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## **CITY COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

February 1, 2022 at 5:00 PM  
Crete City Hall, 243 East 13<sup>th</sup> Street

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### **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**

Kyle Frans: Present  
Dan Papik: Present  
Travis Sears: Present  
Present: 3.

#### **3. Items of Business**

##### **3.A. Review annual independent audit with representative from AMGL via Zoom.**

Marcy Luth of AMGL reviewed the annual audit report with the committee via Zoom video call. She reviewed a spreadsheet of information comparing the audited information with previous years' information, other cities similar in size to the City of Crete and recommendations/targets by the firm for the City. The City is meeting all the parameters set out by the firm except for operating income for the water fund, which is being addressed with a water rate study. Also noted was that the valuation of the city is below the peer communities, so the property tax levy and state aid received is higher.

##### **3.B. Provide a recommendation to the City Council on approving the renewal of employee health and dental insurance coverage with Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Nebraska and Principal Financial.**

Benefit Management representative, Dan Duren explained that several other coverages were investigated and that some other coverages did show some savings but did not provide exactly the same coverage as the current policies. In reviewing the information with City staff, it is recommended that BCBS be retained for the coverage with an increase in premiums equal to 3.73% overall. The dental insurance coverage will remain the same premiums since the City is going to offer the Principal vision coverage as voluntary option for the employees. City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that Human Resource Coordinator Wendy Thomas did an excellent job of getting the comparisons together for consideration.

Recommend the City Council approve the renewal of employee health insurance coverage with Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Nebraska and dental insurance coverage with Principal Financial. Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans and a second by Dan Papik.  
Kyle Frans: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye  
Aye: 3, No: 0

**3.C. Provide a recommendation to the City Council on approving the payment of \$94,489.14 to Van Kirk Bros. Contracting for the West Crete Sewer Project.**

City Administrator Tom Ourada provided information regarding the status of the project. Two change orders are yet to be submitted for approval.

Recommend the City Council approve the payment of \$94,489.14 to Van Kirk Bros. Contracting for the West Crete Water/Sewer Project. Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Kyle Frans.  
Kyle Frans: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye  
Aye: 3, No: 0

**4. Officers' Reports**

**5. Adjournment**