

Town of Crawford Council Meeting Minutes

Date: July 28, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Crawford, CO

1. Roll Call

Present: Mayor **Chris Johnson**, Councilmembers **Jim Crook**, **Cherri Olson**, **Jeff Peed**, **Tim Pobirk**, **Gill Saunders**, **Jessica Hart** Staff: **Bruce Bair**, **Chana Clawson**, **Angie Oates**, **Absent:** **Cindy Jones**, **Attorney Bo Nerlin**

2. Call To Order and Approval of Agenda

- Mayor called the meeting to order.
- Motion to approve by Jeff Peed, seconded by Tim Pobirk.
- Approved unanimously.

3. Consent Agenda

- Minutes: No corrections noted. Motion to approve by Tim Pobirk, seconded by Jim Crook. Approved unanimously.
- Disbursements: Reviewed and approved.

4. Announcements

- North Rim of Black Canyon Reopening on Wednesday.
- Fire Impact: Businesses suffered losses due to closures.
- Crawford Fire Department: Commended for preventing disaster.

5. Old Business – Public Works Director Position

- Bruce and Mayor met with top candidate, highly qualified with local ties.
- Candidate is interested but hesitant due to family concerns.
- Bruce committed to staying through Summer 2026.
- Council discussed urgency and timeline.
- Council agreed candidate must commit by noon on August 25, 2025. Jim, Gill, Jeff voted yes. Jessica, Tim, Cherri voted no. Mayor broke the tie with a yes vote.

6. New Business – Ben Bentele Contract

- Ben has provided reliable IT services, including ADA compliance and tech support.
- Contract reviewed and approved (effective July 1, 2025).
- Gill Saunders, made motion to approve contract, seconded by Jim Crook.
- Approved unanimously.

7. Non-Agenda Items

- Realtor asked about keeping goats in town limits.
- Ordinance does not explicitly prohibit goats, but 20 goats are deemed a nuisance.
- Council consensus no new ordinance needed; nuisance ordinance applies.

Water Conservation Notification

- Bruce to draft letter for August billing re: water project.
- Clarified: Town water source will shut off temporarily; tanks will supply water.
- Council discussed emergency drought ordinance and dispenser shut-off (Sept 1).
- Draft letter to be reviewed before mailing.

Kitchen Inventory Management

- Friends of Crawford Town Hall donated kitchen supplies.
- Council discussed inventory tracking and safeguarding items.
- Proposal: Lock cabinet for high-value items; monthly checks by Public Works.
- Friends group to be invited to next meeting for input.

Tenant-Landlord Water Billing Agreement

- Clerk proposed formal agreement to clarify billing responsibilities.
- Council agreed to place item on next meeting agenda.

8. Public Non-Agenda Items - none

9. Reports

a. Public Works – Bruce Bair

- Pre-bid meeting held; contractors toured site.
- Bid opening scheduled for August 5, 2025.
- Loan for tank project to be executed July 31, 2025.
- Al is painting Town Hall windows sills.
- Water usage: 100,000 gallons/day; goal: 60–70K gallons/day.

b. Consultant & Town Clerk - none

c. Board Members

- Lynch property cleanup progressing.
- General discussion on water conservation and project timelines.

d. Mayor's Report

- Mayor praised staff and Council for dedication and collaboration.

10. Possible Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

- Tenant-Landlord Water Billing Agreement
- Kitchen inventory procedures with Friends group input

11. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:25P.M.