

**City of Cromwell, Carlton County, MN**  
**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**  
**February 15, 2017 – 6:00 PM**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cromwell was held on February 15, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Cromwell Park Pavilion.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Sharon Zelazny.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Sharon Zelazny  
Council Members Ray Lally, Art Vigness  
Absent: Warren Peters, Phil Lippo (excused)

Others: Krysta Konieska (Liquor Store Manager), Tom Johnson (Public Works), LuAnn Freiermuth (Clerk), and 5 visitors.

**Motion by Lally, seconded by Vigness, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

Diane Knoben from the Tri-Community Food Shelf informed us of the Mayor's Challenge for the March Food Campaign. The Mayors of Tamarack, Wright and Cromwell will compete for the most canned lite fruit donated by their city. The Challenge will run from February 24 through April 2. Mayor Zelazny accepted the challenge for the City of Cromwell.

Peters arrived at 6:11 pm.

Amanda Miller from Kennecott Exploration gave a presentation and update on the nickel/copper drilling in the surrounding area.

**Motion by Lally, seconded by Peters, to approve the January 18, 2017 regular meeting minutes and the Pavilion Calendar as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

**Motion by Lally, seconded by Peters, to accept the attached financial reports: General Ledger for January, Claims List, Liquor Store Monthly Sales, Pull Tab Totals, Treasurer's Monthly Report. Yes: Lally, Peters, Vigness, Zelazny No: None Motion carried.**

Mayor Zelazny reported on:

- The current emergency siren system is outdated and needs replacing with an updated system that can be set off by Carlton County Dispatch. The Mayor is looking for grant money for this.
- She asked the Council for approval for Lake Restoration to treat the weeds at the city's public access. The surrounding lakeshore owners will pay all costs involved through their donations. Approval was granted by the council.

- April 22 is Earth Day. The Cromwell Area Community Club will hold a community clean-up day. The club has also requested a walk-through of the Pavilion Park to discuss some updating.
- Bruce Ahlgren, Enbridge Community Liason, is willing to come to a city council meeting to explain Enbridge's plan for Line 3 and how it might impact our community. We will invite him toward the end of the summer.
- Ruby's Pantry is looking for a location for their monthly food distribution. The mayor will keep the council updated.
- The mayor presented some new ideas concerning relocating the liquor store. She presented some of the advantages. She will do some research on this and look into grant money available.
- The idea of renaming the pavilion in memory of a former community member was discussed.

Vigness informed the council that the reach-in cooler at the liquor store needs repair or replacing.

Peters brought a personal concern to the council involving himself and another council member. The mayor reminded the entire council of the importance of professionalism at all times for them as well as herself.

Maintenance Supervisor Johnson reported on:

- Dave from Carlton County Zoning has been informed of our sewer system on North Mingus Road and Dahl Road. He will work with Tom in the spring to do inspections.
- He will be on vacation from February 22 – 27. Keith Clark will do any plowing necessary and Phil will do rounds.
- Hand rails have been installed in the City Hall restroom.
- March 7-9 Tom will attend the Minnesota Water/Wastewater Conference in St. Cloud.
- Gravel is needed on Swenson Road and Green Hill Rd.
- Class 5/millings have been stockpiled for Lake Street. Tom will spread with the skidsteer this spring.
- New windows for the clinic have been purchased. Installation will be done once the weather warms up.

Municipal Liquor Store Manager Konieska reported on:

- One of the televisions at the liquor store quit working. After reviewing quotes, there was a **Motion by Peters to purchase the 70" Vizio television for \$998 at Walmart, the wall mount if needed, and the extended warranty. Seconded by Lally. Yes: Peters, Lally, Vigness, Zelazny. No: None Motion carried.** Tom will pick it up and install it.
- The reach-in beer cooler is not working properly. Tom will work with the manager to get it repaired.

A question was asked about who benefits from the Pull Tab money. Mayor Zelazny is researching the details.

Other Manager reporting:

- Thank you cards were received from the recipients of the Toy Drive.
- February 25 - The Wounded Warriors United will hold a gun raffle. Barstool Revelers will play from 8pm -midnight.

The Council acknowledged the meeting minutes and treasurer's report of the Cromwell-Wright Fire and Ambulance Joint Powers Board from January 24, 2017.

Mayor Zelazny informed the Council that she has talked with Fire Chief Lucas Goodin concerning him attending the March meeting to answer Council concerns.

The Joint Powers Board will be hosting a community-wide picnic on June 16 at the pavilion.

The Bill to make the Joint Powers a Fire District was heard at the State capitol on February 1. The mayor updated the council.

The Council acknowledged the JPJ Engineering Project Status Report

Consideration of the 2017 Council wages was discussed. No changes will be made. The three new committees proposed at the January city council meeting were dissolved.

The request from Digger Derusha and Lenore Collman for free pavilion rental for their Cromwell-Wright School Music Department was reported on by the mayor. Since there is already a policy in place for discounted fundraiser event rental, no action was needed by the council.

Carl Brandt has left the Town and Country Insurance Agency and has become an independent agent. He requested the city consider continuing with him as the insurance agent.

**Motion by Lally to move our insurance to Carl Brandt's agency. Seconded by Peters. Yes: Zelazny, Vigness, Lally, Peters. No: None Motion carried.**

Signees on the city's bank accounts need to be updated in accordance with the 2016 election.

**Motion by Vigness to:**

**Delete Lund, add Zelazny to the Northview Checking, savings, debit card with maximum \$500 limit, and safety deposit box. Lally, Freiermuth, Filipiak and Goodin will remain as is.**

**Delete Lund, add Zelazny to the Members Cooperative Credit Union Savings accounts.**

**Lally and Freiermuth will remain as is.**

**Seconded by Peters. Yes: Peters, Lally, Vigness, Zelazny. No: None. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Lally, seconded by Vigness, to acknowledge and commend Judy Koivisto for her hours of volunteering for the Cromwell Historical Society, YOT Club, and as former ambulance billing manager for the Cromwell Volunteer Fire Department.**

**The council would also like to acknowledge and commend Ken Kangas for his military duty, Boy Scout leader, YOT involvement, and Cromwell Historical Society.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Community member, Josh Hage, is in need of intern hours for a class he is taking. He would be working 49 unpaid hours to update the City Webpage. Approval was granted by the council.

Mayor Zelazny declared the meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
LuAnn Freiermuth, City Clerk-Treasurer