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## **CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:00 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:	Absent
Tom Crisman:	Present
Anthony Fitzgerald:	Present
Ashley Newmyer:	Present
Dan Papik:	Present
Dale Strehle:	Present

Present: 5, Absent: 1.

#### **3. Consent Agenda**

##### **3.A. Approve Meeting Minutes**

Approved Meeting Minutes Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.  
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 5, No: 0

- 3.A.1. October 8th, 2024 City Council Budget Hearing Minutes**
- 3.A.2. October 8th, 2024 City Council Special Meeting Minutes**
- 3.B. Accept the City Treasurer's Report**
- 3.C. Approve the Payment of Claims Against the City**

#### **4. Items of Business**

##### **4.A. Certificate of Appreciation for Lentell Family**

Chief of Police Gary Young explained that the Lentell family opened up their home during the June 28th, 2024 events. Mayor Dave Bauer presented the Lentell Family with a certificate of appreciation.

##### **4.B. Consider the Crete Carrier Room Grant Application for the Nebraska Commission on Latino-Americans Quarterly Meeting**

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this application is from Community Assistance Director Marilyn Schacht for the Nebraska Commission on Latino Americans Quarterly meeting.

Approved the Crete Carrier Room Grant Application for the Nebraska Commission on Latino-Americans Quarterly Meeting Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dale Strehle.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 5, No: 0

##### **4.C. Consider the Crete Carrier Community Room Grant Application for an Author Talk on November 16th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**

Library Director Jessica Wilkinson explained that this application is for an Author Talk on November 16th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Approved the Crete Carrier Community Room Grant Application for an Author Talk on November 16th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dale Strehle.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 5, No: 0

##### **4.D. Consider the serving of catered alcohol with a Special Designated Liquor License at the Community Room for an Author Talk on November 16th, 2024 at 7:00pm.**

Library Director Jessica Wilkinson explained that the 1206 will be catering alcohol with a Special Designated Liquor License in the Community Room for an Author Talk on November 16th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Approved the serving of catered alcohol with a Special Designated Liquor License at the Community Room for an Author Talk on November 16th, 2024 at 7:00pm. Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

**4.E. Consider altering November schedule of Crete Public Library**

Library Director Jessica Wilkinson stated that this is to alter the November schedule of the Crete Public Library. City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this is to alter the November schedule of the Crete Public Library to be closed on the Saturday immediately after Thanksgiving.

Approved to alter the November schedule of the Crete Public Library to be closed on the Saturday immediately after Thanksgiving Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

**4.F. Consider the Fire Protection Contract 2024-2025 fiscal year**

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that this is for the Fire Protection Contract for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Approved the Fire Protection Contract 2024-2025 fiscal year Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

**4.G. Consider the Saline County Area Transit invoice for fiscal years 2024 and 2025.**

The Finance Committee discussed the City of Crete providing grant information to the Saline County Area Transit and also reaching out to the Board of Directors.

Approved the Saline County Area Transit invoice for fiscal years 2024 and 2025. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Ashley Newmyer.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

**4.H. Consider a motion to ratify all votes of Tom Ourada, Crete LARM representative identified in the minutes of the Annual Members Meeting of the League Association of Risk Management on October 2nd, 2024, including the election of nominees to the LARM Board of Directors.**

City Attorney Anna Burge explained that Resolution 2024-22 Ratifying LARM representatives votes is attached.

Introduced and adopt Resolution 2024-22 to ratify all votes of Tom Ourada, Crete LARM representative identified in the minutes of the Annual Members Meeting of the League Association of Risk Management on October 2nd, 2024, including the election of nominees to the LARM Board of Directors. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 5, No: 0

**4.I. Consider Ordinance 2217 Establishing animal regulations making it unlawful to kill cats and dogs**

Introduce Ordinance 2217 and move that the statutory rule requiring three separate readings be suspended Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Dale Strehle.  
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 5, No: 0

Enact Ordinance 2217 Establishing animal regulations making it unlawful to kill cats and dogs Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.  
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 5, No: 0

**4.J. Public Hearing to hear testimony in favor of and/or against a Business Improvement District**

The Public Hearing opened at 6:25 p.m.

Opened Public Hearing to hear testimony in favor of and/or against a Business Improvement District Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.  
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 5, No: 0

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that business owners petitioned the Business Improvement District and this is one of the steps in the process of allowing public input.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:28 p.m.

Closed the Public Hearing to hear testimony in favor of and/or against a Business Improvement District Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.  
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 5, No: 0

**4.K. Consider Ordinance 2218 Establishing the Business Improvement District Committee**

Introduced Ordinance 2218 and moved that the statutory rule requiring three separate readings be suspended. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.  
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 5, No: 0

Enacted Ordinance 2218 Establishing the Business Improvement District Committee Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.  
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 5, No: 0

**4.L. Consider Ordinance 2219 To Establish the Main Ave Business Improvement District**

Introduced Ordinance 2219 and moved that the statutory rule requiring three separate readings be suspended. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

Enacted Ordinance 2219 To Establish the Main Ave Business Improvement District Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

#### **4.M. Consider approving the Ace Hardware claims in the amount of \$1,247.22.**

Approved the Ace Hardware claims in the amount of \$1,247.22. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

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

Aye: 4, No: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

#### **4.N. Executive session discussing ALS and transport contract negotiations with CAMC**

Entered the Executive Session to discuss ALS and transport contract negotiations with CAMC at 7:03 p.m.

Entering the session were Mayor Dave Bauer, City Administrator Tom Ourada, Council members Crisman, Fitzgerald, Newmyer, Strehle, and Papik. City Attorney Anna Burge, Finance Director Wendy Thomas, and City Clerk Nancy Tellez.

Exited the Executive Session at 7:41 p.m.

Entered Executive session discussing ALS and transport contract negotiations with CAMC Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

Exited the Executive session discussing ALS and transport contract negotiations with CAMC and no action was taken Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

#### **4.O. Discussion on personnel matter.**

Entered the Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 6:47 p.m.

Entering the session were Mayor Dave Bauer, City Administrator Tom Ourada, Council members Crisman, Fitzgerald, Newmyer, Strehle, and Papik. City Attorney Anna Burge, Finance Director Wendy Thomas, and City Clerk Nancy Tellez.

Exited the Executive Session at 7:02 p.m.

Entered Executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 5, No: 0

Exited Executive Session on discussing a personnel matter. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 5, No: 0

## **5. Petitions - Communications - Citizen Concerns**

## **6. Officers' Reports**

- Chief of Police Gary Young stated the following: Investigative Sergeant Lincoln Morehouse has been helping with a criminal investigation on a suspect that another agency was also investigating. They developed a plan to arrest and seize items such as computer and phones. They were able to get a confession from the suspect.
- Library Director Jessica Wilkinson stated the following:
- Gave the Fiscal Year report on programming numbers
  - Over 6,600 people attend all the different library programming in the past year.
  - They did 296 programs.
  - They had 100 volunteers do over 169 hours in the library.
- Yearly circulation statistics
- \$574,733.00 of materials in the library and saved patrons \$569,583.00. That is how much circulation of materials is going in and out of the library.
- For total computer usage they had over 1,300 people going in to use the computers.
- Over 58,721 people walked into the library last year.
- Over 1,000 meeting room bookings.
- 928 people used the drive-thru window
- Added over 2,500 materials to the library collection
- Human Resources Coordinator Savannah Anderson introduced Brett Ladely as a new Street Operator.
- City Administrator Tom Ourada stated the following:
  - Joel Bramhall Director of Cardinal Community Learning Centers invited the Mayor and City Council to their K-12 Family Event Lights On Afterschool Event at the Crete Intermediate School on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
  - Nuisance Hearings will be on Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
  - There is another \$5,000 refund request from the state for sales tax.
  - Jesse Yager, Water Superintendent sent in the lead and copper results in required by the state.

## 7. Adjournment

7:42 p.m.

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Mayor

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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.

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City Clerk

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