A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cromwell was held on September 17, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the Cromwell Park Pavilion.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Mayor Samuel A. Clark.

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

Absent:  None

Employees:  Raenese Jokimaki (Bar Manager), LuAnn Freiermuth (City Clerk-Treasurer)

Public:  Mike Peterson

1. ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO AGENDA

2. PUBLIC INQUIRIES/INFORMATIONAL

3. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion on the Cromwell-Wright Joint Powers Agreement.

The language in Section 10.1 was corrected to read exactly as the Motion was stated from the January 15, 2014 Cromwell City Council meeting.

The original version of the Joint Powers Board Agreement was signed by the Cromwell Mayor and Clerk.

Discussion on how the finances will be handled. The clerk stated that the city auditor would like to read a signed copy of the Joint Powers Agreement and then will advise the clerk on how to proceed with the finances. Discussion on how the insurance will be handled. Carl Brandt will be at the next Joint Powers Board meeting to explain the insurance.

Discussion was held on Version 7, Section 2.2.A.2. Mayor Clark recommended that the fifth member of the board should be a township board member. Council member Peters recommended that the fifth member of the board should be a city resident of either Cromwell or Wright. Council member Lund stated that this is just the board and they are not the ones making the tax decisions. Council member Lally stated that a resident of the district is not necessarily involved in the politics of the city or township and would perhaps add a taxpayer’s perspective to issues.

Motion by Peters to change the language to read that the fifth member of the Cromwell-Wright Fire & Ambulance Board be a township board member. Seconded by Mayor Clark.

Yeas:  Clark, Peters  Nays:  Lally, Lund, Borglund

Motion failed.
Motion by Lally to accept the language in Version 7 Section 2.2.A.2 Joint Powers Agreement as written. Seconded by Lund.
Yeas: Lally, Lund, Borglund
Nays: Clark, Peters Motion carried.
The 7th version of the Joint Powers Board Agreement was signed by the Cromwell Mayor and Clerk. These Agreements were taken to Wright by Mike Peterson for their approval and signature.

4. CONSENT AGENDA
   A. Approval of prior meeting minutes.
   B. Pavilion calendar
   C. General Ledger for August (listing receipts and disbursements)
   D. Claims list for approval
   E. Liquor Store monthly sales total report
   F. Pull tab totals for July $732.60
   G. Treasurer’s Monthly Report
Motion by Lally, seconded by Peters to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

5. WATER/SEWER/MAINTENANCE
   A. Maintenance Report
      a. City Hall roof leaks and needs immediate repair. Tom will arrange for a contractor to repair this.
      b. Discussion on hooking up to city water or putting in an additional filter on water line at city hall. Tom will call a plumber to add a filter to the water line.
      c. Discussion on additional wiring to accommodate the air conditioner in the city apartment. Will discuss further next spring.
      d. Hydrant #22 (South Alley) needs repair. Tim Gobel will repair this as soon as possible.
      e. Keith Clark has been notified and will fix Ted Beck’s curb stop as soon as possible.
      f. The old shop is being torn down.
      g. Smoking door for the bar. Lipe Brothers gave a quote a year ago. Tom will contact them again to see if they are still interested.
      h. The ATV/snowmobile trail street light has been installed. The ATV/snowmobile culvert on north 73 has been installed.
      i. The ponds will be drained soon. Pre-pond samples taken on 9/16/2014.
      j. The culvert on Hwy 210 by Don Clark’s residence is plugged. Tom will contact the State for maintenance.
      k. The solar speed signs are not working. The council advised Tom to contact the company, Traffic Logix.
      l. Discussion on the storage trailer and railroad car behind city hall.
   B. Project Status Report from JPJ
      a. MnDOT has indicated that the No Passing Zone striping will take place in the 2014 construction season.
6. LIQUOR STORE
   A. Manager’s Report by Raenese Jokimaki
      a. Beer taps are in and wall has been completed.
      b. Pop lines are in.
      c. The liquor tower has been installed.
      d. Inventory is done.
      e. Mystery shots are still in demand so will continue with that.
      f. Asked for approval to spend $700 for the band “Circuit Breakers”.
      g. Megan has completed her 4096 hours and is eligible for her next step increase. Manager Jokimaki reported that she is doing an excellent job and is a real asset to the bar and would recommend her next step increase.
         Motion by Clark to approve Megan’s step increase. Seconded by Borglund. Motion carried unanimously.
      h. Had technical problems with the security system. That has been repaired.
      i. Need maintenance on the cooler room. Problems due to humidity.
      j. Considering business “Winter Hours”.
      k. Will be offering a new special. “Magic Mike Monday”.
      l. Eliminating the Tuesday Night Giveaway. Will do BOGOHO (Buy one, get one half off) on Tuesdays.
      m. Oct 18 – Bean Bag Tournament and the band “Lake Effect”.
      n. Taps are selling good.
      o. Band hours will be 7 – 11 pm
      p. Liquor prices will be increasing.
      q. Manager, bartenders, and the liquor committee will be discussing ideas for the patio outside and the exposed wall.
      r. The POS system needs to be updated or replaced.
      s. Melissa Johnson is no longer available for work.
         Motion by Peters to terminate Melissa Johnson’s employment. Seconded by Lally. Motion carried unanimously.
      t. Clerk advised by council to place a bartender ad in the papers.

7. PARKS AND RECREATION/PAVILION
   A. There is a remaining balance in the city account earmarked for the Harvest Fest. Clerk was advised to get invoices from the Harvest Fest committee to reimburse the club.
   B. Chill-o-ween will be held on October 17 at the pavilion. The council has been asked for a donation.
Motion made by Lally to donate $100 to the Chill-o-ween festivities. Seconded by Borglund. Motion carried unanimously.

8. GENERAL CITY/ HOUSING / HIGHWAY
   A. City Clerk has completed her one year of employment and is eligible for a step increase. Motion by Lally to approve a step increase for LuAnn Freiermuth. Seconded by Peters. Motion carried unanimously.
   B. Discussion on cleaning/maintenance of the pavilion. Council advised clerk to make a donation list of items needed at the pavilion.
   C. The Welcome to Cromwell sign has been installed on North 73 on Villa Vista property. There is a remaining balance of $379 from the grant given for the sign. Clerk will check on possible landscaping around the bottom of the sign.

9. FIRE DEPARTMENT/AMBULANCE
   A. A letter of resignation/retirement from Steve Bridge was read. Steve has worked on the Fire & Ambulance Department for over 35 years. The council expressed their appreciation for his years of service. Motion by Peters to accept Steve Bridge’s resignation. Seconded by Lally. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Clerk/Treasurer
    A. A grant for electrical work for the city generator at the wellhouse has been applied for from Source Water Protection.
    B. There will be a presentation by Senior LinkAge Line at the pavilion at 1:00 pm on September 24.

11. TRUSTEE’S NOTES
    Ray Lally – Ray reported he has received many phone calls listed as “unknown name, unknown number”. Usually he does not answer these calls. He did answer one of these calls last week. The caller said, “Mr. Lally please.” Ray replied, “Yes, speaking.” The caller asked, “Ray?” Ray replied “Yes”. The caller asked, “Would you answer a one-question survey?” Ray responded with, “Yes, fine.” The caller asked, “How many assholes are there on the Cromwell City Council?” Ray answered, “Excuse me?” The caller replied, “You heard me, how many assholes are there on the Cromwell City Council?” Ray replied, “Before I respond to that in any way whatsoever, I want to know who is calling.” The caller replied, “Doesn’t matter who is calling, I want to know how many assholes are on the Cromwell City Council.” Ray replied, “As soon as you tell me who is calling I will respond to the question.” The caller then gave their name. Ray responded, “I’ll tell you what, I am not going to respond to you in any way or any form.” The caller persisted with, “Well, tell me, how many are assholes. I know you are the worst one.” Ray responded, “If you sober up and talk decently I might talk to you.” The caller asked, “How many assholes ...” Ray hung up.

This is being reported and recorded as an official document of harassment to the Cromwell City Council.

Warren Peters – Warren reported that the POS system at the liquor store needs to be upgraded. He is looking into our options. Warren has been very supportive to Raenese in helping her with the computer and the two of them are looking into a new software system. Warren is willing to work on this and to
continue to give computer support. He does not charge for his services. He does not however want to be accused or harassed from the public about this.

Lisa Lund -
Tom Borglund – The clerk was asked if a letter was sent to Lawrence Lundin and if she received a response from him on his plans for his commercial building on Highway 210 that is collapsing. The city has not had a response from him. The clerk was advised to send a certified letter informing him that since he did not comply with the previous notice that a detailed plan must be presented to the city council by the next city council meeting on October 15, 2014 or the city will start proceedings to abate the ordinance violation. Also, there are a couple people interested in purchasing the brake in the shop. Tom will be asked to gather items to be put up for sale.

12. Mayor’s Notes

ADJOURN
Motion made by Borglund, seconded by Peters to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Samuel A. Clark

ATTEST:

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LuAnn Freiermuth, City Clerk-Treasurer