

City of Cromwell, Carlton County, MN
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2017 – 6:00 PM

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cromwell was held on May 17, 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, Phil Lippo

Others: Krysta Konieska (Liquor Store Manager), Tom Johnson (Public Works), LuAnn Freiermuth (Clerk), and 2 visitors.

Mayor Zelazny welcomed all in attendance and introduced Josh King HagE.

Motion by Vigness to approve the Agenda. Second by Lally. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Agenda item 9.3: Discussion on recent IT invoice. A compromise was reached by the council members to pay one-half of the \$2430.00 invoice.

Motion by Vigness to approve paying Warren Peters \$1215.00 for IT work. Second by Lally. Yes: Lally, Vigness, Lippo, Zelazny. No: None. Motion carried.

Agenda item 9.1: Appoint council member to vacated position.

Motion by Lally to appoint Joshua King HagE as council member to fill the vacated position. Second by Vigness. Yes: Lally, Vigness, Lippo, Zelazny. No: None. Motion carried.

Clerk Freiermuth conducted the Oath of Office to Joshua King HagE and welcomed him to the Cromwell City Council.

Motion by Lippo to approve the Minutes from the April 19, 2017 City Council Meeting, the Pavilion Calendar, and to accept a \$500 donation from the YOT for the pavilion door. Second by Lally. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mayor Zelazny, second by Vigness, to accept the attached financial reports: General Ledger for March, Claims List, Liquor Store Monthly Sales, Pull Tab Totals, Treasurer's Monthly Report. Yes: Lally, Vigness, Zelazny, Lippo, HagE. No: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence Received:

We received a thank you from the Cromwell-Wright Archery Club for our support.

Reports:

Mayor Zelazny reported on:

- Will attempt, by mutual agreement to put the money issued for the IT work toward delinquent water & sewer.
- John Peterson from Aardvark will hold a Summer Fest tractor show on his property.
- Ruby's Pantry potato chip giveaway on May 4 was a success as well as the pantry distribution on May 11. Two hundred shares were purchased.
- Researching ways to save money for the Hwy 210 project. We have a water loan that will be paid off in 2019 and the skidsteer and a sewer loan that will be paid off in 2021.
- The water tower mixer grant was denied at this time. The tower will get cleaned this summer and then scheduled again in 5 years. We will pursue a mixer grant again during this 5 year period.

Council:

- Vigness thanked Tom and Samantha for cleaning and waxing the floors at the pavilion.

Maintenance Supervisor Johnson reported on:

- Nick Hooper will be taking down the chimney on City Hall in the next few weeks.
- The door at the pavilion has been replaced.
- The USGS has completed their study and survey on the test wells. The Department of Health will do additional testing before the wells are sealed by the USGS.
- The CACC did an Earth Day cleanup and fire burn around the pavilion property.
- South Mingus Road needs gravel and grading. Keith Clark submitted a quote of \$750 for pit run, binder, and mobilization. Later this summer he would add Class 5 gravel.
This road maintenance will be reviewed at the June council meeting.
- Soderbloom's spread the gravel on Lake Street that had been stockpiled over the winter.
- The ditch on the South Alley is still on the list for dredging.
- A sewer connection on Dahl Road is leaking and will be repaired soon by Keith Clark.
- The new windows for the clinic will be installed soon.
- Beach buoys will be put out mid-June. We received a \$500 donation from Lake Country Power to purchase new buoys.
- Ritter & Ritter will clean 1/3 of the city sewer lines this summer.
Vigness suggested purchasing lift rings to raise up the manholes on North Alley.

Municipal Liquor Store Manager Konieska reported on:

- The outside bar light has been repaired with LED lights.
- Krysta attended the MMB Conference April 30-May 2.
- Remy Iverson has resigned.
Motion by Sharon to accept Remy's resignation, second by Vigness. Yes: HagE, Lippo, Lally, Zelazny, Vigness. No: None. Motion carried.
- Katie Juntunen has resigned.
Motion by Vigness to accept Katie's resignation, second by Lally. Yes: HagE, Lippo, Lally, Zelazny, Vigness. No: None. Motion carried.

- April 20 Beth Juhl was hired as bartender.
June 5 Harley Newton was hired as bartender.
- Kathy Olson has completed her probationary period.
Motion by Zelazny to hire Kathy Olson, second by Lally. Yes: HagE, Lippo, Zelazny, Lally, Vigness. No: None. Motion carried.
- Cheryl Sweeney has completed 1040 hours and is eligible for a step increase.
She is to fill out an evaluation form and her step increase will be discussed at the June council meeting.
- June 9 – Kevin Kraft, stand-up comedian.
- We will be holding a larger meat raffle soon; 15 games instead of 10.

Fire Department/Ambulance/Joint Powers – Minutes attached.

JPJ Engineering:

A section of Lake Street has been discussed for vacating. Status Report attached.

Old Business:

8.1 Split Liquor Election:

Motion by Vigness to accept attached Resolution 17.05.17 Conduct Split Liquor Special Election, second by Lippo. Yes: HagE, Lippo, Zelazny, Lally, Vigness. No: None. Motion carried.

8.2 Administrating Balloting

Motion by Zelazny to accept attached Resolution 17.05.18 Appointing Administration of Balloting Process for the August 8, 2017 Split Liquor Special Election. Paul Gassert, Carlton County Auditor and staff would administer the balloting. Second by Lally. Yes: Vigness, Lally, Zelazny, Lippo, HagE. No: None. Motion carried.

It is the city's financial responsibility to pay for the special election, however, if the vote passes, money can be recouped when granting the liquor license.

New Business

9.2 Ordinance to revise liquor store hours

Motion by HagE to approve the attached Ordinance, Hours and Days of Sale per MN Statute 340A.504. Second by Lally. Yes: Lally, Vigness, Zelazny, Lippo, HagE. No: None. Motion carried.

9.4 Summer Fest Beer Garden

The CACC would like to hold a beer garden at the pavilion during the Summer Fest. Liquor must be purchased from the Cromwell Municipal Liquor Store, the area must be fenced in, and they must submit proof of liability insurance for this special event.

Motion by Vigness to approve the CACC to hold a beer garden during Summer Fest. Second by HagE. Yes: HagE, Zelazny, Lippo, Vigness, Lally. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Zelazny, second by Vigness, to acknowledge and commend:

- **Cromwell Area Community Club for organizing the Earth Day City Clean-Up.**
- **Barb Dahl and Delores Debele for cleaning the pavilion kitchen**
- **Bethany Lutheran Church for hosting Ruby's Pantry.**

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Zelazny declared the meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.

Mayor Sharon Zelazny

ATTEST: _____
LuAnn Freiermuth, City Clerk-Treasurer