

**CITY OF CROMWELL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Cromwell Pavilion
Wednesday, November 17, 2021
6:00 PM**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cromwell was held on November 17, 2021 at 6:00 PM 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 and Ed Raisanen. Also present were Municipal Liquor Store Manager Krysta Konieska, City Engineer John Jamnick and one guest.

Mayor Zelazny welcomed all in attendance.

Motion by Lally, seconded by Irving, to approve the agenda with the additions of 8.3.c. KTM Paving – claim approval and 9.2.c. Develop City Land Use Plan, for the Clark Avenue/Lake Hill Drive area, to be used in the rezoning of the property. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Lally, seconded by Raisanen to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the October 20, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes, the November 5, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes, the Pavilion Calendar, and a \$998 donation from Northern Pine Riders for a water heater at the Pavilion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Irving, seconded by Raisanen, to approve the attached receipts and disbursements financial report for October 2021. Roll call vote: YES: Lally, Irving, Raisanen, Zelazny. NO: None. Motion carried.

The council reviewed the following correspondence: Carlton County Sale of Irregular City Lots.

Motion by Lally, seconded by Irving, to waive the November 5, 2021 special meeting costs for Chris and Alisha Soderbloom. Roll call vote: YES: Lally, Irving, Raisanen, Zelazny. NO: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Zelazny updated the council on the recent Drug TakeBack event and the YOT decision not to pursue Saturday dances.

Motion by Raisanen, seconded by Lally, to renew the MRWA membership for 2022. Roll call vote: YES: Lally, Irving, Raisanen, Zelazny. NO: None. Motion carried.

City Engineer John Jamnick presented change order and other negotiated information for the KTM Paving, Inc. invoice for the sewer extension project on Hwy. 73 south. There was a motion by Lally, seconded by Raisanen, to pay KTM Paving, Inc. \$54,078.40 for the Wastewater Improvements – T.H. 73 Corridor project. Roll call vote: YES: Lally, Irving, Raisanen, Zelazny. NO: None. Motion carried.

The Council discussed the current hydrant damage/water line break.

The Council reviewed a Duluth News Tribune article noting the Cromwell Municipal Liquor Store high net profit for 2020.

Municipal Liquor Store Manager Konieska reported on:

- Northern Pine Riders donation of a new popcorn machine and stand. The old machine will be given to the Pavilion for community use.
- Northern Pine Riders will also be purchasing a safe to secure pull-tab monies in accordance with State guidelines.
- Customer Appreciation is set for December 18.

The September 28, 2021 Joint Powers unofficial minutes were available for review.

Motion by Raisanen, seconded by Irving, to accept the bid and award the Water Tower Mixer Project to KLM Engineering, Inc. Water Tower Specialists. Roll call vote: YES: Lally, Irving, Raisanen, Zelazny. NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Irving, seconded by Lally, to accept a \$1,000 donation from the YOT (Young Old Timers). Roll call vote: YES: Lally, Irving, Raisanen, Zelazny. NO: None. Motion carried.

City Engineer John Jamnick and Mayor Zelazny updated the council on the anticipated development in the Clark Avenue/Lake Hill Drive area. City Engineer Jamnick recommended the City begin developing a City Land Use Plan for that area to be used in rezoning the area. Council consensus was to move forward with a committee to develop a Land Use Plan for that area. Councilmember Irving volunteered to sit on the committee with Mayor Zelazny and the City Engineer.

Mayor Zelazny, along with Councilmember Irving and City Clerk Bursey, met with CTC to inquire about bringing Broadband to Cromwell. CTC will be submitting a quote for hooking up City Hall to the current fiberoptics in the building. Mayor Zelazny will continue to work with CTC to see what options they would have to offer to bring broadband to Cromwell.

The council reviewed a letter of interest from Alex French to fill the vacant Council position. There was a motion by Lally, seconded by Irving, to appoint Alex French to the Cromwell City Council position that will end December 31, 2022. Roll call vote: YES: Lally, Irving, Raisanen, Zelazny. NO: None. Motion carried. French will be sworn in at the December council meeting.

Motion by Raisanen, seconded by Irving, to approve the building permit for Paul Myers for new home construction and converting an existing dwelling into a garage. Roll call vote: YES: Lally, Irving, Raisanen, Zelazny. NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Irving, seconded by Raisanen, to Certify delinquent Water and Sewer accounts to Carlton County.. Roll call vote: YES: Lally, Irving, Raisanen, Zelazny. NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Lally, seconded by Raisanen, to approve Vendor Registration with Lakes and Pines Energy Assistance Program. Roll call vote: YES: Lally, Irving, Raisanen, Zelazny. NO: None. Motion carried.


In the absence of City Clerk Bursey, there was a motion by Zelazny, seconded by Lally, to approve a step increase for City Clerk/Treasurer Gwendolyn Bursey. Roll call vote: YES: Lally, Irving, Raisanen, Zelazny. NO: None. Motion carried. The council will conduct her evaluation review at the December meeting.

Liquor Store Manager Krysta Konieska requested her annual evaluation review remain open to the public. Following a successful review, there was a motion by Raisanen, seconded by Irving, to approve the pre-negotiated salary increase for Liquor Store Manager Krysta Konieska. Roll call vote: YES: Lally, Irving, Raisanen, Zelazny. NO: None. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.



Sharon Zelazny, Mayor



Ray Lally, Councilmember