

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CROMWELL PAVILION
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2018**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cromwell was held on August 15, 2018, at 6:05 PM at the Cromwell Park Pavilion.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Mayor Sharon Zelazny.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Sharon Zelazny, Council Members Phil Lippo, Josh King-HagE

Absent: Council Members: Artie Vigness, Ray Lally

Mayor Zelazny welcomed all in attendance.

Others:

Maintenance Superintendent – Tom Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer – Nikkie Johnson, Liquor Store Manager – Krista Konieska

Motion by King-HagE, seconded by Lippo, to approve the agenda with the additions of the Harvest Fest Donation and the Wounded Warriors United – Minnesota, free Pavilion rental request. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Lippo, seconded by King-HagE, to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote: Yes: Lippo, King-HagE, Zelazny: No: none. Motion carried.

Motion by King-HagE, seconded by Lippo, to accept the attached financial reports. Roll call vote: Yes: Lippo, King-HagE, Zelazny: No: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Vigness arrived at 6:13 PM.

The Council acknowledged a Memorandum sent by ARDC with the preliminary 2019 Budget and Proposed Tax Levy. A public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 10 am at ARDC located at 221 W 1st Street, Duluth MN for anyone interested in attending.

Council Member Artie Vigness reported:

- Construction on the new Dollar General store is moving along.

Council Member Vigness left at 6:25 PM.

Mayor Zelazny reported:

- The incumbent Council Members had filed for the seats in the upcoming election and she filed for Mayor. There were no other affidavits filed for any of the seats. Council Member Ray Lally filed for the 2 year seat. Council Member Phil Lippo and Council Member Josh King-HagE have filed for the 4 year seats.
- Mayor Zelazny and Tom Johnson worked to complete the Address Census. This was in anticipation of the 2020 Census.
- Concerning the blight ordinance letters that were sent out: Two dilapidated garages have been removed from one of the properties.
- The Restaurant Live Burn is back on the Joint Powers agenda.
- Mayor Zelazny reported she and Tom Johnson met with Joint Powers Board members Steve Risacher, John Manninen and Chief Training Officer Mike Peterson on August 15, 2018 to discuss the Joint Powers recommended 2,431.17 fire tax increase for the City of Cromwell and the services the City provides for the Cromwell/Wright Area Fire District at no charge. (This discussion did not include fire and ambulance runs where City employees are allowed to participate in at City expense). Mike Peterson informed the City representatives that as of January 1, 2019, the Fire Department will no longer utilize the additional City services.
- Mayor Zelazny reported she and Superintendent Tom Johnson met with City Engineer John Mattonen of JPJ Engineering on August 1, 2018 to review and prioritize potential Water/Sewer and Road Improvement projects and discuss costs and grant opportunities.
- The Quilters want to replace the stove in the Pavilion at their cost.

Council Member Josh King-HagE reported:

- Additional information about obtaining grant opportunities for water, sewer and road improvement projects, suggesting Grants.gov.

Maintenance Superintendent Tom Johnson reported:

- He had two inquiries about adding water service to city properties. One was not feasible because of location and he is in conversation with City Engineer John Mattonen to find out costs and feasibility of the other.
- The ponds look good and he will be discharging them in September.

- The gravel projects are complete.
- The Harvest Fest is coming up in September and he will assist with setting up the venue.

Municipal Liquor Store Manager reported:

- Pull tabs were good this month.
- The patio furniture received a face lift with new paint and she extended compliments to Tom Johnson and Ed Pung for doing a great job.
- Installation for the new security cameras at the liquor store has been delayed.
- High NRG Entertainment has been unreliable will find a new, reliable entertainment company.
- The Wounded Warriors United – Minnesota event is on August 25, 2018. Since this is the first event where the Municipal will have a bar set up at the Pavilion, there was a discussion about how to best set up for the event.
- The Harvest Fest schedule was presented.

Fire Department/Ambulance/Joint Powers – Minutes attached

There was a discussion concerning the City of Cromwell acting as fiscal agent for the Cromwell Wright Area Fire District / Joint Powers. Mayor Zelazny cited an unsustainable working relationship between the City and the Fire District. **Motion by Lippo, seconded by King-HagE, to approve the request that the Cromwell Wright Area Fire District Joint Powers obtain a new fiscal agent. Roll call vote: Yes: Lippo, King-HagE, Zelazny, No: None. Motion carried.**

JPJ Project Status Report

- Attend future meetings and assist the City
- Working on developing costs for City Utility Replacement
- Assist with funding
- Developing costs to design drainage in the park and pavilion area
- Assisting with budgeting costs for other utility and street improvements
- Will assist with Lake Hill Drive upon request

There was a discussion about a Release of Interest for the loan to Richard A. Aho and Cindy L. Aho for the Country Inn. **Motion by King-HagE, seconded by Lippo, to approve satisfaction of the City's lien interests for the loan between Richard A. Aho**

and Cindy L. Aho dated July 24, 2013. The City has received \$3000.00 to satisfy the loan. Roll call vote: Yes - Lippo, King-HagE, Zelazny. No: None. Motion carried.

A motion by King-HagE, seconded by Lippo, to contribute \$1,500 to the Relief Association for active firefighters for 2017. Roll call vote: Yes: Lippo, King-HagE, Zelazny. No: None. Motion carried.

Preliminary Loan Application was submitted by new property owner DDN Development, LLC (Derek Nyberg). He indicated on the pre-application the loan will go towards architectural design and development, and pre-construction fees. Carlton County Economic Development Director Connie Christiansen has reviewed the preliminary application and recommended allowing the applicant to move forward with a final application. Motion by King-HagE, seconded by Lippo, to approve the pre-loan application submitted by DDN Development LLC (Derek Nyberg). Roll call vote: YES: Lippo, King-HagE, Zelazny NO: None. Motion carried.

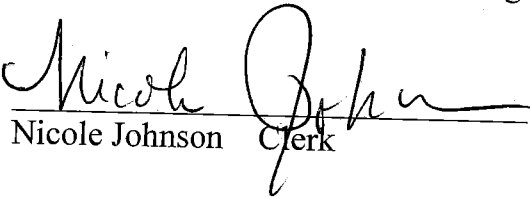
There was a discussion about the new Liquor Licensing Policy and fees for the City. Mayor Zelazny will provide more information at next month's meeting.

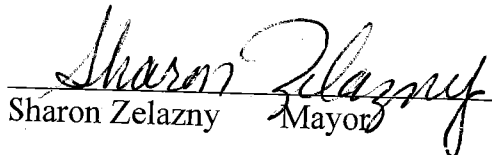
Motion by King-HagE, seconded by Lippo, to donate \$300 dollars to the Harvest Fest. Roll call vote: Yes: Lippo, King-HagE, Zelazny. No: None. Motion carried.

There was a request by Wounded Warriors United – Minnesota to waive the Pavilion rental fee for their upcoming event scheduled on August 25, 2018. Motion by Lippo, seconded by King-HagE, to approve waiving the Pavilion rental fee for the Wounded Warriors United – Minnesota. Roll call vote: Yes: Lippo, King-HagE, Zelazny. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Zelazny, seconded by King-HagE, to acknowledge and commend: Gazebo Volunteer Builders: Dan Heikkila, Rob Switzer, Donald Nyberg, Dick Nichols, Rod Walli, Brian Geleneau, and Ryan Olesiak, and Cromwell Wright Area Fire District Joint Powers for sponsoring National Night Out. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Zelazny declared the meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.


Nicole Johnson Clerk


Sharon Zelazny Mayor