



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

March 21, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Crete City Hall, 243 East 13th Street

MINUTES

Notice of the meeting was given by posting and publishing in The Crete News, the appointed method for giving notice as shown by the Proof of Publication attached to the minutes. Advance notice of the meeting was also given to the Mayor and City Council. Pursuant to Section 84-1412(8) of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, the City has posted a current copy of the Open Meetings Act, Laws of the State of Nebraska in the back of the Council Chambers. Additional copies are available to read. The City may consider items listed on the agenda in random order. All proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Those in attendance pledged allegiance to the flag.

1. Open Meeting

2. Roll Call

Kyle Frans:	Absent
Travis Sears:	Absent
Tom Crisman:	Present
Jack Oelschlager:	Present
Dan Papik:	Present
Dale Strehle:	Present

Present: 4, Absent: 2.

3. Consent Agenda

Approve consent agenda as presented. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

3.A. Approve Meeting Minutes

3.A.1. February 7, 2023 Public Works Committee Meeting minutes

3.A.2. February 21, 2023 Public Works Committee Meeting minutes

3.A.3. March 7, 2023 Legislative & Economic Development Committee Meeting minutes

- 3.A.4. March 7, 2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting minutes**
- 3.A.5. March 7, 2023 Personnel Committee Meeting minutes**
- 3.A.6. March 7, 2023 Finance Committee Meeting minutes**
- 3.A.7. March 7, 2023 City Council Meeting minutes**
- 3.B. Accept the City Treasurer's Report**
- 3.C. Approve the Payment of Claims Against the City**
- 3.D. Mayor's appointment of Dan Papik to the Public Works Committee.**

4. Items of Business

4.A. Consider approving payment of claims to Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$3,161.37.

Council member Papik declared a conflict of interest and could not vote on this item. City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that Mayor Bauer could cast a vote to form a quorum.

Approve payment of claims to Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$3,161.37 with the Mayor voting to make a quorum. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Tom Crisman.

Dan Papik: Abstain (With Conflict), Tom Crisman: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye; Mayor Bauer: Aye.

Aye: 4, No: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

4.B. Accept the resignation of City Council member Travis Sears and authorize the publication of a City Council vacancy in Ward 1.

Mayor Bauer stated Travis Sears is moving out of the city and will be vacating his position on the city council. The position will be advertised.

Accept the resignation of City Council member Travis Sears and authorize the publication of a City Council vacancy in Ward 1. Carried with a motion by Jack Oelschlager and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 4, No: 0

4.C. Consider enacting Ordinance 2164: An ordinance to annex Area #6 into the corporate limits of the City of Crete.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CRETE, NEBRASKA TO ANNEX CERTAIN LAND INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CRETE, NEBRASKA; AND RELATED MATTERS.

Approve Ordinance 2164 on the third reading. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 4, No: 0

Approve Ordinance 2164 on final reading. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 4, No: 0

4.D. Consider enacting Ordinance 2167: An ordinance amending wages and salaries.

City Administrator Ourada explained this item will change the Recreation Swim Team Coach to align with the Pool Manager wage scale. This item was recommended by the Personnel Committee. City Clerk Wilcox read the Ordinance by title.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CRETE, NEBRASKA RELATING TO WAGES AND SALARIES; TO AMEND THE CITY OF CRETE OFFICERS AND NON-BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEE SALARY AND WAGE EXHIBIT.

Introduce Ordinance 2167 and waive the rules that it be read on three different days. Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

Approve Ordinance 2167 on final reading. Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

4.E. Consider authorizing the Police Department to apply for a Highway Safety Grant for a computer.

Police Chief Young explained this grant will purchase two computers, printers, and scanners to replace the Data911 system in a current patrol car and a set of equipment for a new patrol car. Council member Oelschlager stated that the Public Safety Committee discussed this item and it's their recommendation to approve it.

Authorize the Police Department to apply for a Highway Safety Grant for a computer. Carried with a motion by Jack Oelschlager and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

4.F. Consider approving an agreement with JEO for services related to Solar Farm development at a cost of an estimated \$23,000.

City Administrator Ourada explained this will cover basic services with a small engineering contract between the city and JEO relating to the Sandhills solar array; to include power load studies for Nebraska Public Power and preliminary designs for switchgear and a transformer. Council member Oelschlager stated this item went to the Finance Committee and it's their recommendation they approve it.

Approve an agreement with JEO for services related to Solar Farm development at a cost of an estimated \$23,000. Carried with a motion by Jack Oelschlager and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

4.G. Consider a lease agreement with Allo to store equipment and materials on the City property at 9th Street and Pine Avenue.

City Administrator Ourada explained the city offered the space to Allo and they provided a draft lease agreement, which was revised by City Attorney Allison Janecek Borer. Council member Oelschlager stated this item was reviewed by the Finance Committee and it's their recommendation it be approved.

Approve a lease agreement with Allo to store equipment and materials on the City property at 9th Street and Pine Avenue. Carried with a motion by Jack Oelschlager and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

4.H. Consider action on a property owner's request to vacate Locust Street.

Council member Oelschlager stated that the Public Safety Committee met and it's their recommendation this item be tabled until further communication from the parties involved.

Consider action on a property owner's request to vacate Locust Street. Carried with a motion by Jack Oelschlager and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

5. Petitions - Communications - Citizen Concerns

6. Officers' Reports

- Joy Stevenson, Library Director, answered a question from Mayor Bauer about current donation collections going on at the library through March: 1.) long sleeve shirts for migrant farm workers; and 2.) diaper drive.
- Wendy Thomas, Human Resources Director, introduced two new city employees, Marilyn Schacht, who will be acting Community Assistance Director, and Pual Lopez, who is the new Wastewater Superintendent.
- Tom Crisman, Council Member Ward II, asked about Burlington trains blocking every crossing at times through town. City Administrator Ourada said this is an issue the city communicates to Burlington often; the police department has experience with issuing tickets with no results. Mayor Bauer said the city has checked on it and made many calls; Burlington has also told the city they will fix their other crossings and still hasn't. The city will continue to relay the issues to Burlington.
- City Administrator Ourada mentioned there is an outstanding City Park project bid; Mayor Bauer referred it to the Park and Recreation Committee for review. He also mentioned the Saline County Commissioners did pass the RTSD (Railway Transportation Safety District-the new county attorney is about ready to work on it from a county level. This can benefit not only the county, but crossings blocked. He also shared the frustration other city administrators have with dealing with this issue in their communities. Ourada also mentioned there is one LB840 application for the Legislative and Economic Development Committee. We will work on it and meet with the committee.

6.A. Mayor Dave Bauer will present Police Officer Jeff Kramer with a Life Saving Award.

Police Chief Gary Young said he is proud of each and every individual officer, department's administrative assistant and code enforcement officer for the work they do. He then read a narrative explaining the lifesaving efforts of Officer Jeff Kramer who, while on duty, was flagged down by two children and saved the life of a woman who was having seizures. Kramer also cared for the children and arranged transportation for them. Mayor Bauer presented Police Officer Jeff Kramer with a Life Saving Award, stating, this is what's all about these types of events tell him the right officers are in place.

6.B. Combined Planning Commission and City Council meeting on April 18, 2023 in the Library Community Room at 6:00pm.

Mayor Dave Bauer explained that the Planning Commission and City Council meeting will be combined on April 18th 2023 in the Library Community Room at 6:00pm.

Approve Combined Planning Commission and City Council meeting on April 18, 2023 in the Library Community Room at 6:00pm. Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Dale Strehle.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 4, No: 0

7. Adjournment

Mayor

(SEAL)

City Clerk-Treasurer

I, Jerry Wilcox, City Clerk for the City of Crete, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council. I hereby certify that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted in the back of the Council Chambers. I certify that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk. I certify that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting and that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public. I certify that the minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of the City Council. I certify that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of the City Council were provided with advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed.

City Clerk-Treasurer

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