



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

January 17, 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
Dan Papik: Absent
Tom Crisman: Present
Jack Oelschlager: Present
Travis Sears: 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 Travis Sears.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

3.A. Approve Meeting Minutes

3.A.1. January 3, 2023 Finance Committee Meeting minutes

3.A.2. January 3, 2023 Legislative Economic Development Committee Meeting minutes

3.A.3. January 3, 2023 City Council Meeting minutes
3.B. Accept the City Treasurer's Report
3.C. Approve the Payment of Claims Against the City

4. Items of Business

4.A. Consider approving the payment of claims against the City to Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$1,290.00.

Approve the payment of claims against the City to Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$1,290.00 Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Travis Sears.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

4.B. Consider approving payment to Cline Williams in the amount of \$7,766.75 for legal services rendered through December 31, 2022.

Approve the payment to Cline Williams in the amount of \$7,766.75 for legal services rendered through December 31, 2022. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Travis Sears.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

4.C. Consider appointing Henry Wiedrich and John Zimmer as special city attorneys to the City of Crete.

Mayor Dave Bauer pointed out that Henry and John need to be appointed to be able to prosecute cases for the City, it is not for the work that Alison is doing. The Legislative and Economic Development Committee met on this and recommended approving the appointments.

Appoint Henry Wiedrich and John Zimmer as special city attorneys to the City of Crete. Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Travis Sears.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

4.D. Consider enacting Ordinance 2160: An ordinance to amend the electric rates beginning March 1, 2023.

City Administrator Tom Ourada informed the Council that this is the ordinance for the electric rate increase, which has already had its first reading approved. There is the option to suspend the other two readings if desired. With everything rising in cost, this is the best way to move forward.

Introduce Ordinance 2160 and move that the statutory rule requiring three separate readings be suspended. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Travis Sears.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

Enact Ordinance 2160: An ordinance to amend the electric rates beginning March 1, 2023. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Travis Sears.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

4.E. Consider enacting Ordinance 2161; an ordinance creating a Grant Writer position on the City Officer and Non-Bargaining Unit Employee Salary and Wage Exhibit.

The Legislative and Economic Development Committee met on this and recommended enacting the ordinance.

Introduce Ordinance 2161 and move that the statutory rule requiring three separate readings be suspended. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Travis Sears.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 4, No: 0

Enact Ordinance 2161; an ordinance creating a Grant Writer position on the City Officer and Non-Bargaining Unit Employee Salary and Wage Exhibit. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Travis Sears.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 4, No: 0

4.F. Consider approving Application for Payment No. 2 to General Excavating in the amount of \$35,300.20 for the East 22nd Street project.

City Administrator Tom Ourada mentioned that this is the second payment for the box culvert replacing the bridge on 22nd Street. The Public Works Committee met on this and recommended approving the payment.

Approve Application for Payment No. 2 to General Excavating in the amount of \$35,300.20 for the East 22nd Street project. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Travis Sears.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 4, No: 0

4.G. Consider approving Change Order No. 01 to Kingery Construction in the amount of \$14,638 for renovations to the Isis Theater.

City Administrator Tom Ourada reported that this change order reflects the City doing some of the exterior work on the theater. The Public Works Committee met on this and, contingent on a sales tax issue, recommended approving the change order.

Approve, contingent on a sales tax issue, Change Order No. 01 to Kingery Construction in the amount of \$14,638 for renovations to the Isis Theater. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Travis Sears.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 4, No: 0

5. Petitions - Communications - Citizen Concerns

6. Officers' Reports

- Police Chief Gary Young reported being in Beatrice today, discussing that Windstream, our 911 carrier, is getting out of the 911 business as of April this year. PD is working with Southeast Communications to figure out what options there are and which will be the best option going forward. More information will come as it becomes available.
- City Administrator Tom Ourada reported the following:

- Colin Gaman was selected as the Police Department's new Police Sergeant. Both the Civil Service and the City went through their processes and chose Colin as the best candidate.
- He was supposed to be in Kearney for MEAN annual electric rate meetings, but with the weather forecast, they will now be held virtually. He noted that electric wholesale rates will be going down, but everything else is going up.
- Planning with Olssen for the newest city electric substation is on track. Currently, however, some types of transformer deliveries are 3 years out, as well as some materials and equipment; he is hoping this can be shortened.

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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