

TOWN OF CRAWFORD
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February 24, 2025
7:00 p.m. Town Council Meeting
Zoom meeting for the public 958 684 9882
Minutes

ROLL CALL

Mayor Chris Johnson

Councilmembers: Jim Crook, ~~Jessica Hart~~, Cherri Olson, Jeff Peed, Tim Pobirk, Gill Saunders

Staff: Bruce Bair, Chana Clawson, Cindy Jones

Attorney: Bo Nerlin

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** Tim Pobirk made a motion to approve the agenda. Jim Crook seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes Jeff Peed read the minutes out loud. Tim Pobirk made a motion to approve the minutes. Gill Saunders seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Disbursements

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** Cherri Olson announced that the Huff family is having a fund raiser, and the drawing will be March 1st. Also, there are still petitions at her store (Hitching Post) in support of keeping the school in Crawford. The Delta Count School District meeting regarding combining NFSIS & NFMC will be Tues. at the NFHS in Hotchkiss at 5:30 pm.

5. OLD BUSINESS*

Ordinance for Water Bills Jeff Peed read Ordinance 2025-01. The second read will be at the next meeting. Following with a public hearing on the 2nd meeting in March 2025.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Jolie Clark – Sheep Dog Trials Annette Croughwell spoke on behalf of Jolie & gave the council information regarding the 22nd annual sheep dog trials in Hotchkiss on Mother's Day Weekend. She stated that there will be 275 dogs entering the trial with handlers from all over. The list of different levels of donation was read. Jeff Peed made a motion for the town to donate \$200. Tim Pobirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Facility Use Agreement Jeff Peed read the agreement. The council asked to add a section of the agreement specific to storage. Jim Crook stated that there had been an agreement for the American Legion to use the facility and store their equipment at the town hall, but this agreement was probably 35 years ago.



Resolution to support maintaining the Crawford school Mayor Johnson drafted a letter stating the reasons why Crawford would like to maintain the North Fork Montessori School in Crawford. Which will be read at the school board meeting tomorrow night. Jeff Peed made a motion to approve the letter (with a couple grammar corrections) Jim Crook seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Payroll contractor discussion Cindy Jones provided 3 quotes from payroll contractors to the council: OnPay, Paychex, and ADP. The annual cost ranges from \$1448-\$3491. She explained they are well worth the money as she has spent many hours on payroll and reports. There was discussion regarding paper checks or direct deposit. All the companies offer either. Gill Saunders made a motion that staff move forward to implement OnPay. Jeff Peed seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IT contractor discussion Chana Clawson explained that she had met Ben Bentele on Tech Tuesday at the library. She wanted help with the website. He is a web designer and could help us with the website and ADA compliance. We have a grant specifically for getting the web site ADA compliant (that is expiring at the end of March). Ben sent over a contract that was forwarded to Bo. Bo said he will get back to the mayor and clerk after he has looked it over. Bo suggested that the council make a motion to direct staff to work with the mayor to develop & execute an independent contractors' agreement with Ben. That would be ratified at the next board meeting. Gill Saunders so moved what Bo had stated. Tim Pobirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

8. PUBLIC NON - AGENDA ITEMS

9. REPORTS

- a. **Public Works** Bruce Bair reported that the tank and springs projects are not taking place the way he had planned and that it looks like the spring project will take place before the tank project. It appears the tank project will take 3-9 months to get approval from the water quality control division. He recommends putting the spring project out to bid and start late summer/early fall. The groundwork for the tank could start in the fall/winter and finish in the spring of 2026. Mayor Johnson asked what the timeline would be for the spring project and Bruce replied that the longest the town would be without water would be a week but is hopeful to be able to use the valves and keep water coming in from different branches. He stated that the whole project should only take a couple of months but the actual in the ground part only takes a couple weeks.



Bruce stated he is committed to seeing these projects through if they carry over into 2026. He suggested that he could be a consultant if needed.

Bruce also reported that he posted a note on the RV parked in town (on private property) and the individuals are not living in it and would like to sell it.

- b. Consultant & Town Clerk** Chana Clawson stated that the Cirsa audit went well for the office, and he liked the stand-up desk.
- c. Board Members** none
- d. Mayors' Report** Mayor Johnson stated that he appreciated those who have attended the recent meetings in the town. He reported that the Wine & Cheese Fundraiser was packed, and the Crawford Historical Society Meeting was a full house also.
He reported that the Monday check-in meetings are going well & Gill Saunders stated he would attend those meetings whenever needed. (He will attend next Monday's meeting)

10. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

11. ADJOURNMENT 8:56 p.m.

POSSIBLE ACTION ON ALL AGENDA ITEMS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED