH TO FINISH NDOT'S FISCAL YEAR (POST TO END/JUNE)	3,297.00	

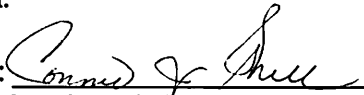
Discussion was held on items that the pool needs, including a hose for the vacuum, a new boiler will be needed soon, a new pump with pvc piping that pumps the water from the pool to the filter tank, a new or repaired pipe that takes the water from the pool to the pump room, a possible liner for the pools that would take care of a lot of the leaks and may cost around \$35,000 but a more current price will be sought. The condition of the tank that holds the filters is also questionable. Keno funds might be able to be used as matching funds on possible grants. Mayor Shell suggested getting prices on these items.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve using up to \$50,000 of Keno funds for the pool. 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 Thompson made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Thompson, Leeling, Riggs and Kuhnel. Council Members voted NAY: None. Motion carried.

The July 26, 2022 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes by: 
Jané Dailey
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by: 
Connie J. Shell
Mayor