



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

August 27th, 2024 at 7:00 PM
Crete City Hall, 243 East 13th Street

MINUTES

Notice of the meeting was given by posting, the appointed method for giving notice as shown by the attached notice, at the following locations:

City Hall, 243 East 13th Street
Post Office, 1242 Linden Avenue
City Bank and Trust, 1135 Main Avenue

Advance notice of the meeting was also given to committee members. 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. All proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

1. Open Meeting

2. Roll Call

Janet Jeffries	Present
Jennifer Robison	Present
Kendra Ordia	Present (Zoom)
Scott Kuncel	Present
Tom King	Present

Also present: Tom Ourada, City Administrator and Director of the Historic Preservation Commission

Anna Burge, City Attorney and Commission Attorney

Wendy Thomas, Finance Director and Commission Treasurer

3. Items of Business

3.A. Election of Chair Person

Scott Kuncel motioned and Jennifer Robison seconded to approve Tom King as Chairperson for the Historic Preservation Commission.

3.B. Consider the next steps for certification

Chair Person Tom King stated that at the last meeting it was discussed to work on the resumes to submit. The Historic Preservation Commission is going to continue working on the following;

- Finishing commission member resumes
 - Statement of purpose
 - Make a plan for what the city wants.
 - Find out if there are examples (City Administrator Tom Ourada provided King with two examples of written purpose). Those examples were provided during the meeting.
- King suggested that commission member Janet Jeffries write a draft of the statement of purpose, and they could all discuss it at the next meeting.

Commission member Janet Jeffries asked why Crete wants to be a Certified Local Government. Ourada stated that, in his opinion, there are a number of reasons and there is no point to have a Historic Preservation Commission if you don't have authority to benefit the community. Commission member Jennifer Robison asked if there are rules associated with a CLG. Ourada explained that they will have a base frame for what a CLG looks like, but the commission can decide how aggressive it will be. The CLG would be the preservation professionals.

King stated that they could invite the Chair of the Ashland Historic Preservation Committee to ask questions about how they became a Certified Local Government and how it going for them and if they have any issues they are coming across. There was discussion about reaching out to other people who have been involved in preservation work and getting their insight. Ourada mentioned that there is a City Administrator in Auburn, Nebraska who could also provide insight in economic development and historical preservation. Ourada also explained that he will ask Kelli Bacon who she would recommend would be good, since she has worked with all the Certified Local Governments. King asked Janet Jeffries to come up with a draft of the statement of purpose and it will be discussed at the next meeting. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 24th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

4. Officers' Reports

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m. with a motion by Scott Kuncel and a second by Jennifer Robison.