

**CITY OF CROMWELL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CROMWELL PAVILION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cromwell was held on March 20, 2024, 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, Alex French, and Ed Raisanen.

Also present were Public Works Director Dustin Homstad and two guests.

Mayor Zelazny welcomed all in attendance.

There was a motion by Lally, seconded by Raisanen, to approve the agenda with the addition of 9.2.a. Resolution No. 24.3.20 Conditional Project Funding Commitment for City of Cromwell Pavilion Renovation Project. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

There was a motion by Lally, seconded by French, to approve the consent agenda which included Approval of March and April Pavilion Calendar and LMC Grant Navigator Funding Received. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

There was a motion by Irving, seconded by Lally, to approve the attached financial report. Roll call vote: YES - Lally, Irving, Raisanen, Zelazny, French. NO – None. Motion Carried.

The council reviewed the correspondence, Talon Metals March Newsletter.

The Mayor's report included:

- Hwy 73 Corridor Public Open House Update;
- Storage Containers;
- Coffee Hut;
- Possible New Restaurant;
- Holiday Decorations Update;
- LRIP Grant Award Timeline.

There was a motion by Lally, seconded by Raisanen, to approve the proposal from Olesiak Masonry, LLC to tuck point and patch brick on the city hall building. Roll call vote: YES - Lally, Irving, Raisanen, Zelazny, French. NO – None. Motion Carried.

The Public Works Director report also included:

- Ball Field improvements and a grant requesting financial help with those improvements;
- Soliciting Bids for the SCDP Grant Application.

There was a motion by Irving , seconded by French, to approve the Municipal Liquor Store Manager attendance at the 2024 MMBA Conference. Roll call vote: YES - Lally, Irving, Raisanen, Zelazny, French. NO – None. Motion Carried.

The Municipal Liquor Store Manager’s Report included:

- Legislative Day 2024;
- Pine and Carlton County Resident Guide advertisement;
- New Water Heater.

The council acknowledged for review the January 23, 2024, Joint Powers Minutes. The Joint Powers and Ambulance District Annual Meeting was discussed.

Motion by Raisanen, seconded by Lally, to approve the 2024 Contract for Fire Protection. Roll call vote: YES - Lally, Irving, Raisanen, Zelazny, French. NO – None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Lally, seconded by Raisanen, to approve the Cromwell-Wright Fire/Ambulance Special Taxing District Agreement Draft as presented. Roll call vote: YES - Lally, Irving, Raisanen, Zelazny, French. NO – None. Motion Carried.

The council acknowledged for review the December 5, 2023, Northwest Ambulance District Minutes. French updated the council on the March 6, 2024, meeting.

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

There was a motion by Irving, seconded by Lally, to approve the attached Resolution No. 24.3.20 Conditional Project Funding Commitment for City of Cromwell Pavilion Renovation Project. Roll call vote: YES - Lally, Irving, Raisanen, Zelazny, French. NO – None. Motion Carried.

Mayor Zelazny updated the council on the Pavilion Park Grants.

There will be an Open House for the Local Partnership Program Grant on April 3, 2024, at 5:30 PM at the Pavilion.

There was a motion by Irving, seconded by Lally, to renew the lease agreement with Dr. Rachel Miller for the clinic building for another year with the same terms. Roll call vote: YES - Lally, Irving, Raisanen, Zelazny, French. NO – None. Motion Carried.

There was a motion by Raisanen, seconded by French, to approve the building permit from NorthStar Design & Build for a three-bedroom, two-bath home at 5581 Riverview Trail. Roll call vote: YES - Lally, Irving, Raisanen, Zelazny, French. NO – None. Motion Carried.

There was a motion by Lally, seconded by Irving, to hire Dustin Homstad as Public Works Director effective April 16, 2024, pending a successful pre-hire evaluation. Roll call vote: YES - Lally, Irving, Raisanen, Zelazny, French. NO – None. Motion Carried.

There was a motion by French, seconded by Irving, to approve a credit card for the Public Works Director after April 16, 2024, pending a successful pre-hire evaluation. Roll call vote: YES - Lally, Irving, Raisanen, Zelazny, French. NO – None. Motion Carried.

There was a motion by French, seconded by Lally, to Acknowledge and Commend Doug Suhonen for his years of important work serving on the Northwest Carlton County Ambulance District. Roll call vote: YES - Lally, Irving, Raisanen, Zelazny, French. NO – None. Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 PM.


Sharon Zelazny, Mayor


Lisa Irving, Council Member