

**CITY OF CROMWELL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2017**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cromwell was held on November 29, 2017 at the Cromwell Park Pavilion.

The meeting was called to order at 6:17 PM by Mayor Sharon Zelazny.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Sharon Zelazny, Council Members Phil Lippo, Ray Lally, Artie Vigness, Josh King-HagE

Others: Melissa Korpela (Clerk), Krysta Konieska (Liquor Store Manager), and one visitor,

Mayor Zelazny welcomed all in attendance.

Motion by Vigness to approve the agenda. Second by Lally. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Amanda Miller from Kennecott, updated the council on the Kennecott Exploration/Talon Metals Project.

Motion by Lally to approve the Consent Agenda, which included Minutes from the October 18th, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting and the Pavilion Calendar. Second by Vigness. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Correspondence included Finlandia Foundation, Enbridge Line 3 Project: Citizen e-mail and Enbridge response, and a Kennecott Exploration/Talon Metals.

Motion by Lippo, second by Lally, to accept the attached financial reports: General Ledger for October, Claim List, Liquor Store Monthly Sales Report, Pull Tab Totals, and Treasurer's Monthly Report. Yes: Zelazny, Lippo, Lally, Vigness, King-HagE. No: None. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

- CACC survey overwhelmingly showed that the community would like to go back to the Harvest Fest.
- The Fire District legislation separating them from the city did not go through, as they had been informed.
- The mayor's plan to accumulate a list of needs for the pavilion so organizations may access it when they wish to donate.

Maintenance Superintendent:

- USGS has sealed all the wells at the well house.
- Hydrant repair by the skating rink is postponed until spring. The skating rink will be flooded by using a fire truck.
- Window in the pavilion repaired.
- Hanni will be hooking up the City Hall to city water soon.
- New tires were purchased for the city pick-up. The best deal was from Cromwell Auto.
- Six new water meters were purchased.
- All city septic tanks are pumped for the season and paperwork completed.
- The pavilion dance floor lighting is being improved.

Municipal Liquor Store Manager:

Motion by Zelazny, seconded by Vigness to notify and suspend for 30 days from the Cromwell Municipal Liquor Store the individual involved in the November 3, 2017 incident where he engaged in behavior in violation of our Liquor Store policy. Yes: Zelazny, Lippo, Lally, Vigness, King-HagE. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Lally, seconded by Lippo, to donate \$50 in gift cards to the Liquor Store annual Customer Appreciation event. Yes: Zelazny, Lippo, Lally, Vigness, King-HagE. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Lippo, seconded by Lally, to approve the purchase of slide show lighting for the Liquor Store. Yes: Zelazny, Lippo, Lally, Vigness, King-HagE. No: None. Motion carried.

- Northern Pine Riders (pull-tab vendor) announced that they will be giving five \$300 scholarships to seniors of Cromwell-Wright School.
- Hunting Season was very successful this year.
- Winter hours are being reviewed and decided.
- Dec. 9 is Extreme Bingo and Karaoke.
- Instead of a fundraiser of toys this Christmas, she is considering a fund-raiser to raise lunch money for children at Cromwell-Wright School.

JPJ Engineering:

- Work on Hwy 210 Improvement Project.

Old Business:

Zelazny updated the Council on the Hwy 210 Improvement Project.

New Business:

The auditor has recommended a water rate increase as that fund is low. The council discussed a water rate increase as well as our late fee, delinquent and shut-off policy. They used rates and policies from neighboring communities for comparisons. A possible rate increase and policy change will be at the December meeting.

Motion by Lally, seconded by Vigness to coordinate with the CACC to bring Santa to City Hall. The city will provide hot chocolate and apple cider. Yes: Zelazny, Lippo, Lally, Vigness, King-HagE. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Lally, seconded by Lippo, to grant free rent to the Family Football Dinner that was held on November 8 to support the Cromwell-Wright Football team in the play-offs. Yes: Zelazny, Lippo, Lally, Vigness, King-HagE. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Zelazny, seconded by Lally, to approve the Equipment Loan Agreement. Yes: Zelazny, Lippo, Lally, Vigness, King-HagE. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Vigness, seconded by Lippo to Certify Delinquent Water and Sewer Accounts to Carlton County. Yes: Zelazny, Lippo, Lally, Vigness, King-HagE. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Lally, seconded by Lippo, to Acknowledge and Commend the Cromwell Cardinal Football Team – Section 5 9-man Champions and the Chilloween. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Zelazny closed the meeting at 7:08 PM for an employee evaluation.

The meeting was reopened at 7:15 PM

Council concensus was a positive evaluation for Liquor Store Manager, Krysta Konieska. Motion by Vigness, seconded by Lally to approve a STEP increase for Liquor Store Manager Krysta Konieska. Yes: Zelazny, Lippo, Lally, Vigness, King-HagE. No: None. Motion carried.

Zelazny declared the meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM

Mayor Sharon Zelazny

Councilmember Phil Lippo