



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

December 19, 2023 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.

December 19th, 2023 (Condensed, entire copy available at the office of the City Clerk).

Mayor Dave Bauer called the meeting of the City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Answering roll call were the following Council Members: Crisman, Frans, Newmyer, Papik, Strehle, and Fitzgerald.

The following actions were taken at the meeting:

- Approved the Consent Agenda items: Unanimous
 - Meeting Minutes
 - City Council December 5, 2023
 - Leg.Econ.Development December 5, 2023

- Park and Rec December 5, 2023
 - Personnel December 5, 2023
 - Public Safety December 5, 2023
 - Public Works December 5, 2023
- Treasurer's Report
- Claims against the City \$324,329.75
- Caitlin Bolte with Confluence provided a presentation on the Crete Comprehensive Plan.
 - Held Public Hearing to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and to answer questions in relation to the purchase of Real Property at 1209 and 1211 Main Ave, Crete, Nebraska. Unanimous
 - Adopted Resolution No. 2023-33 to purchase the property located at South ½ of Lot 5 & Pt of North ½ of Lot 6 Block 1 Crete, Saline County, Nebraska. Unanimous
 - Held Public Hearing to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and to answer questions in relation to the expansion and purchase of park facilities south Crete, Nebraska. Unanimous
 - Adopted Resolution 2023-34 Approving the purchase 34 0 0 Crete Precinct Pt S 1/2 SE 1/4 Section 34-8-4 39.02 Acres Crete, Saline County, Nebraska And 3 0 0 Big Blue Precinct Pt N 1/2 NE 1/4 Section 3-7-4 78.86 Acres Crete, Saline County, Nebraska. Unanimous
- Approved payment of claims to Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$1,190.99. Aye: Crisman, Frans, Newmyer, Strehle, and Fitzgerald. Abstained: Papik
 - Enacted Ordinance 2191 to mandate all sidewalks be constructed five feet wide. Unanimous
 - Enacted Ordinance 2192 for sidewalks to be built according to current standards. Unanimous
 - Voted not to have the Public Hearing to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and to answer questions in relation to Resolution No. 2023-30 To Levy Special Assessments Against Certain Real Property As Crete City North 34 Feet of Lot 11 and all of Lot 12 Block 43, City of Crete, Saline County, Nebraska. Unanimous
 - Voted not to adopt Resolution No. 2023-30 To Levy Special Assessments Against Certain Real Property As Crete City North 34 Feet of Lot 11 and all of Lot 12 Block 43, City of Crete, Saline County, Nebraska. Unanimous
 - Held Public Hearing to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and to answer questions in relation to Resolution No. 2023-31 To Levy Special Assessments Against Certain Real Property As Crete City Lots 7, 8, And 9 Block 159, City Of Crete, Saline County, Nebraska. Unanimous
 - Adopted Resolution No. 2023-31 To Levy Special Assessments Against Certain Real Property As Crete City Lots 7, 8, And 9 Block 159, City Of Crete, Saline County, Nebraska. Unanimous
 - Held Public Hearing to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and to answer questions in relation to Resolution No. 2023-32 To Levy Special Assessments Against Certain Real Property Described As Crete City Sacks's Addition Lot 7 Block 2, City of Crete, Saline County, Nebraska. Unanimous
 - Adopted Resolution No. 2023-32 To Levy Special Assessments Against Certain Real Property Described As Crete City Sacks's Addition Lot 7 Block 2, City of Crete, Saline County, Nebraska. Unanimous
 - Approved the amended Non-DOT Anti-Drug Plan. Unanimous

- Approved the Change Request -COR 014 from Kingery Construction Co. in the amount of \$3,203.00 for the Crete Isis Theatre Phase 1. Unanimous
- Approved the Change Order No. 001 from Kingery Construction Co. for the Crete Isis theater renovation- Phase 2 in the amount of \$100,000. Unanimous
- Approved the Application for special event permit SE23-10. Unanimous
- Approved Olsson s as the Airport Engineer. Unanimous
- Approved the LB840 application for funds from the City of Crete. Unanimous
- Approved the Crete Public Library applying for the Penguin Random House grant for small and rural libraries to help support a community-oriented project. Unanimous

Petitions-Communications-Citizen Concerns:

Shaylene Smith with the Blue River Arts Council stated that conversations for a creative district will start in February with the Nebraska Arts Council. There would need to be a written agreement with the City, local arts council and with businesses. Smith stated she has visited 4 creative districts.

Officer's Reports-

- Liz Cody, Parks and Recreation Director stated the following:
 - Thanked Caitlin Bolte and City Administrator Tom Ourada for the work on the Comprehensive plan and emphasizing parks.
 - Working on fence, picnic tables, and signage repairs throughout the parks and fence relocation at City Park.
 - There was a large tree that was removed from Tuxedo Park that was over the swinging playground. Worked with the electric department to take it down.
 - Foodbank of Lincoln distribution on Thursday, December, 28th 2023. They will be bringing extra blue barrels. They have about 170 spare to donate to organizations that may need them.
 - Staff working on arborist certification and water safety instructor certification.
- Police Chief, Gary Young stated the following:
 - Helped over 700 children and 150 families at the toy distribution at the Crete High School. Proud of the help of volunteers throughout the community.
 - Met with High School students from the Grassroots Leadership Program. They met with Mayor Bauer at City Hall, Chief Allen at the Fire Station, and Chief Young at the Police Station.
 - Radio change over increasing the capacity happened today. Captain Pucket
 - The Fire Department has not changed over until they can directly program or improve the speed.
- City Council member Tom Crisman asked about street maintenance if the city is tarring cracks and City Administrator Tom Ourada stated he would find out.
- Council member Dale Strehle wished everyone a Merry Christmas and safe travels.
- Council member Anthony Fitzgerald asked if there were still issues with the street sweeper. City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that it has been corrected as far as he knows.
- City Administrator Tom Ourada stated the following:

- Our small company is investing in an other workforce housing project of townhomes in Ron Sacks subdivision. Giving equal time to two of the local developers. There are more than two local developers.
- Contributed to the success of Casey's opening on time with City Inspector Brad Bailey and utility people.
- Talking to JEO about creating a paving district on 15th street. They are putting some things together on what it would cost to design it and to do paving assessments.
- Received an email that the northside gap paving project has been declared substantially complete.
- Currently having Police Officer interviews
- Mayor Bauer wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays and safe travels.

Adjourned: 7:06 p.m.