



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

April 5, 2022 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

Travis Sears: Absent
Kyle Frans: Present
Ryan Hinz: Present
Jack Oelschlager: Present
Dan Papik: Present
Dale Strehle: Present

Present: 5, Absent: 1.

3. Consent Agenda

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

Kyle Frans: Aye, Ryan Hinz: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

3.A. Approve Meeting Minutes

3.A.1. March 15, 2022 City Council meeting

3.A.2. March 15, 2022 Legislative Development Committee meeting

3.A.3. March 15, 2022 Public Safety Committee meeting

3.A.4. March 15, 2022 Public Works Committee meeting

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 a special event permit application, with street closures, from the Chamber of Commerce for a Cinco de Mayo celebration at City Park on May 8, 2022 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

City Administrator Tom Ourada informed the council that this request involves street closures during the event. Both the Public Works Director and the Police Chief did not see any issue with the permit. This went to the Public Safety Committee and it was recommended that it be approved.

Approve the special event permit application, with street closures, from the Chamber of Commerce for a Cinco de Mayo celebration at City Park on May 8, 2022 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Carried with a motion by Jack Oelschlager and a second by Ryan Hinz.

Kyle Frans: Aye, Ryan Hinz: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.B. Consider approving a permit to occupy city right-of-way for Windstream Nebraska from the alley of Block 137 to Doane University.

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this request is a multiple property right-of-way permit and therefore needs council approval. The Public Works Committee met on this and recommended approving the permit.

Approve the permit to occupy city right-of-way for Windstream Nebraska from the alley of Block 137 to Doane University to place fiber cable. Carried with a motion by Jack Oelschlager and a second by Ryan Hinz.

Kyle Frans: Aye, Ryan Hinz: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.C. Consider entering into an agreement with Stephens & Smith Construction in the amount of \$65,320 for sidewalk repairs and improvements in front of City Hall.

City Administrator Tom Ourada informed the council that there are two proposals for this item. One is for the steps and the flat work, and the other one is for replacement of the foundation work. The Public Works Committee met on this and highly recommend approving the sidewalk repairs and improvements.

Approve entering into an agreement with Stephens & Smith Construction in the amount of \$65,320 for sidewalk repairs and improvements in front of City Hall. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Kyle Frans: Aye, Ryan Hinz: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.D. Consider approving the cost estimate and scope of work for concrete replacement at the City Library and authorizing the solicitation of bids.

City Administrator Tom Ourada informed the council of a multi-step project for concrete replacement at the City Library. It includes the Pinnacle Pavilion area in the front, widened concrete walkways, regrading and sloping in the back, adding stairs, and a small cul-de-sac to

accommodate the musical instruments that are to be added later. The Public Works Committee met on this and recommended approving the scope of concrete work and the solicitation of bids.

Approve the cost estimate and scope of work for concrete replacement at the City Library and authorizing the solicitation of bids. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Kyle Frans: Aye, Ryan Hinz: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.E. Consider entering into an agreement with One Billing Solutions for billing and collection services for the Fire Department.

City Administrator Tom Ourada relayed to the council that this agreement was presented to the city attorney, who found no issues with it. The Public Safety Committee met on this and Assistant Fire Chief James Yost explained to the committee that the company they were using got bought out and are not giving the best service. The Fire Department found another company that has more of the one-on-one services they are looking for. The Committee recommended entering into the agreement.

Approve entering into an agreement with One Billing Solutions for billing and collection services for the Fire Department. Carried with a motion by Jack Oelschlager and a second by Ryan Hinz.

Kyle Frans: Aye, Ryan Hinz: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.F. Consider appropriating an additional \$25,340.33 to have one of the new police cruisers be a police service dog vehicle.

City Administrator disclosed that this is the first cost of many in implementing a K-9 Unit. The vehicle may not be delivered in this budget year, and most of the costs will show up in the next fiscal year. However, it would be prudent to get the police cruiser going sooner, rather than later. The Public Safety Committee met on this and recommended approving the additional funds for the K-9 police cruiser.

Approve appropriating an additional \$25,340.33 to have one of the new police cruisers be a police service dog vehicle. Carried with a motion by Jack Oelschlager and a second by Kyle Frans.

Kyle Frans: Aye, Ryan Hinz: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

5. Petitions - Communications - Citizen Concerns

6. Officers' Reports

- Public Works Director Brian Stork reported on the updating of the fountain at City Park. It's being reconfigured, sand blasted, painted, and will hopefully be done yet this spring, with a higher output.
- Police Chief Steve Hensel reported that Officer DeHart will be returning next week, ready for in-field training the week after. Hensel also reported that the acceleration marks on 12th and Main were made in front of a patrol car and on camera, they were given a ticket.

- Library Director Joy Stevenson reported:
 - In-person programming is increasing with the following events: Libby classes on April 13 and 20, partnering with five other libraries for a zoom presenter on the Marie Kondo organizing method, and Crete Reads has an author scheduled for October 22.
 - There are almost 200 kids signed up for the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program.
- Council Member Ryan Hinz wanted to recognize and thank Community Assistance Director Nancy Tellez for her hard work and dedication. She is a real benefit to our community.
- Council Member Kyle Frans reported that the Crete Public Schools First Flight program will consist of clinics and camps, and that the City's Recreation programs will continue with regular competition programs for different sports.
- Council Member Dan Papik thanked Chief Hensel and the police department for their work handling some recent downtown traffic problems.
- Clerk-Treasurer Jerry Wilcox thanked the Mayor for the chili and cinnamon rolls last Friday at the city employee chili-feed.
- City Administrator Tom Ourada reported:
 - LR263CA, a measure to end mandates for municipalities that are not funded, will go on the November 2022 ballot if approved in the next legislative step. If passed, legislature cannot pass mandates for municipalities that are unfunded.
 - The City had its first acceptance of a flood plain property buyout after letters were sent to the respective property owners.
 - City Spring Cleanup is May 2-7 and includes appliance pickup, transfer station coupons, and a shred day at Pinnacle Bank.
 - Letters to the residents in the newest subdivision on sanitary sewer costs were sent out.
 - Downtown Revitalization photos of Victor Alarcon's project at Paraiso were shared. Alarcon is a great downtown business owner.
 - The police department is looking at places to visit that provide police dog training.
- Mayor Dave Bauer:
 - Spoke with Doane organizations about doing a cleanup possibly the week before the city's events.
 - There have been issues with the council committee meetings in regard to lack of followup on a couple of citizen requests and potential actions. We need to make sure we are getting back to them and not letting them slip through the cracks.

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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