

**Approved Meeting Minutes
City of Cromwell
Carlton County, MN
Regular Council Meeting
February 22, 2012
7:00pm**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cromwell was held on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 7:00pm at the Cromwell Park Pavilion

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

Absent: None

Others Present: John Mattonen, city engineer

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

Minutes: Motion to accept January 2012 regular meeting minutes by Tom Borglund and seconded by Warren Peters. Motion carried by four yeas votes (Clark, Borglund, Lund, Peters) and one abstain (Ray Lally)

Additions to Agenda:

- Legislative Conference with LMC Mayors Association - General
- Donation Request - General
- Paul Lampi Raise – Liquor Store
- Treasurers Report - Clerk
- Discussion regarding incident at the Liquor store on 2/18/2012 – Liquor Store

Motion to approve agenda with changes and additions by and seconded by. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Agenda Items:

- none

Liquor Store:

- Entertainment for month of February/March is Denno on 2/25/12, Karaoke on 3/17/12, and Dean Nyberg on 3/31/12, Alumni Basketball Tourney is on 3/31 & 4/1
- Discussion on Raise for Paul Lampi from 14.80 to 15/21 per hour as per pay equity schedule
- Motion by Tom Borglund and seconded by Warren Peters to approve Paul's raise
- An incident involving several patrons at the bar on 2/18/12 was discussed by the council. The video tape of the incident was reviewed.
- Motion by Ray Lally to ban Jeff Swatek from the bar for a period of 90 days due to his involvement in the incident, no second on motion, Motion amended by Ray Lally and seconded by Warren Peters to ban Jeff Swatek from the bar for a period of 30 days to ensure the safety of our bartenders and patrons. Motion carried unanimously.
- An advertisement at the Floodwood golf course was discussed. The council decided that advertising money could be better spent elsewhere.

Water/Sewer/maintenance:

- John Mattonen spoke regarding the Dept. of Health revolving fund list. Council decided to leave our name on the list. John is working with MNDOT with the school zone speed limit. MNDOT is waiting for approval from the State, but the speed zone is basically approved.
- Discussion on no parking signs along highway 73. John will get approval from MNDOT to put up signs there for the safety of the students that walk that section of the roadway.
- Discussion on the turn lane for Riverview Road and whether it would be cost-effective, feasible and necessary for the city to pay for the turn lane and assess the property for the cost of the project. This turn lane is required by the State of MN before the street access can be completed to highway 73.
- Review of Tom Johnson's performance was discussed by the council. No negative incidents were reported. The council mentioned that Tom does a great job of keeping costs down, maintaining the systems and completing tasks in a timely manner.

Parks and Rec / Pavilion

- The pavilion calendar for February thru April was reviewed and discussed.
- Sam mentioned that the Big Foot information meeting was very successful and attracted a lot of people. Scott mentioned that the liquor store did very well on that day also.
- Warren mentioned that the floors look very good at the pavilion after Tom and others stripped and waxed it. Sam mentioned that there are spots where the floor is rippled and the floor doesn't come as good there.
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General City/Housing/Highway:

- A request for financial support from the Tri-community food shelf was discussed.
- Motion by Ray Lally and seconded by Lisa Lund to give \$100 for support of the food shelf. Motion carried unanimously
- The council discussed the pay of the Mayor and Council members. The rate has not been changed in twelve years.
- Motion by Ray Lally and seconded by Tom Borglund to change the pay for Mayor to \$200 per meeting and the pay for council members to \$100 per meeting, with special meeting pay staying the same. Motion carried unanimously.
- Discussion on hiring an electrician for the work at the new city hall. We will get a couple more quotes before we go forward with anything.
- Discussion on attending the MCFOA conference March 21-23. Motion by Ray Lally and seconded by Warren Peters to send Scott to the conference. Motion carried unanimously.
- Discussion on the annual LMC conference in June in Duluth.
- Motion by Ray Lally and seconded by Sam Clark to allow Scott, Sam and anyone else on the council who wishes to attend the conference. Motion carried unanimously.
- Discussion on the Legislative day and Mayors round table meeting in St. Paul.
- Motion by Warren Peters and seconded by Ray Lally to send Sam to both the legislative day and the Mayors round table. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Warren Peters and seconded by Ray Lally to send Lisa Lund to the Middle Mile Project Meeting at the Carlton County Maintenance Building on March 21st. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Dept. / Ambulance:

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Trustee's Notes:

- Lisa: .
- Ray: .
- Warren: .
- Tom: Tom asked when we hired Dennis Cieluch. Scott said he would check to see if he was officially approved by the council and if not, bring the information to the council for approval in March.

Clerk/Treasurer:

- Deposits, disbursements, and unpaid claims were reviewed by the council
- Lisa asked if the rent amount was correct for the renters at the city hall building. She thought it should have been \$650.00. Scott explained that he is simply going by what they claimed when we created the contract. He had nothing else to go by, since the previous owner did not respond to his inquiries.
- Motion by Tom Borglund and seconded by Warren Peters approve the unpaid claims for payment and to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor's Notes:

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Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Ray Lally and seconded by Lisa Lund.