

**Approved Meeting Minutes
City of Cromwell
Carlton County, Minnesota
Regular Council Meeting
May 2011
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cromwell was held on Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cromwell Park Pavilion.

Present: Mayor Clark, Council Members: Lisa Lund, Ray Lally

Others present: John Mattonen, RLK Engineering, Tom Borglund, MaryJo Borglund, Mary Hakamaki, Warren Peters, Elaine Huhta, Dick Huhta, Jeanne Weimer, Greg Bridge, and Walter Collman

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

Appointments:

- Appointment votes were taken to fill the two vacated council seats.
- Candidates were: Tom Borglund, Phil Lippo, Mary Hakamaki, Jeanne Weimer, MaryJo Borglund, Alicia Jatkola, and Warren Peters.
- Votes were as follows: for Jerry Graham's seat – 2 votes for Warren Peters, 1 vote for Tom Borglund; for Nancy Graham's seat – 2 votes for Tom Borglund, one vote for Jeanne Weimer.
- Warren Peters was sworn in for Jerry Graham's seat through 12/31/2011, seat will be on the 2012 ballot for the remaining two years of term
- Tom Borglund was sworn in for Nancy Graham's seat for remainder of term ending 12/31/2011.
- Mayor Clark and the Council thanked all the candidates for the interest and congratulated the new appointees.
- Both appointees took their chairs at the council table for the remainder of the meeting.

Additions to agenda:

- Walter Collman asked to speak on behalf of the Luminary Committee. The luminary Committee asked the council if it was okay to do some work in the park on the south side of 210 beside Northview Bank. They would like to add a park sign, some flower beds and a picnic table or two.
- The council thought that was a great idea and gave them the "go ahead" to do so.
- Greg Bridge asked the council if they would add some gravel to Dahl road and work with Carlton County on getting some ditching and gravel on Homstad road and Markusen Road. Greg stated that the County is aware of the issues and has done nothing to date about it. The council agreed to look into the matter, work with Carlton County and to seek bids on gravel for Dahl Rd. Mayor Clark will work with Tom Johnson to assess the city road needs and bring a plan to the council.

Minutes: Motion to approve April 19 2011 regular meeting minutes by Ray Lally and

seconded by Lisa Lund. Motion carried unanimously.

LIQUOR STORE:

- Liquor store sales were reviewed by the council. Scott mentioned that the loss for the month of April was due to paying the annual dram shop premium of \$12112.
- There was discussion on the air conditioner and furnace at the liquor store, Sam will have Tom look at both and clean dust if necessary.
- Entertainment for June will be DJ on June 11th. The annual diabetes run motorcycle rally is June 18th. The annual Golf tourney will be July 23rd.
- Pull tab information was presented to the council.

WATER, SEWER MAINTENANCE:

- John Mattonen asked about the grant for well sealing, and Scott mentioned that we received the grant and can now get the wells sealed.
- There were two zoning permits issued in April. One for a new home and one for an addition and garage. Both are in Waters Edge development.
- Two repairs were made on the water system due to electrical problems totaling \$890.00. Lisa asked if it could have been turned in to our insurance. Scott stated that our deductible is \$1000 which would be more than the repair.
- There was a broken sewer line on Mingus road determined to be the homeowner's problem. We pumped the tank for the owner which we do once per year anyway.

PARKS AND REC/PAVILION:

- Pavilion calendar was reviewed by the council.
- Info on the 5k walk/run and pancake breakfast was reviewed by the council
- There have been people asking about camping at the pavilion during the class reunion. Sam asked if we should set a fee for that purpose.
- Motion by Ray Lally and seconded by Tom Borglund to charge \$20 for camping and an additional \$20 for electric hook up. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL CITY/HOUSING/HIGHWAY:

- There was discussion on the entrance signs for the city.
- Motion by Tom Borglund and seconded by Ray Lally to haul in some fill, seek bids for building the sign, and seek a 41000.00 tourism grant from Carlton County to build the entrance "Welcome to Cromwell" sign. Motion carried unanimously.
- There was discussion on changing the annual appointments due to the Graham's resignation.
- Motion by Lisa Lund and seconded by Ray Lally to change the Program liaison to Lisa Lund, the Register Control to Warren Peters and the Health Inspector to Tom Borglund. Motion carried unanimously.
- Dick Huhta mentioned that BSALWMP was considering a grant for \$2000 for the city to help fix the culvert on Lake St.

Fire Department:

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Councilor requests:

Tom: Tom discussed Lally Rd. The road has been in very bad condition with the frost boils

this year. Tom and Ray asked for the city to take over the road, as it is the only access to the Riverview Meadows and Waters Edge developments. The use of the road had dramatically increased and caused it to deteriorate. The road was fine before the developments went in. Mayor Clark and the council agreed to begin the process to take over the road to benefit the taxpayers who use it.

Lisa: Lisa discussed the ditching in the south alley, specifically a culvert behind the post office. Frost has pushed the culvert up out of the ground and caused a problem with access to the post office parking lot. John Mattonen said the ditching is in the city right-of-way and should be taken care of by the city. The council agreed to take care of the problem.

Ray: none.

Warren: none.

CLERK'S NOTES:

- Scott mentioned that the negative balance in the fire department fund is due to the large brush rig payment made in April. He said the balance will remain negative for most of the year, possibly until the December property tax comes in.
- Scott explained the separation of the fire department and ambulance funds and that the fire department will need to increase their levi amount to make sure they are fully funded by the entire district. Any shortfalls in fire department funding now will end up coming out of the general fund and Cromwell City tax payers. The amount should be spread out over the entire coverage area instead of just the city taxpayer.
- Scott also mentioned that the general liability insurance is due and will be approximately \$18,000. If needed he will transfer money from savings to pay for it.
- Ray mentioned that our cash position looked very good.
- Receipts for April 2011 totaled \$52,591.46.
- Disbursements in April 2011 totaled \$68,555.41
- Sam mentioned that a check written to him in the amount of \$9.62 should have been voided as the lunch was paid on cities debit card already.
- Claims list for approval in the amount of \$25,043.64 was reviewed by the council.
- Motion by Ray Lally and seconded by Warren Peters to approve the treasurers report and claims list for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S NOTES:

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ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Lisa Lund and seconded by Ray Lally. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott A Warner, City Clerk/Treasurer