

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CROMWELL PAVILION  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2018**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cromwell was held on November 21, 2018, at 6:00 PM at the Cromwell Park Pavilion.

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Roll Call

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

Mayor Zelazny welcomed all in attendance.

Others: Krysta Konieska – Liquor Store Manager, Nikkie Johnson – Clerk/Treasurer.

**Motion by Vigness, seconded by King-HagE, to approve the agenda as presented.  
Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

**Motion by Lally, seconded by Lippo, to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the October 17, 2018 regular Council Meeting, the minutes from the Special Council meeting on November 14, 2018 and the December, 2018 Pavilion Calendar and scheduled events. Roll call vote: YES - Vigness, Lally, 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 - Vigness, Lally, Lippo, King-HagE, Zelazny; NO - None. Motion carried.**

The Council acknowledged the following correspondence: An email from Anna Carolina Silva from Kennecott Company with an update on the Tamarack Project, ARDC Nominations, Notices of Decision from Carlton County for Variance #318016 - Wedlund, and #318017 – Nyberg which were both granted on October 16, 2018 and a Notice of Public Hearing from Carlton County for Variance #318018 – Niedermann on November 20, 2018 at 7PM.

**Mayor Zelazny Reported:**

- New Project Manager for MN Dot, Josie Olson will be attending the December Council Meeting.
- Mayor Zelazny reported she has checked into how the TIF (Tax Increment Finance) money can be spent as there are limitations such as putting in sidewalks and street lights by Villa Vista. Cromwell-Wright School has also written a letter of interest for Safe Routes to School to obtain a grant for sidewalks and lighting for that area.
- Mayor Zelazny reported she spoke with MN Dot about how to slow down cars at the cross walk by the school. MN Dot suggested placing speed signs with flashers by the crosswalk. Mayor Zelazny wrote a grant on behalf of the school to Lake Country Power to help with funding for the flashing street sign.
- Mayor Zelazny updated the Council on City Attorney Yetka's response to The Joint Power's letter to the State Auditor about transferring the funds from the City of Cromwell to the City of Wright after the fiscal agent change.
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**Council Member Lally Reported:**

- There is a street light that is covered by trees on Hwy 73 across from Villa Courts.

**Council Member Vigness Reported:**

- He will not be resigning his seat on the City Council.

**Council Member Lippo Reported:**

- There is a fence bordering the school's property that is falling down.

**Maintenance Superintendent** – Tom Johnson's report was given by Clerk Nikkie Johnson.

- All ponds are drained and good for the winter
- All septic tanks for mounds have been pumped and transferred to the ponds and paperwork has been done.
- Water softener for the Municipal Liquor Store will be installed sometime after Thanksgiving.
- Water Tower pump needs to be replaced. Riser needs to be big enough to pump 100 feet up. Working with Applied Industrial Technology to get a new one.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention awarded Water and Wastewater Operator Specialist Tom Johnson and The City of Cromwell the Water Fluoridation Quality Award for 2017. Mayor Zelazny provided a water and wastewater checklist outlining the duties Water and Wastewater Operator Specialist Tom Johnson must routinely perform to maintain his license and keep the city's drinking water in compliance with the Minnesota Rural Water Association, DNR and CDC.

**Municipal Liquor Store Manager Konieska reported:**

**Motion by Lally, seconded by King-HagE, to accept Josephine Morsette's resignation. Roll call vote: YES - Vigness, Lally, Lippo, King-HagE, Zelazny; NO - None. Motion carried.**

- Cleaner Julianne Sullivan vacated her position and two of the bartenders have reduced their hours. New liquor store bartender and cleaner ads have been placed.
- The Liquor Store's winter hours will begin in December.
- The Liquor Store's holiday schedule was presented as follows: Thanksgiving, closed, closing early on Christmas Eve and closed on Christmas Day. Customer appreciation night will be December 22, 2018.

The Fire Department/Ambulance/Joint Powers minutes were reviewed.

**JPJ Project Status Report**

- Consider beginning funding applications for the City utility portion to be prepared for the project to go to construction.
- Will attend future meetings when scheduled and continue to assist the City
- Will assist with developing costs for the City Utility Replacements and assist with funding.
- Will assist with Lake Hill Drive when requested.

**Motion by King-HagE, seconded by Vigness to certify delinquent water and sewer accounts to Carlton County. Roll call vote: YES - Vigness, Lally, Lippo, King-HagE, Zelazny; NO - None. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Vigness, seconded by Lippo to purchase cookies and cider for Santa's Visit to City Hall. Roll call vote: YES - Vigness, Lally, Lippo, King-HagE, Zelazny; NO - None. Motion carried.**

Mayor Zelazny reported she is looking into Diversity Training for City Employees. There was consensus support from the Council.

The City of Cromwell reviewed a Notice of Bankruptcy from Rick & Cindy Aho and City Attorney Yetka's opinion concerning pursuing the Revolving Loan debt. On the City Attorney's advice, no action will be taken at this time.

**Motion by Lally, seconded by Lippo, to approve the request to waive the Pavilion Rental Fee Request for the Football Tailgate Party on November 8, 2018. Roll call vote: YES - Vigness, Lally, Lippo, King-HagE, Zelazny; NO - None. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Vigness, seconded by King-HagE, to change the time of the December, 2018 Regular Council Meeting time to 4:30 PM. Roll call vote: YES - Vigness, Lally, Lippo, King-HagE, Zelazny; NO - None. Motion carried.**

**Motion by King-HagE, seconded by Lippo, to approve building permit #11818 for John Swenson to install a septic mound. Roll call vote: YES - Vigness, Lally, Lippo, King-HagE, Zelazny; NO - None. Motion carried.**

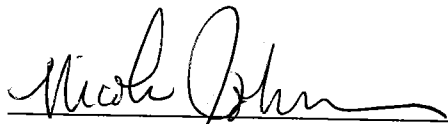
**Motion by Lally, seconded by Vigness, to acknowledge and commend: The Cromwell Cardinal Football – Section 5 9 – Man Champions and Minnesota State Final Participants and Chill-o-ween. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

Mayor Zelazny closed the regular meeting at 6:40 PM to consider Liquor Store Manager Krysta Konieska's Annual Evaluation.

Mayor Zelazny re-opened the regular meeting at 7:20 PM.

**Motion by Vigness, seconded by King-HagE, to approve a step increase for Liquor Store Manager Konieska. Roll call vote: YES - Vigness, Lally, Lippo, King-HagE, Zelazny; NO - None. Motion carried.**

Mayor Zelazny adjourned the meeting at 7:21 PM.

  
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Nicole Johnson – Clerk

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Sharon Zelazny - Mayor