



Town Council Meeting
July 8, 2024, 7:00 pm Council
Zoom meeting for the public 958 684 9882
Minutes

ROLL CALL

Chris Johnson
Cally Gallegos

Bruce Bair
Gill Saunders

Jessica Hart
Jeff Peed

Tim Pobirk
Cherri Olson

Jim Crook
Chana Clawson

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

Disbursements Jim Crook questioned why a payment has not been made to the town attorney. Bo Nerlin replied that he is a couple months behind on his billing. Jim also asked whether the council needed to approve the payment for the training for the administrator. Cally Gallegos replied that it does not need approval, it was in the budget. Tim Pobirk questioned what the \$900 payment (training) was for. Cally replied she could have gone to CML conference in which the town would pay for travel and lodging or attend the training. Jeff Peed made a motion to approve the minutes and disbursements. Gill Saunders seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. NON-AGENDA ITEMS Jessica reported that over the 4th of July truck and trailer took out a stop sign trying to make the corner turning off Cedar since the bridge is closed. Bruce Bair said he heard about it and instructed Al to do what was necessary. Al cleaned up the area and replaced the stop sign. Jessica asked if we could block the broken rail on the bridge. Bruce replied that the outside of the bridge is concrete and there would be much more expense & it is almost a one lane now. Rich Cook bid the job and will be coming this month to do the repairs and should be done by the end of the month. There was a discussion on whether or not the town should put up signs that no trucks and trailers should go down H Str but came to the conclusion that it would be hard for a truck and trailer to make it down Cedar off any side street and the trucks and trailers should be going "the long way around".

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

6. OLD BUSINESS* - *Ordinance to opt out of open carry* - Tim Pobirk stated that the reason he felt that the town should opt out is it is our constitutional right and that in our meetings if there is a situation there is no way for us to protect ourselves. Also, when you go to the county office they have a metal detector and sheriff's officers with guns. Gill Saunders questioned whether it is for all buildings or just government. Bo Nerlin replied it is government buildings including

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town hall and council chambers. Gill Saunders said he heard it does not apply to the post office. Bo replied he had not heard that, but state vs federal might be the difference. Bo said Crawford is not alone, other towns have opted out also. Gill Saunders made a motion to approve the ordinance 2024-4, Jessica Hart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fence Ordinance – Jim Crook questioned the third paragraph of the ordinance CRS 31-15-401. This was a typo from the attorney's office, and it will be deleted. With that correction, Jim Crook made a motion to adopt ordinance 2024-03. Jeff Peed seconded the motion. Gill Saunders, Cheri Olson and Jessica Hart voted no. Jim Crook, Jeff Peed and Tim Pobirk voted yes. Chris Johnson then voted yes. Motion carried.

7. **NEW BUSINESS** – *Signs for using a Jake brake through town* Nathan Sponseller spoke to the council regarding the noise from trucks using their jake brake by his business. He said he realized that there is no way to enforce it, but he was hoping if we had some signs it might remind them. Bruce had checked with CDOT and they have 3 signs that pertain to engine brake mufflers (only one that Crawford could use). CDOT has requirements for the signs to be used. Bruce will check into it more thoroughly and report to Cally because he will not be at the July 22nd meeting. Jim Crook made a motion to have Bruce fill out the application (without an ordinance) Tim Pobirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Moving the town meeting to an earlier time. Cheri Olson stated that she would like to have the town meetings earlier. Council members and staff voiced what time would work best for their schedule. Chris John suggested that this gets tabled until after the Aug 5th public hearing that will be held at 6:00 p.m. Jeff Peed made a motion to table this until after the Aug 5th meeting. Tim Pobirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8. **PUBLIC NON - AGENDA ITEMS** – Steve Mock announced that DMEA is moving a power pole for the e-charging station. Jessica Hart asked if the truck that hit the stop sign on H Str was a truck and trailer or semi. He stated he didn't see it. This started the bridge conversation again. Steve suggested just opening the bridge back up and don't try to figure out how a truck and trailer can make the detour without "going the long way around". The council asked if Bruce could put the barricade where the rail is missing. He stated that it is almost a one lane bridge now and the barricade is 30" at the bottom. Chris Johnson asked Cally Gallegos to check with Cirsa and see if they would have a problem with the town opening the bridge up until the repairs are made.

- a. *Public Works* – Bruce Bair reported that he has installed additional smart meters. Water is coming in at 110-120 GPM which is ahead of the curve. There is a meeting tomorrow regarding the tank. He has been in contact with SGM and RCAC regarding The Spring Rehabilitation Project for organization and grant writing. Thursday he and Cally Gallegos will talk to NEPA and discuss the steps to rehab the spring on federal land. He fixed two leaks, one big one above the town hall. They worked on drainage, culverts & street sweeping. They worked on removing duckweed from the polishing ponds. Later will be

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doing the lead & copper testing, which the homeowners do.

He will be taking time off this month and will be gone 17th -22nd , back for 23, 24 and gone the 25 & 26th.

- b. *Administrator/Deputy Clerk* The administrator, Cally Gallegos reported that the bid for the bridge repair is \$26,950 but that does not include paint. Bruce stated that he could paint it. The Friends of Crawford Town Hall are looking into beautification projects around the park. CU interns can draw up plans. The rock wall and railing may be done by the historical society. They are trying to do low maintenance, not to add work for the public works. They are also looking for volunteers, their numbers are dwindling. There was a water leak and flood to a basement of a home in town but Cirsa denied the claim. Financials were updated in the council's binders. The bridge repair will start July 22nd.

c. *Board Members*

Cherri Olson reported that she did not make the chamber meeting, but Nathan gave her the minutes. She has not read them yet. She reported that there are a couple of new businesses in town, and they are planning a ribbon cutting in the future.

Tim Pobirk reported that they trapped 408 mosquitos and only two were culex mosquitos. There have been no mosquitos with a positive for West Nile.

Jeff Peed asked if the EMS letter (regarding house numbers) went to people out of town.

Cally Gallegos stated, no, not unless one was sent in error. He also stated that the house numbers cost \$1.69 ea on Ace Hardware's website. Jeff also reported that the library staff is working on a strategic plan. On Aug 8th there's a meeting regarding scams, data and AI.

Jessica Hart reported that the 2 homeless men in town have reportedly been kicked out of all businesses in town. She would like to see another stop sign put up on Dogwood. Bruce replied that stop signs are not used to slow vehicles down. Gill Saunders replied that even if there are stop signs, people still disobey them. There was discussion of speed bumps, but that causes a problem with the snowplow. Also, Bruce stated, "where does it stop, we could put them on several streets that people are known to speed on". Jeff Peed inquired about making divots, as other towns have done. Tim Pobirk inquired about the grinding up of pavement like you see beside the highway. Bruce suggested the portable sign that can be moved around town, stating the speed limit. It could be used up by the school when school starts up again. Steve Mock wondered if the town could rent the portable sign.

Gill Saunders – no report

Jim Crook reported that speeding in town has always been an issue.

- d. *Mayor's Report* Chris Johnson stated that he is disappointed that individuals disobey the laws. People are still shooting fireworks up in the air which is illegal.

Fire Auxiliary is looking into possibly buying house numbers for those who can not afford them.

9. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING Jake brake signage, Slowing traffic

10. ADJOURNMENT 9:00

POSSIBLE ACTION ON ALL AGENDA ITEMS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED