

**Approved Meeting Minutes
City of Cromwell
Carlton County, MN
Regular Council Meeting
April 25, 2012
7:00pm**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cromwell was held on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 7:00pm at the Cromwell Park Pavilion

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

Absent: Ray Lally

Others Present: John Mattonen, city engineer; Dora Potts, Voyageurs Press; Dick & Elaine Huhta; Ken Kangas

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

Minutes:

- Motion to accept prior meeting minutes by Tom Borglund and seconded by Warren Peters. Motion carried Unanimously.
- Motion to approve minutes of public hearing on playground plan for city park by Tom Borglund and seconded by Lisa Lund. Motion carried unanimously.

Additions to Agenda:

- Elaine Huhta asked about the leash law (dogs running at large) ordinance. She has a dog visiting her back yard on a regular basis. (grayish like a wolf hound)
- Elaine Huhta also asked about getting a current price list for the pavilion rental. (garage sale)
- Dick Huhta asked about the AED for the pavilion
- Review of quote on Chevy truck
- Discussion on work on Pavilion/city hall parking lot (Pavilion Parks and Rec)

Public Agenda Items:

- Discussion on harvest fest raffle tickets being reprinted (Dick Huhta)
- Elaine Huhta asked about the leash law (dogs running at large) ordinance. She has a dog visiting her back yard on a regular basis. (grayish like a wolf hound)
- Elaine Huhta also asked about getting a current price list for the pavilion rental. (garage sale)
- Dick Huhta asked about the AED for the pavilion
-

Liquor Store:

- Entertainment for month of May was discussed
- Liquor store sales were reviewed

Water/Sewer/maintenance:

- Discussion on purchase of new city truck. Sam and Tom Johnson will drive each truck and check on visibility, and safety. Chevy quote was \$5000 more than Ford. The council questioned warranty, features, tires, plow width/type, ¾ ton vs 1 ton.

Parks and Rec / Pavilion

- The pavilion calendar for April thru April was reviewed and discussed.
- May YOT meeting will be held at the Villa for the Senior Expo
- Villa asked about borrowing the 8 foot tables from the pavilion.
- Carlton County Invasive species information was reviewed.
- Discussion on parking lot repairs. Motion by Tom Borglund and seconded by Warren Peters to have Keith Clark pull stumps, level and fill the parking lot. Motion carried unanimously.
- A request from Ryan Harp for ATV's to have access to the city was presented to and discussed by the council
- Discussion of harvest festival. Scott did not receive any responses for committee members. All funds of the Harvest Fest committee from past festivals were donated to the city for the playground fund last December, therefore the Harvest Fest does not have any money to fund the initial steak fry.
- The council discussed the need to have the festival. Scott discussed the city taking over the harvest festival with the Auditor and the city will need to create a fund to keep the funding separated and it will need to support itself and the money would be kept separate from general fund and other tax levy dollars.
- Motion by Warren Peters and seconded by Tom Borglund to appointed Tom Borglund, Warren Peters and Scott Warner to be the committee and do the planning and bring the information to the council when needed.
- Motion by Tome Borglund and seconded by Warren Peters to fund the June steak fry and that the funds would then be repaid by the proceeds of the steak fry and the Harvest Festival would then be self-funded.

General City/Housing/Highway:

- Carlton County Quarterly newsletter was presented to the council
- The official grant approval for the entrance sign was presented to the council
- Bob Peterson services bid for grass cutting was reviewed and accepted by the council. Scott was asked to get a new bid that includes the roadside in the Riverview Meadows Addition.
- Flea Market plans for Aardvark were discussed. Scott stated that it is a normal use for a commercial area. Sam mentioned that he would be concerned if people left there wares there for long periods of time. Scott said that they were planning to have it cleaned up and taken down by 4pm on Sunday each week.
- John Mattonen stated that MNDOT has decided to look into the crosswalk more closely and will likely approve it if the city will lay out the lines and MNDOT will put up the signage. They understand that Cromwell is not a regular city with blocks and intersections and that there is a need for a crosswalk to ensure public safety near the hub of businesses.

Fire Dept. / Ambulance:

- A meeting for the Fire fighters in Grand Rapids was discussed.
- Motion by Sam Clark and seconded by Lisa Lund to send Tom and Steve Bridge. Motion carried unanimously.
- An increase in Monthly pay for Wanda Shifflet from \$50 to \$100 for cleaning of the fire hall was discussed. Motion to approve by Tom Borglund and seconded by Sam Clark. Motion carried unanimously.
- Sam mentioned that the fire dept. held their awards banquet at the Big Lake Golf Club and it should be paid for by the relief association.
- There was discussion on the creation of a fire district and the impact on the city. The city would have to agree to donate the building and equipment to the new district in order for it to be feasible.

- Motion to approve the agreement between the Wright and Cromwell fire departments by Tom Borglund and seconded by Lisa Lund. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee's Notes:

- Lisa: none

- Ray: none

- Warren: none

- Tom: none

Clerk/Treasurer:

- Scott will be attending election training on Thursday May 24th 2012 at the County Transportation Building.
- Receipts totaled \$54,873.66
- Disbursements totaled \$37,176.12
- Unpaid bills for approval totaled \$29,351.57
- Sam asked about the \$200 from last fall from the scrap sales, Scott mentioned that it was entered the month following when he asked about it before.
- Motion by Tom Borglund and seconded by Warren Peters to approve the unpaid bills for payment and to approve the treasurers report. Motion carried

Mayor's Notes:

- None

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Tom Borglund and seconded by Warren Peters.