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**CITY OF CROMWELL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CROMWELL PAVILION  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cromwell was held on April 19, 2023 at the Cromwell Park Pavilion.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Sharon Zelazny, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at Roll Call: Mayor Sharon Zelazny, Council Members Lisa Irving, Ray Lally, Ed Raisanen and Alex French.

Maintenance Director Tom Johnson, City Clerk/Treasurer Savannah Caspersen, City Engineer John Jamnick and one guest were also present.

Mayor Zelazny welcomed all in attendance.

There was a motion by Lally, seconded by Raisanen, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of 11.2 Health Insurance Eligibility. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Zelazny updated the council on the progress of the USDA Loan/Grant Highway 210 Project.

Mayor Zelazny updated the council on the progress of the DNR Grant.

There was a motion made by Irving, seconded by French to approve bid from Olesiak Masonry for \$36,500 for the brick and concrete portion of the toilet building. Roll call vote: Yes - Lally, Irving, French Raisanen, Zelazny; No – None. Motion carried.

There was a motion made by Lally, seconded by Raisanen to approve bid from Jeff Anderson Carpentry and Contracting for the carpentry estimate for roof, eaves and door of the toilet building for \$24,360. Roll call vote: Yes - Lally, Irving, French Raisanen, Zelazny; No – None. Motion carried.

Mayor Zelazny updated council on the Pavilion Park Grant. Exploring cost estimates to black top the parking lot for the Liquor Store and part of the road through the park.

Sewer Request- More information is needed before the council would consider request. Specifically how it would work and affect Red Clover Township.

There was a motion by Raisanen, seconded by French, to approve the consent agenda which included: Approval of March 15, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes and the Pavilion Calendar for April 2023 and May 2023. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

There was a motion by Lally, seconded by French, to accept the attached financial report. Roll call vote: Yes - Lally, Irving, French Raisanen, Zelazny; No – None. Motion carried.

The Council acknowledged the following correspondence: Lake Country Power-Rate change beginning September 2023, Lake Country Power Annual Meeting Notice, Medical Building Tax Valuation for 2024, and Public Notice- Carlton County Zoning Ordinance.

The Mayor's Report included:

- Mayor Sharon Zelazny's attendance at the LMC 2023 Annual Conference from June 21-23 in Duluth. There was a motion by Irving, seconded by French to approve Mayor Zelazny's attendance at the 2023 League of MN Cities Annual Conference. Yes - Lally, Irving, French Raisanen, Zelazny; No – None. Motion carried;
- French volunteered to work with Zelazny to review the City's Salary Step Schedule and bring information to the council in May for consideration;
- Manganese update the city is working with MN Dept of Health on identifying misconceptions in the community. Cromwell-Wright School water has tested okay and they have stated that they will work with the city;
- The Drug Take Back will be at the Firehall in Cromwell on Saturday, April 22;
- Cinco de Mayo Open House Party on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 - 7 PM at the Cromwell Pavilion. Sponsored by the Cromwell Area Community Club;
- A new used desk was purchased for Krysta.

Maintenance Director Tom Johnson presented the council the Consumer Confidence Report- Cromwell 2022 Drinking Water Report. MDH recommended the city add Manganese information under the Additional Information section. A notice will be posted for Cromwell residents and a copy will be available upon request. Tom updated the council on a basement flooding resident compliant. The city will continue to work with residents on compliance with the Sewer Laterals/Sump Pumps Ordinance. Tom has been checking roads for flooding. French volunteered to work with the mayor with advertising the Public Works Director Position.

The council reviewed the meeting minutes from the February 28, 2023 Joint Powers Meeting.

Motion by French, seconded by Lally, to approve the Yearly Audit Engagement Letter. Roll call vote: Yes - Lally, Irving, French Raisanen, Zelazny; No – None. Motion carried.

Motion by Raisanen, seconded by French, to approve full time employees' health insurance benefits to begin on their first day of employment. Roll call vote: Yes - Lally, Irving, French Raisanen, Zelazny; No – None. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Zelazny, seconded by Raisanen, to acknowledge and commend Taya Hakamaki for her outstanding performance with the Women's UMD Basketball team and representing the City of Cromwell. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Zelazny declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

*Sharon Zelazny*

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Sharon Zelazny, Mayor

*Lisa Irving*

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Lisa Irving, Council Member