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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 13, 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 13th day of September, 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 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. 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 the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mayor Shell 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.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2022 regular council meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Thompson and Leeling. Council Members voted NAY: None. ABSENT: Council Member Riggs. Motion carried.

Ponderosa Villa: 23 in nursing home and a verbal referral; 8 in assisted-living and one referral. Administrator Faith started yesterday.

The water-loss report is the difference between the amount of treated water that is sent to town and the amount that is accounted-for with meters and the estimated use of what is not metered, such as fire department use, water line breaks, etc. The water-loss for August 2022 was at 27.74%, but it is thought that more than the calculated 5,000 gallons was probably used to fight fires. One cause of water-loss can be broken pipes and leaks that are underground that have gone undetected. This is one reason why it is important to track the water loss.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-08 to set the new liquor license hearing for Doug Budd dba Diamond Jacks Corner Bar for September 27, 2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Leeling and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. ABSENT: Council Member Riggs. Motion carried.

Tim Kreider and Justin Tollman reported that the City's insurance with EMC is down about \$4,000 from last year. The deductible is still \$1,000 except for wind and hail -that deductible is increasing from \$1,000 to \$10,000. They will inquire if EMC is interested in covering the Medical Clinic, which is currently covered by Columbia Insurance. The safety dividend this past year of \$17,296.20 was the highest since at least 2008.

The total amount of safety dividends that has been received by Crawford since 2008 is \$115,174.12. Tim Kreider expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to serve Crawford.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to approve Legend Buttes Golf Course to remain open through October 11, 2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Thompson, Kuhnel and Leeling. Council Members voted NAY: None. ABSENT: Council Member Riggs. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the updated Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy for Public Transportation. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Leeling and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. ABSENT: Council Member Riggs. Motion carried.

The hearing for changes in fees and service areas for Public Transportation opened at 6:49 p.m. There were no initial comments from the public.

Council Member Leeling made a motion to approve the zoning permit for Tom Phillips for a fence at 821 Hospital Drive, allowing him to place the fence where it was previously, and a height limit of 4 feet in the front and 6 feet in the back and side. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Leeling, Kuhnel and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. ABSENT: Council Member Riggs. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the zoning permits for James Domingo for an ADA ramp and door at 233 Paddock Street, a front porch and siding for Patricia Nichols at 309 Paddock Street and for RaNae Calder to tear down a shed at 103 Coates Street. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Thompson and Leeling. Council Members voted NAY: None. ABSENT: Council Member Riggs. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the date of October 11, 2022 for a conditional use hearing for the First Congregational Church to use 616 Third Street for church parking. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Leeling and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. ABSENT: Council Member Riggs. Motion carried.

Comments were requested again for the changes in rates and service areas of Public Transportation. April Grant commented that Cindy Drinkwalter does a great job and the proposed changes to reach out into the county were an awesome plan.

The hearing for Public Transportation closed at 7:04 p.m. The Council had no objections to the plan.

One bid had been received and was opened for animal shelter services.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to accept and award the bid for an animal shelter to Regina Rankin, Crawford Companion Clinic. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Leeling and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. ABSENT: Council Member Riggs. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve to advertise for seasonal snow removal employees, with a wage of \$12 per hour, with a 4-hour minimum pay. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel and Leeling. Council Members voted NAY: Thompson. ABSENT: Council Member Riggs. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve a 3% Cost-of-Living Adjustment for the year-round employees for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Leeling and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. ABSENT: Council Member Riggs. Motion carried.

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

City Clerk-Treasurer Dailey reviewed the treasurer’s report documents. This included the usual report on the departments, revenue and expense report and the revenue charts. Also included was a summary of all asset accounts, the savings account, the CDs, all indebtedness and a monthly comparison of golf revenue and expenses for the past three years. Golf is at a positive \$10,000 at the end of August. Even though September has tournaments, it normally does not net much after expenses. The next council meeting will include the final quarterly transfers for this fiscal year. Now that the water-sewer project is almost done, money can be replaced in savings that was used for cash flow during the project. Elmer Willson asked the council to look at profit-and-loss for beer and liquor.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Thompson and Leeling. Council Members voted NAY: None. ABSENT: Council Member Riggs. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve bills, claims and transfers. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leeling. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Leeling and Thompson. Council Members voted NAY: None. ABSENT: Council Member Riggs. Motion carried.

ACUSHNET COMPANY	3 WOMENS PERF BALL MARKER	60.95	
AMANDA VOGEL	75 CUSTOM BALLS;36 TITLEIST BL	481.49	
ARROWHEAD	RESALE BEER/ARN PALMER	357.15	
BIG T BROKERAGE, LLC	GRAVEL - RED ROCK	1,360.00	
BRANDON SMITH	TRASH COLLECTION	5,522.76	
BRIAN PERANTEAUX	UTIL DEP BALANCE	55.17	
CALVIN AND SHERRI NISS	UTIL DEP BALANCE	217.82	
CAPITAL GUARDIAN TRUST	PENSION	993.36	
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	COPIER MAINTENANCE	68.73	
CITY OF CRAWFORD	STR SHOP	235.75	
COCA COLA	WTR, PWRADE, TEA	279.46	
CRAWFORD CLIPPER	ADS/PUBS	344.71	
D & S MARKET	MIXERS	83.09	
DAWES COUNTY CLERK	CEM DEED V.BARCAL	10.00	
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	7,497.11	
ENVIRO SERVICE INC	LAB FEES	256.00	
FISHER ROOFING	BALANCE OF HAIL-DAMAGE REPAIRS	22,001.00	
HARRIS SALES	RESALE CHIPS/JERKY	158.22	
HERITAGE SEED CO INC	DIATOMACEOUS EARTH	61.00	
HERREN BROS	PIPE CAP, CPLGS	450.38	
HIGH PLAINS BUDWEISER	RESALE BEER 8/24	44.45	AOD
HIGH PLAINS BUDWEISER	RESALE BEER 8/24	841.60	AOD
HIGH PLAINS BUDWEISER	RESALE BEER 8/31	559.05	AOD
HIGH PLAINS BUDWEISER	RESALE BEER 9/9	222.15	AOD
KELLI HAYNES	CELL PHONE REIMB	25.00	

LEAGUE OF NE MUNICIPAL	2022-2023 ANNUAL DUES	1,523.00
LEAGUE OF NE MUNICIPAL UB	ANNUAL DUES	539.00
LL JOHNSON DISTRIBUTING	O-RINGS	628.56
MARCELLA THOMPSON	INK NEWSLETTERS	388.78
MARK MEDEIROS	UTIL DEP BALANCE	250.00
MIDWEST FARM SERVICE	MOWER TIRE 1/2 SPLIT	418.66
MIKEL SAMS	UTIL DEP BALANCE	75.00
MITCHELL'S UPHOLSTERY	EMBROIDERY 19 SHIRTS, 6 HATS,	82.00
MOBIUS COMMUNICATION CO	PHONE-FAX-INTERNET	757.67
NE DEPT OF REV -GOLF	SALES TAX FOR AUG 2022 SALES	2,534.60
NE DEPT OF REV -WATER	SALES TAX	2,119.82
NE DEPT OF REV -WRR FEE - WATER	ANNUAL WRR FEE	25.00
NE DEPT OF REV -WRR FEE - GOLF	ANNUAL WRR FEE	25.00
NE LIQUOR CONTROL	RENEW GOLF LIQ LIC	47.87
NEBRASKA UC FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT T.G.	10.50
NMCA	ANNUAL DUES	150.00
NPPD	STRLIGHTS INSIDE CITY LIMITS	8,235.31
NW AUTO BODY & PAINT	RIGHT UPPER CORNER REPAIR	995.00
NW RURAL PUBLIC POWER	ELECT - WELLS	48.18
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 09/13/2022 (3 WKS)	19,886.77
PETTY CASH	LEMONS,OLIVES,JUICES,SQUIRT	201.02
PINE RIDGE SERVICE CENTER	FUEL PUMP 2005 DODGE	911.08
QUILL	NEWSLETTER LABELS,INK,PAPER	383.51
REGINA RANKIN DVM	ANIMAL SHELTER	250.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	MTHLY ACH FEE FOR CUST.PYMTS	8.90
SECURITY FIRST BANK	NSF	3.00
SKAVDAHL,EDMUND & STECHER	LEGAL FEES	947.50
SKEETERS NAPA AUTO PARTS	REEL/HOSE FITTINGS	37.64
STOTZ EQUIPMENT	CAP SCREW,NUT,BUSHING	85.01
SWANN	LANDFILL	8,203.39
UNIVERSAL ATHLETIC SERV	T-SHIRTS	243.81
US POSTMASTER	UB BILLS POSTAGE	181.15
UTILITY SERVICE CO., INC	INV #565998 1 MG TANK	9,820.32
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	401.28
WESTCO	PREMIUM UNLEADED	2,262.07
TOTAL		104,866.80

TRANSFERS

UTIL DEP ACCT TO CHKG	UTIL DEP APPLIED TO ACCT	431.54
TO POOL SVGS	DONATION	208.00
TO SWR SVGS	FOR DEC BOND PYMT	12,409.67
TO PARK SVGS	GRANT FOR BBQ GRILLS NEXT FISCAL YEAR	1,500.00
TO LIB SVGS	INS CLAIM \$ FOR WINDOWS NEXT FISCAL YR	1,835.22
TO GEN SVGS	MED. CLINIC REIMB FOR CONCRETE/SIDEWALK	10,784.50
TO WTR SVGS	RTS USED DURING WTR PROJECT	189,520.00
	RTS FROM JUNE	2,675.03
	RTS FROM JULY	4,759.79
	RTS FROM AUG	2,567.36
	RTS FROM SEPT	2,608.42
TO GEN SVGS FOR OCT INS PYMT	FROM JUNE	7,677.25

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FROM SEPT	7,677.25

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Thompson and Leeling. Council Members voted NAY: None. ABSENT: Council Member Riggs. Motion carried.

The September 13, 2022 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

The budget hearing and special meeting will be held on September 20, 2022 at City Hall, starting at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes by: Jane Dailey
Jane Dailey
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by: Connie J. Shell
Connie J. Shell
Mayor