



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

February 20th, 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 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. February 6, 2024 City Council Minutes**
- 3.A.2. February 6, 2024 Finance Committee Minutes**
- 3.A.3. February 6, 2024 Legislative Economic Development Committee Minutes**
- 3.A.4. February 6, 2024 Park and Rec Committee Minutes**
- 3.A.5. February 6, 2024 Personnel Committee Minutes**
- 3.A.6. February 6, 2024 Public Safety Committee Minutes**
- 3.A.7. February 6, 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. Approve Cline Williams invoices totaling \$1,088.00**
- 3.E. Approve COR 015: Crete Isis phase I in the amount of \$766.00**
- 3.F. Approve COR 002: Crete Isis Phase 2 in the amount of \$255,500.**
- 3.G. Approve the Mayor's appointment of Carely Adame to the Planning Commission.**

4. Items of Business

4.A. Public Hearing on the proposed One Year and Six Year Street Improvement Program.

Opened the Public Hearing on the proposed One Year and Six Year Street Improvement Program at 6:02 p.m. City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that this is to comply with state aid and if federal funding becomes available for projects, they have to be on the street improvement program.

Closed the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m.

Opened Public Hearing on the proposed One Year and Six Year Street Improvement Program. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Tom Crisman.

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

Aye: 6, No: 0

Closed Public Hearing on the proposed One Year and Six Year Street Improvement Program at 6:03 p.m. 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 the One Year and Six Year Street Improvement Program.

Council member Dale Strehle stated that this went to the Public Works Committee and to the Planning Commission. Strehle added that projects don't have to be completed if they are on the street improvement program. There had been a question about this.

Approved the One Year and Six Year Street Improvement Program. 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 request to vacate part of the street between lot 5-6 block 168 and lot 11-12 block 21 from Crete Lumber and Farm Supply.

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this was a request to vacate the property and purchase the property. It was split into two requests. One to vacate and one to purchase. The request to vacate did go to public works.

Approve the request to vacate part of the street between lot 5-6 block 168 and lot 11-12 block 21 with the intent to sell. 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 request to purchase part of the street between lot 5-6 block 168 and lot 11-12 block 21.

Council member Dale Strehle explained that this is the second part and the Public Works committee recommends putting the property up for sale. Letting the adjacent landowners know that this will be up for sale.

Approved to put up for sale part of the street between lot 5-6 block 168 and lot 11-12 block 21. 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 serving of catered alcohol at the Crete Public Library jigsaw puzzle race on March 12th 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the Crete Carrier Community Room.

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that each time there is a request there needs to be approval from the city council. This is something that has been done in the past.

Approved the serving of catered alcohol at the Crete Public Library jigsaw puzzle race on March 12th 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the Crete Carrier Community Room. 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 adopting Resolution No. 2024-2 Authorizing the mayor to sign the Certification of Local Government Approval for Hope Crisis Center receiving funding for emergency shelter activities.

Mayor Dave Bauer explained that this request is for the mayor to sign the certification of local government approval for Hope Crisis Center receiving funding for emergency shelter activities. The last one was signed in 2015. With the signing of this resolution, it will be on record.

Introduce and adopt Resolution No. 2024-2 Authorizing the mayor to sign the Certification of Local Government Approval for Hope Crisis Center receiving funding for emergency shelter activities. 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.G. Consider approving payment of claims to Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$2,774.05.

Approved the payment of claims to Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$2,774.05.

Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

4.H. Consider the DTR application from Angelica Murillo Ortiz for 1239 Main Ave Crete, NE 68333

Approved the DTR application from Angelica Murillo Ortiz for 1239 Main Ave Crete, NE 68333 Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Tom Crisman.

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 serving of catered alcohol at the Mayor's Chili Feed on February 29th 2024 in the Crete Carrier Community Room.

Mayor Bauer informed that the Mayor's Chili Feed will be on March 7th 2024.

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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:

- Although this is a slower time of the year, there have been DUI, hit and runs, and thefts.
- Noah Zach is ready to come off probation.
- Jaden Acevedo has been working with Code Enforcement Officer Kylie Nicewonger and is preparing for the Academy.

○ Parks and Recreation Director, Liz Cody stated the following:

- The next Food Bank of Lincoln distribution at Tuxedo Park will be on Thursday, February 22nd 2024.
- Youth Soccer and Micro Soccer Registrations are open.

- Summer seasonal employment opportunities are now open.
 - Cody thanked Human Resource Coordinator Savannah Anderson with her help with the hiring process.
 - Cody stated that the Parks Master Plan will help with grant opportunities.
 - Cody answered Council member Crisman's question about the city having arborists on staff by informing that both her and Parks Groundskeeper Aaron Steffensmeier are in the process of the certification.
- Human Resource Coordinator, Savannah Anderson introduced Bryan Merashisky as the City's new meter reader.
 - Council member Crisman informed that he will be having some medical procedures and might be missing one or two council meetings. He will inform City Administrator Tom Ourada and Mayor Bauer.
- Crisman also asked Ourada about street tarring, pot holes, and the outlook of the railroad crossing on Main Ave. Ourada informed that the City is currently tarring, and will probably start working on the pot holes after that. Ourada mentioned that the work on the railroad was scheduled last fall and equipment is there however, that is not in the City's hands.
- City Administrator Tom Ourada stated the following:
 - The City is working on bathroom bids for the park.
 - Will possibly be waiting until next year to complete the pool roof and tin on other buildings when prices hopefully come down.
 - Ourada informed that the City is in need of a new phone system. It will cost about \$80,000-\$90,000 to do a new phone system and it would go in the next budget year.
 - Ourada shared some information on economic development and flexible dollars in nearby, comparable communities. There are a lot of challenges but we don't have the income to do everything. We do a lot with a little and have to take bites out of the elephant with strategic planning and making sure we are smart with what we do and how we do it.
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7. Adjournment

6:35 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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