

CITY OF CROMWELL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CROMWELL PAVILION
Wednesday, September 21, 2022
6:00 PM

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cromwell was held on September 21, 2022 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, Ed Raisanen and Alex French. Also present were Maintenance Supervisor Tom Johnson and Liquor Store Manager Krysta Konieska.

Mayor Zelazny welcomed all in attendance.

Motion by Lally, seconded by Raisanen, to approve the agenda with the addition of 8.1.d. Meeting Stipend. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Lally, seconded by French, to approve the consent agenda which included: Approval of August 17, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes; Pavilion Calendar: September 2022 & October 2022. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The August financial report was reviewed. Mayor Zelazny interrupted the meeting to consider the agenda item for Richard Kriske and Sarojini Davam who were present to report on their building permit application. Motion by Raisanen, seconded by Lally, to approved the attached building permit for Richard Kriske and Sarajini Davam for upgrades to their property. Roll call vote: YES: French, Irving, Zelazny, Lally and Raisanen. NO: none. Motion carried.

Returning to the financial report, there was a motion by Lally, seconded by Irving, to accept the attached financial report, including the August 2022 Cash Control Statement and cancelled checks 23737, 23771 and 23774. Roll call vote: YES: French, Irving, Zelazny, Lally and Raisanen. NO: none. Motion carried.

The Council acknowledged the following correspondence: Talon Metals Corp – August 2022 Tamarack Nickel Project; Carlton County – Notice of Decision; Minnesota Management and Budget; CTC – Thank you and Carlton County – Office of the Zoning Administrator.

The council considered a request from Eagle Township concerning maintenance on Smith Road. One half of the road maintenance would be the responsibility of the City of Cromwell and the other half would be Eagle Township's responsibility. It was decided that the City did not currently have the funding to fulfill this request at this time. If Eagle Township decides to complete the maintenance, the City will review their financial situation within the next two years to see if they would be able to cover some of the cost of the maintenance.

Mayor Zelazny updated the council on the property at 5574 Hwy 210.

After attempting to sell old city computer equipment, there was a motion by Raisanen, seconded by Lally, to dispose of the old computer equipment that they were unable to sell by recycling it. Roll call vote: YES: French, Irving, Zelazny, Lally and Raisanen. NO: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Lally, seconded by Irving, to pay Mayor Zelazny a one-time stipend for completing the City Council minutes for the September 2022 meeting. Roll call vote: YES: French, Irving, Zelazny, Lally and Raisanen. NO: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Zelazny also updated the council on:

- a resident's sewer problem resulting from a sub-contractor damaging their sewer line;
- a resident's water heater damage;
- Harvest Fest information table for the City;
- a possible weather-watcher for KBJR-6;
- some Pavilion kitchen upgrades;
- ATV/Snowmobile bridge upgrade on City route.

Maintenance Superintendent Tom Johnson reported on:

- Source Water Protection Plan;
- City truck tire purchase;
- New snow-blower attachment here;
- Southwest Mound maintenance;
- Beach and Ballfield prepped for winter;
- Wastewater ponds prepped for winter;
- and a new construction water hook-up.

Municipal Liquor Store Manager, Krysta Konieska, updated the council on:

- the full-time lead bartender position;
- Incident Report;
- Surveillance equipment update;
- Harvest Fest beer garden and dance bar;
- Muni purchases;
- Parking Lot entrance change;
- and upcoming events.

The council reviewed the July 26, 2022 Joint Powers Minutes and the March 14, 2022 Ambulance District Minutes. Mayor Zelazny updated the council on the September 13 Ambulance District meeting.

Motion by Lally, seconded by Raisanen, to approve the first payment of \$47,614.00 to Utility Systems of America for work done on the USDA Loan/Grant Utility Work – Phase II. Roll call vote: YES: French, Irving, Zelazny, Lally and Raisanen. NO: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Zelazny updated the council on the Southwest Mound Elimination Change Order.

Motion by Raisanen, seconded by Irving, to approve payment \$64,885.00 to Utility Systems of America for work done on the Pavilion Park drainage MN BWSR grant (\$_____) and recreation covered under the DNR grant (\$_____). Roll call vote: YES: French, Irving, Zelazny, Lally and Raisanen. NO: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Zelazny updated the council on CTC's completion of the Broadband hook-up at the Municipal Liquor Store and the Pavilion.

Mayor Zelazny updated the council on the SCI city-wide Broadband project.

There was a motion by Lally, seconded by French, to approve the building permit for Elmer Raisanen for a new deck. Roll call vote: YES: French, Irving, Zelazny, Lally and Raisanen. NO: none. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Raisanen, seconded by Lally to approve the annual renewal of a livestock permit for Lisa Irving. Roll call vote: YES: French, Irving, Zelazny, Lally and Raisanen. NO: none. Motion carried.

The proposed property tax for 2023 was discussed. There was a motion by Lally, seconded by French, to approved a 2023 Proposed Tax Levy of \$149,424. Roll call vote: YES: French, Irving, Zelazny, Lally and Raisanen. NO: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Irving, seconded by Raisanen, to acknowledge and Commend the Harvest Fest Balloon Event Pilots, Jon Parrott, Mark Spanier, Brett Tupy, Ed Chapman and Tom Spanier, for bringing the event to Cromwell. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Zelazny declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Sharon Zelazny, Mayor

Lisa Irving, Councilmember