

**Approved Meeting Minutes
City of Cromwell
Carlton County, MN
Regular Council Meeting
March 28, 2012
7:00pm**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cromwell was held on Wednesday, March 28, 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; Pam Fistere, Voyageurs Press

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

Minutes: Motion to accept prior meeting minutes by Warren Peters and seconded by Lisa Lund. Motion carried Unanimously.

Additions to Agenda:

- Approval of Dennis Cieluch hire as cleaning person
- Harvest fest discussions
- Harvest fest vendor information and kids tractor pull payment approval
- NE Middle Mile Project Meeting update
- Employee review moved to April meeting in closed session following meeting.
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Motion to approve agenda with changes and additions by Warren Peters and seconded by Ray Lally. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Agenda Items:

- none

Liquor Store:

- Entertainment for month of April.
- Discussion on the MMBA conference.
- Motion by Ray Lally and seconded by Warren Peters to send Paul to the MMBA for the Sunday thru Tuesday sessions. Motion carried unanimously.
- Discussion on hiring of Dennis Cieluch for bar cleaning.
- Motion by Warren Peters and seconded by Lisa Lund to officially hire Dennis. Motion carried unanimously.
- Discussion regarding billing for damage to liquor store door by a customer. Scott will send a bill to the customer.

Water/Sewer/maintenance:

- John Mattonen spoke regarding the school zone project with the DOT.
- John mentioned he had a call from a homeowner on the lake about a building permit.
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Parks and Rec / Pavilion

- The pavilion calendar for March thru May was reviewed and discussed.
- Discussion on advertising the pavilion for the wedding season.
- Discussion on requiring pavilion renters to use the municipal liquor store for any alcohol serving at the events.
- Scott will check on cost to provide security for pavilion events.
- Discussion on resolution for playground grant application.
- Motion by Ray Lally and seconded by Lisa Lund to approve resolution #03312012-1 sponsorship of outdoor recreation grant application. Motion carried unanimously.
- Discussion on Harvest festival and creating a committee for such. Scott was instructed to advertise for persons to be on the harvest fest committee to be appointed by the council at April meeting.
- Discussion on grant for the Y.O.T. for advertising for their events.
- Motion by Ray Lally and seconded by Tom Borglund to accept the tourism grant of \$500 from the Carlton County Economic Development for on behalf of the Y.O.T. and to forward the funds to them. Motion carried unanimously.
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General City/Housing/Highway:

- Discussion on the middle mile project meeting attended by Lisa Lund and additional information received from them. Scott was instructed to contact Melissa from the middle mile project for the contract pricing for the broadband internet service for City offices.
- Grant information from the USDA was reviewed by the council
- Discussion on the "your speed is" signs for the city. John Mattonen cautioned the city to make sure they meet MNDOT standards when we order them. John also said we should look into the "safe routes to school" grant funding to help fund the purchase.
- Carlton County recycling information was reviewed by the council
- Motion by Warren Peters and seconded by Tom Borglund to approve a zoning permit for June Kingsley. Motion carried unanimously.
- LMC state of cities report information was reviewed by the council
- Scott mentioned that 1324 highway 73 has been taken over by the bank and will now have the W&S charges paid up so they can sell the property.

Fire Dept. / Ambulance:

- Scott mentioned to the council that he has received the non-smoker agreements from the fire department, which will lower our work comp premium.
- LSFCU grant for fire signs project was reviewed by the council, it was noted that the population on the request was stated incorrectly and should be changed.

Trustee's Notes:

- Lisa: Lisa asked if there was a zoning request for the food shelf. Scott stated that the food shelf is trying to buy the old trolley station building and that it would mean that there will not be property taxes received on the property if they succeed in purchasing the building.

Lisa had a request from Jeanne Weimer to put a fridge in the warming shack so she can use it for cold storage during the horse shows this summer. There were no objections to the idea.

- Ray:

- Warren: Warren asked John if we heard back from MNDOT regarding a crosswalk near the Liquor store, post office, and hardware store.
- Tom: Tom asked about getting the new city truck. He said we should get it before the old one dies and we are stuck without and in need. Scott will be getting in touch with the State of MN and figuring out how to use the state bid system.

Clerk/Treasurer:

- Deposits, disbursements, and unpaid claims were reviewed by the council.
- Sam asked if he could see the report showing the liquor store sales as compared to last year, same month.
- Scott mentioned that the W&S person in Scanlon is willing to help us locate some of our curb stops that we cannot locate. This would allow us to shut off the water on several houses that have not paid their water bill because they know we can't shut them off.
- Motion by Lisa Lund and seconded by Ray Lally approve the unpaid claims for payment and to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor's Notes:

- Sam attended the legislative conference in St Paul and sat at roundtable discussions with members from all over the state. He was very impressed by the leaders of tomorrow and hopes we can help get a similar group here in Cromwell. He learned a lot about how the funding mechanisms for small cities have changed over the years and what the state is working on to help repair that mechanism.
- Sam spoke with the offices of Representative Hilty and Senator Lourey.
- He did a lot of networking with the city government officials from around the state.
- Sam got a call from the sheet metal worker's union about the brake in the shop. There is also interest in the semi trailer parked behind city hall.
- Sam thought we should talk to the railroad about helping us move the train car into the park.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Tom Borglund and seconded by Ray Lally.