



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

June 18th, 2024 at 6:00 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

Tom Crisman:	Present
Anthony Fitzgerald:	Present
Kyle Frans:	Present
Ashley Newmyer:	Present
Dan Papik:	Present
Dale Strehle:	Present

Present: 6.

3. Consent Agenda

Approved Consent Agenda Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

3.A. Approve Meeting Minutes

3.A.1. June 4th, 2024 City Council Minutes

3.A.2. June 4th, 2024 Legislative & Economic Development Minutes

3.A.3. June 4th, 2024 Public Safety Minutes

3.A.4. June 4th, 2024 Public Works 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 Scott Kuncel to the Historic Preservation Commission

4. Items of Business

4.A. Consider CO#008 from Kingery Construction Co. for the Crete Isis Theater Renovation.

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that it is a credit of \$3,577.00. This went to the Public Works Committee.

Approved CO#008 from Kingery Construction Co. for the Crete Isis Theater Renovation. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

4.B. Consider approving payment of claims to Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$7,072.89.

Approved payment of claims to Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$7,072.89. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Dan Papik: Abstain (With Conflict), Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

4.C. Consider Ordinance 2203 Amending Public Nuisances; weeds, grasses, and worthless vegetation

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this is a housekeeping ordinance. City Attorney Anna Burge explained that this has the corrected Sativa and providing for the possibility that in time the Director of Agriculture could declare another weed that we don't have in our list. This went to the Public Safety Committee.

Introduced Ordinance 2203 and waive the rule it be read on three different days. Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Dale Strehle.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

Enact Ordinance 2203 Amending Public Nuisances; weeds, grasses, and worthless vegetation Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Dale Strehle.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

4.D. Consider Ordinance 2204 Amending Camping Permitted Area rules to include electric vehicle charging.

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this is another Ordinance that they looked at and a solution to people wanting to charge their vehicles at Tuxedo Park. This was made part of the camping rate ordinance. This went to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Introduce Ordinance 2204 and waive the rule it be read on three different days. Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

Enact Ordinance 2204 Amending Camping Permitted Area rules to include electric vehicle charging. Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

4.E. Consider Ordinance 2205 updating the non-union pay scale.

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this is an ordinance change to alter the job description of groundskeeper to better reflect the duties and to change the low end from \$21.36 to \$22.00 and modify the steps. This went to the Personnel Committee.

Introduce Ordinance 2205 and waive the rule it be read on three different days. Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Kyle Frans.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

Enact Ordinance 2205 updating the non-union pay scale. Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Kyle Frans.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

4.F. Consider Ordinance 2206 relating to Alcohol Special Designated Licenses requiring payment of fee when submitting an application.

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this is an Ordinance that allows the City to charge to do the documentation and paperwork for Special Designated Licenses. Finance Committee member Kyle Frans explained that they discussed charging \$40 for SDLs.

Introduce Ordinance 2206 and waive it be read on three separate days. Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans and a second by Dale Strehle.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

Enact Ordinance 2206 relating to Alcohol Special Designated Licenses requiring payment of fee when submitting an application. Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans and a second by Dale Strehle.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan

Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.G. Consider amendment to fee schedule including mileage rate to reflect current cost of specialized department vehicle and amusement device and Special Event Special Designated Licenses.

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that these are amendments to the fee schedule. This went to the Finance Committee.

Approved amendment to fee schedule including mileage rate to reflect current cost of specialized department vehicle and amusement device and Special Event Special Designated Licenses. Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans and a second by Dale Strehle.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.H. Consider the Mid-America Health Reimbursement Arrangement Amendments

Human Resource Coordinator Savannah Anderson explained that amendment 1 was due to the IRS limits being raised for 2024 for the HDHP plans. Amendment 2 was simply plan year from 1/1 to 7/1.

Approved the Mid-America Health Reimbursement Arrangement Amendments Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Kyle Frans.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.I. Consider the Special Event Permit Application SE24-03 from the Crete Chamber of Commerce for Fireworks Display

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this request is to have the Fireworks Display outside the window allowed. Mayor Bauer explained that this is just for the Fireworks Display on July 6th 2024. The reason they are having the display on July 6th is because they couldn't get a person to shoot them.

Approved the Special Event Permit Application SE24-03 from the Crete Chamber of Commerce for Fireworks Display Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Kyle Frans.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

5. Petitions - Communications - Citizen Concerns

6. Officers' Reports

- Chief of Police Gary Young stated the following:

- Got together with the Sheriff started doing work out at the range in preparation for additional work they do. Street Department Supervisor Trent Griffin and some guys tried to set the stage for additional improvement. It had been an eyesore for some time.
- Parks and Recreation Director Liz Cody stated the following:
 - Crete RipTide's league swim meet on June 15th was a success in spite of rainy weather. Kudos to Coach Martin, staff, and volunteers.
 - Diamond's Softball Tournament was a partial rain-out, but thank you to volunteers and city staff for their hard work.
 - UNL Forest Service intern Clara Walstad completed tree inventories in City Park and Library Park.
 - Aaron's last day is Friday 6/21/2024
 - Open Park Facilities and Groundskeeper position
- Library Director Jessica Wilkinson stated the following:
 - Provided a packet with information that she provides to the library board on top materials checked out and future programing.
 - Taking out materials that have not been in circulation in the last three years.
 - Doing a big book sale for the summer.
 - Big Summer Reading Program kick off on Saturday, June 29th, 2024 There will be a taco truck.
- Human Resource Coordinator Savannah Anderson introduced new electric ground person Michael Tretheway
- City Administrator Tom Ourada stated the following:
 - Next week will be very busy. There will be a Historic Preservation Commission meeting that is the first one. There will also be a council meeting and Nuisance Hearings.
 - Had an RTSD meeting two weeks ago to set budgets and get ready to do somethings in the next budget year.
- Mayor Dave Bauer stated that the Nuisance Hearings will be at 4:00 p.m. and the Council Meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. to go over some contract possibilities. City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that they have very little information.

7. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 6:26 p.m.