



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

August 6th, 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 the 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. July 16th, 2024 City Council Minutes**
- 3.A.2. July 16th, 2024 Finance Committee Minutes**
- 3.A.3. July 16th, 2024 Legislative & Economic Development Committee Minutes**
- 3.A.4. July 16th, 2024 Park and Recreation Committee Minutes**
- 3.A.5. July 16th, 2024 Public Works Committee Minutes**
- 3.B. Accept the City Treasurer's Report**
- 3.C. Approve the Payment of Claims Against the City**
- 3.D. Building Permits**

4. Items of Business

4.A. Consider Resolution No. 2024-12 Establishing a time and place for hearing to levy assessments

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that City Attorney Anna Burge created a vacant property ordinance. Burge explained that by City Code, business properties that are vacant have to register on the vacant property registry. The property located at 1215 Main Ave is out of compliance and there have been multiple opportunities given to the owners to respond. The scheduled hearing will be to levy the fine on the property.

Introduced and approved Resolution No. 2024-12 Establishing a time and place for hearing to levy assessments 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 Resolution 2024-13 Signing of the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2024

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this is signed every year to be in compliance with the state statutes and to get funding for the roads.

Introduce and approve Resolution 2024-13 Signing of the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2024. 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.C. Consider the Application for Special Event Permit SE24-06 for a TJ Sokol's Halloween Party Fundraiser

Xochitl Boughtin explained that this Halloween Party Fundraiser is to help make upgrades to the Sokol building. Boughtin stated that she would let the property owners know about the event and make sure it is okay with them.

Approved the Application contingent on insurance for Special Event Permit SE24-06 for a TJ Sokol's Halloween Party Fundraiser 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.D. Consider the Application for Special Event Permit SE24-07 Chamber BBQ at the Crete Municipal Airport Hangar

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this application is coming to the City Council and is also going to be taken to the Airport Advisory Board.

Approved the Application for Special Event Permit SE24-07 Chamber BBQ at the Crete Municipal Airport Hangar 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.E. Consider the Application for Special Event Permit SE24-08 AO Alumni Homecoming

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this is a homecoming event at the airport. This application is also going to the Airport Advisory Board.

Approved contingent on insurance the Application for Special Event Permit SE24-08 AO Alumni Homecoming 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.F. Consider the 2024 GOVP Bond Ordinance 2211

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this bond ordinance is for the boxed culvert. Scott Keene of Piper Sandler explained that this is not to exceed \$995,000 and is for a 15-year term until December 2039.

Introduce the 2024 GOVP Bond Ordinance 2211 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 the 2024 GOVP Bond Ordinance 2211 Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans 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.G. Consider the LARM Renewal Coverage Proposal for 2024-2025 Pool Year

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this resolution is to set the notice period to terminate participation in the League Association of Risk Management. The 180 day and 3-year commitment provide a 5% discount.

Approved the LARM Renewal Coverage Proposal for 2024-2025 Pool Year with the 180-day notice and three-year renewal for the 5% discount. Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans 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.H. Set a date and time for the Budget Work Session

The date of August 24th, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. for the Budget Work Session 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.I. Consider the Isis Theatre Phase Two Substantial Completion

Shaylene Smith of the Blue River Arts Council explained that this substantial completion document needs to be signed and submitted to the foundation to get paid.

Approved the Isis Theatre Phase Two Substantial Completion 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.J. Consider Change Order Number 003 from Kingery Construction Co. in the amount of \$1,850.00

Shaylene Smith of the Blue River Arts Council explained that this change order goes along with other change orders that have already been submitted.

Approved Change Order Number 003 from Kingery Construction Co. in the amount of \$1,850.00 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.K. Consider the Change Order COR#010 from Kingery Construction Co. in the amount of \$3,343.00 for the Crete Isis

Shaylene Smith with the Blue River Arts Council explained that this change order is for the carpet tiles. Smith also explained that there will be one more change order coming in for the vent above the popcorn machine.

Approved the Change Order COR#010 from Kingery Construction Co. in the amount of \$3,343.00 for the Crete Isis 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.L. Consider the Public Works Committee's recommendation to remove the 15th street improvement project from the 2025 1 and 6-year plan.

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this item had been discussed two weeks ago during the Public Works Committee and their recommendation is to remove the 15th street improvement project from the 2025 1 and 6-year plan.

Approved the Public Works Committee's recommendation to remove the 15th street improvement project from the 2025 1 and 6-year plan. 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

5. Petitions - Communications - Citizen Concerns

6. Officers' Reports

- Chief of Police Gary Young stated the following:
 - Jaden Acevedo will be graduating from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center Academy next week.
 - Council member Tom Crisman asked Chief Young how the new Sergeant is doing and Young answered fantastic, Matt Jonas is doing a great job.
- Library Director, Jessica Wilkinson stated the following:
 - Summer Reading Program ended last week on Sunday, August 2nd, 2024 with the pool party.
 - Coming up there will be a family origami event.
 - Planning Crete Reads event with the Friends of the Library.
- Park and Recreation Director, Liz Cody stated the following:
 - The City will continue to keep the pool open until Sunday, August 11th, 2024, the Pooch Pool Party will be 3:00pm-4:00 and Nestle Purina is helping to sponsor the event.
 - New hire grounds person Trevor Nickel was not able to be at the meeting tonight but will be introduced at a later meeting.
- Finance Director, Wendy Thomas stated the following:
 - She was filling in for Human Resource Coordinator Savannah Anderson to introduce new hire electric lineman George Schlotterbeck.
- Mayor Bauer stated the following:
 - Thanked all City Departments for their work with the July 31st, 2024 storm. He walked around town and saw trees that were knocked down on the roofs of homes and on the streets and saw how people were helping each other to remove the branches and cut down the trees. He learned about comments on social media about how the City was not picking up tree branches. Bauer mentioned he appreciated a community member voicing her opinion about thanking the City's employees that went out to do dangerous work and were away from their families until late in the evening.
- Council member Tom Crisman thanked all of those who helped after the storm on July 31st, 2024. Council members Kyle Frans and Ashley Newmyer also thanked everyone and said

great job to the people helping with getting the Isis Theatre open. Council member Dan Papik and Anthony Fitzgerald also thanked all the city departments and for making the community aware that the transfer station would be open on social media.

- City Administrator Tom Ourada stated the following:
 - Thanked Mayor Bauer and the City Council members for their comments and he would pass them along to the City Departments that were busy as a result of the storm. Ourada mentioned that, for example, the Electric Department worked until 2:00 am after the storm.
 - Shared an email with the City Council members about Community Assistance Director Marilyn Schacht being appointed by the Governor to the Nebraska Commission on Latino Americans.
 - The City budget is coming along.
 - Ourada addressed the power outages and mentioned that one of the outages affected the entire county, with Nebraska Power District and we have no control over that. Several outages were localized by the storm with trees and broken poles. There were a few that dropped out one of our large substation transformers. The issue was hard to identify but they did find out that it was the relay system which affected both substation transformers. To get to the reliability needed for the community, the City will be looking at total reprogramming or purchasing a new system.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Mayor

(SEAL)

City Clerk

I, Nancy Tellez, 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

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