

**Approved Meeting Minutes  
City of Cromwell  
Carlton County, MN  
Regular Council Meeting  
October 26 2011  
7:00pm**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cromwell was held on Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at 7:00pm at the Cromwell Park Pavilion

Present: Mayor: Samuel A Clark,  
Council Members: Ray Lally, Lisa Lund, Warren Peters, Tom Borglund

Absent: none

Others Present: Pam Fistere, Voyageur Press; Ron & Patty McPhail, John Mattonen, City Engineer; Steve Bridge, Fire Chief

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Mayor Clark

Minutes: Motion to accept September meeting minutes and October 3<sup>rd</sup> special meeting minutes with stated changes by Ray Lally and seconded by Lisa Lund. Motion carried unanimously

Additions to Agenda:

- Sam added a water fluoridation resolution under section 5.
- Tamarack River culvert replacement information under section 7
- Pavilion cleaning day discussion under section 6
- Lally Rd repair discussion under section 7

Liquor Store:

- Music will be at the bar on October 29 (Denno), November 4 (Dean Nyberg) & 5 (Denno), and one more day during deer season.
- Sales information was presented to the council. September sales were \$50,550.97, 16.42% over September 2010.
- Pull tabs rent totaled \$799.80.

Water/Sewer/maintenance:

- The Project status report was presented to the council by John Mattonen.
- John is still working with MnDOT on the school zone as part of the 2012 highway 210 project
- John supplied a city utility map to MnDOT for the replacement of the culvert under the Tamarack River just north of 210 on 73. He thought they would leave one lane open during construction.

Parks and Rec / Pavilion

- The pavilion calendar for October thru December was reviewed.
- Scott mentioned that the pavilion is being used a lot, which is very good, but the use creates a bit of a cleaning issue. Scott received several complaints during the months of Sept. and Oct regarding the cleanliness.

- Sam said we should have a cleaning day and invite all the groups that use the building for free to come and help do a thorough cleaning. November 12<sup>th</sup> was chosen as the date and Scott said he would advertise that we need volunteers for that day.

#### General City/Housing/Highway:

- There was discussion on Lally Rd. Some repairs are necessary for a 20' by 10' section of the road that has a layer of clay in it preventing it from draining and drying out. The clay will need to be removed and filled in with proper subsurface and gravel. Sam mentioned that we have already put several thousand dollars into the road this year, so it will need to wait until next spring.
- There was discussion on the Lake Street repairs. We have two bids on the project and no other interested bidders.
- Motion by Ray Lally to have Craig Harp do the work on lake Street. Being no second the motion died.
- Motion by Tom Borglund and seconded by Ray Lally to have Keith Clark do the work on lake street. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Fire Dept./Ambulance:

- A grant from the DNR for \$1500.00 was requested by the fire department. Steve Bridge explained what equipment was needed and said the list is more money than the grant will cover, so they would prioritize and buy the most important things first. Some items needed are plastic pump cans to replace the current less effective ones, suction hose for brush rig, new lake/river strainer for pumper, tool box for brush rig, new lighting on back of brush rig to better protect firefighters on roadway.
- Motion by Ray Lally and seconded by Lisa Lund to accept the DNR grant of \$1,500.00 to purchase wildland fire equipment discussed. Motion carried unanimously.
- Steve said they are trying to fix the tarred parking lot on the east side of the fire hall. The quote for the blacktop is \$4,000.00. He mentioned that they will need to also fix the sidewalk and replace the door with a handicap accessible door and ramped sidewalk. This project will likely take place in 2012.
- Steve asked for support for sending \$300.00 to help build the "Fallen Firefighters Memorial" in St. Paul. Ray mentioned that the funds could come from the Firefighter's relief association instead.
- Steve talked about combining the Wright FD and The Cromwell FD. They are trying to merge departments to help better serve both communities. Wright has had some financial difficulties recently which helped initiate the cooperative venture. They will be looking closely at forming a Fire District which would be its own taxing authority. Currently each city and township is taxed through the city or township taxing authority, the district would be able to combine those funds into one tax, instead of many.
- Steve mentioned that the ambulance department is doing very well, it is well staffed and they collect 90% of billing as opposed to around 60% average for the industry.

#### Trustee's Notes:

- Lisa: Lisa mentioned that we should get to work on the skating rink now that the horse shows are done. Scott mentioned that the fire dept. pledged some help for making the rink.
- Ray: none
- Warren: none
- Tom: none

Clerk/Treasurer:

- Treasurer's report for August and September were presented to the council for review.
- Receipts for September totaled \$80,728.25
- Disbursements for September totaled \$60,585.72
- Claims list for approval totaled \$36,540.11
- Motion by Ray Lally and seconded by Warren Peters approve the August and September Treasurers report and pay the claims listed. Motion carried unanimously.
- There was discussion on the 2012 levy.
- Motion by Sam Clark and seconded by Ray Lally to lower the 2012 levy by \$4,306 and set it at \$110,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor's Notes:

- There was discussion on purchasing a welder for the City Shop. Tom Borglund said he had a welder the city can have.
- There was discussion on Christmas lights. Sam said we should order enough brackets to put up the snowflake banners we have for the winter on the empty poles in the city. Motion by Sam Clark and seconded by Ray Lally to order enough brackets for the snowflake banners and see if LCP would put them up for the winter. Motion carried unanimously.
- Sam mentioned he did not see the deposit of the \$200.00 from the sale of scrap from the pavilion park. Scott said it is deposited but not entered into receipts yet.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Ray Lally and seconded by Ray Lally