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## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

June 4<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

Ashley Newmyer: Absent

Tom Crisman: Present

Anthony Fitzgerald: Present

Dan Papik: Present

Dale Strehle: Present

Present: 4, Absent: 2.

#### 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, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 4, No: 0

#### 3.A. Approve Meeting Minutes

##### 3.A.1. May 21st, 2024 City Council Minutes

- 3.A.2. May 21st, 2024 Finance Committee Minutes**
- 3.A.3. May 21st, 2024 Legislative & Economic Development Minutes**
- 3.A.4. May 21st, 2024 Park and Recreation Minutes**
- 3.A.5. May 21st, 2024 Public Works Minutes**
- 3.B. Accept the City Treasurer's Report**
- 3.C. Approve the Payment of Claims Against the City**
- 3.D. Mayor's appointment of Dr. Tom King to the Historic Preservation Commission**

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

##### **4.A. Consider CO #003 for the Crete Isis Theatre**

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated this change order had been previously approved by the committee and the council. This did go to the public works committee.

Approved the CO #003 for the Crete Isis Theatre Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 4, No: 0

##### **4.B. Consider the Crete Emergency Operations Plan**

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that Steve Hensel updated the Crete Emergency Operations Plan. Ourada explained that Hensel did have a number of meetings with the City of Crete staff in order to accomplish that. This did go to the Public Safety Committee.

Approved the Crete Emergency Operations Plan Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 4, No: 0

##### **4.C. Consider the East 22nd Pay Estimate No. 9 from General Excavating in the amount of \$51,662.02**

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that this is the final pay application for the triple box culvert project. Public Works Committee member Dale Strehle stated that it is the committee's recommendation to approve the East 22nd Pay Estimate No. 9 from General Excavating in the amount of \$51,662.02.

Approved the East 22nd Pay Estimate No. 9 from General Excavating in the amount of \$51,662.02 Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 4, No: 0

##### **4.D. Consider East 22nd St. Change Order No. 2**

Mayor Bauer stated that this is out of order and should have been before Pay Estimate No. 9. City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that Change Order No. 2 results in a deduct of \$24,154.86 about the same time as Estimate No. 9. This also went to the public works committee.

Approved the East 22nd St. Change Order No. 2 Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 4, No: 0

#### **4.E. Consider the Principal plans and rates**

Human Resource Coordinator Savannah Anderson explained that the vision rates are staying the same. There will be two different plans and one offers orthodontia. The rate on the lower plan didn't change but there is an increase in the upper plan.

Approved the Principal plans and rates Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 4, No: 0

#### **4.F. Consider the BlueCross BlueShield renewal agreement**

Human Resource Coordinator Savannah Anderson explained that the plan did go down. There are two BlueCross BlueShield Plans with the League Insurance Government Health Team one with the low deductible plan and one with the high deductible plan.

Approved the BlueCross BlueShield renewal agreement Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 4, No: 0

#### **4.G. Consider the Mutual of Omaha Critical Illness and Accident Insurance renewal agreement**

Human Resource Coordinator Savannah Anderson explained that nothing changed with this plan. The rates are the same. Mayor Bauer explained that on the life insurance side of it the age increased from cut off 65 years of age to 70 years.

Approved the Mutual of Omaha Critical Illness and Accident Insurance renewal agreement Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 4, No: 0

#### **4.H. Consider the part-time and seasonal employee drug testing policy**

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this policy was worked on, and the council heard it, and it is a very abbreviated plan. It is just testing on suspicion and there is no pre-employment testing. Since it can involve minors, it does involve their parents for consent. Ourada explained that they worked on it with City Attorney Anna Burge, Park and Recreation Director Liz Cody to make sure that they can actually do this. There was a question whether we need this or if they have occurred before. Ourada stated that to his knowledge it has not occurred before but that doesn't mean that it couldn't and we need to be prepared.

Council member Dan Papik asked if a minor child needs to be tested and the parents decline to have their child tested what would happen? Ourada explained that they would be terminated. Ourada explained that they discussed multiple scenarios and it would be up to the child to convince their parents that this is in their best interest.

Approved the part-time and seasonal employee drug testing policy Carried with a motion by Dan

Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 4, No: 0

#### **4.I. Consider the Access Agreement between the County of Seward and Crete Police Department**

Chief of Police Gary Young explained that this agreement would give them access to software and server network and mobile functions. This is the same as what Saline County has and the City of Crete will hold the license and Seward County manages it.

Approved the Access Agreement between the County of Seward and Crete Police Department Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 4, No: 0

#### **4.J. Consider approving payment of claims to Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$98.76.**

Approved payment of claims to Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$98.76.

Dale Strehle approved and Anthony Fitzgerald seconded the motion. Mayor Dave Bauer voted for quorum purposes.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Abstained, Dale Strehle: Aye, Dave Bauer: Aye  
Aye: 4, No: 0, Abstained: 1

#### **4.K. Consider the method of paving assessments**

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that there was a discussion on this last time and sent emails to the council members about where it was feasible to have sidewalks. Ourada stated that he asked the committee to formulate a recommendation on how they would like to move forward with that. Council member Dale Strehle stated that the Public Works Committee did discuss this and it is their recommendation that we share costs where sidewalks can be built.

Approved the method of paving assessments and share costs specifically where sidewalks can only be built on one side of the street. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 4, No: 0

#### **4.L. Consider gap paving projects on north side**

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that this had been discussed with the Committee and City Council earlier this year. There were two prior priority projects that are identified that would be able to close off the gap paving.

Approved the gap paving projects on north side of Crete. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Aye: 4, No: 0

**4.M. Consider alley paving between Norman and Oak Ave**

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that this is another 1- and 6-year project and it is the alley between 12th and 13th on Norman and Oak Ave. This project was petitioned in and Ourada did ask the petitioner to communicate his intent to the rest of the block which he did. There was not a lot of position to it but the point was that everyone on the block knew it wasn't the City of Crete that was doing this because it was petitioned.

Approved the alley paving between Norman and Oak Ave Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Aye: 4, No: 0

**4.N. Consider an alternate for the Seward/Saline County Solid Waste Management Agency**

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this is to have an alternate for the Seward/Saline County Solid Waste Management Agency if the primary representative is not able to attend the meetings. The Public Works Committee did discuss this.

Approved Anthony Fitzgerald as the alternate for the Seward/Saline County Solid Waste Management Agency Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Aye: 4, No: 0

**4.O. Consider Region V's request for permission to construct on city property**

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that Region V recently approached Building Inspector Brad Bailey about enlarging the parking lot and Bailey spoke to him. Ourada explained that the City owns it and does require permission. They did approach them to seek permission and this did go to the Public Works Committee.

Approved GoAPace (Region V) request for permission to construct on city property Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Aye: 4, No: 0

**4.P. Consider the Welcoming Certification Agreement between Welcoming America and the City of Crete.**

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this certification agreement with Welcoming America will help to leverage federal funding for housing and help with resources for job creation. There has been a lot of discussion about this. Ourada stated that Mayor Bauer did speak to Community Assistance Director Marilyn Schacht. This went to the Legislative and Economic Development Committee.

Approved the Welcoming Certification Agreement between Welcoming America and the City of Crete. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Tom Crisman.

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

Aye: 4, No: 0

#### **4.Q. Consider amending the fee schedule**

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that the Finance Committee did not have time to meet on this. This is a request from Parks and Recreation and is to add a fee for swimming lessons. Parks and Recreation Director Liz Cody stated that, in the past, private lessons have been 5 lessons for \$75. They have moved all of their programs to be on RecDesk and that is how they are getting payments. Having private lessons there will allow for more control and for the number of lessons they would like between 1 and 10 lessons.

Approved amending the fee schedule Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Aye: 4, No: 0

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

#### **6. Officers' Reports**

○ Chief of Police Gary Young stated the following:

- The other night there was a stabbing and the victim was not seriously injured. Thanked Officer Audrey Arbuckle and K9 Hunk for their help finding the suspect who was at the Crete Inn. They also found crack cocaine and the suspect's female companion had some stolen credit cards.
- Thanked Community Assistance Director Marilyn Schacht for her help with her efforts to reduce hit-and-run accidents with the safe driving classes and for being a great host. There were 13 people in attendance and when the classes were done everyone wanted the classes to keep going. Thanked Officer's Audrey Arbuckle and Melanie Martinez for their help with the classes.

○ Library Director Jessica Wilkinson stated the following:

- Food Truck Thursdays are back at Crete Public Library. On Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 2024, Chi Style Kitchen will be there.
- This Fall they will be starting a new program called 100 books before kindergarten.
- Crete Reads book was picked last week. The book is No Two Persons by Erica Bauermeister. They are going to try to bring the author in person or virtually.
- The Family Puzzle Race will be June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

○ Parks & Recreation Director Liz Cody stated the following:

- The pool is open for the season. There has been strong interest in pool membership, passes, and programming.
- Infant and Toddler swim lesson registrations are now open.
- Next week on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> 2024 water aerobics will be starting.
- Strong performances at the first swim competition last Saturday.

- Ward I Council member Dan Papik thanked all the City of Crete employees that attended the committee and council meetings.
- City Administrator Tom Ourada stated the following:
  - There was an interesting situation with a Doane University graduate who had been working for the City and wanted to continue working. He wanted to apply for any available position with the City. He will be starting soon with the Street Department.
  - Chief of Police Gary Young and City Attorney Anna Burge have been knocking the nuisance properties out of the park. There have been some filed with the county. A great number of them have voluntarily complied and cleaned up. There have been about 4-6 nuisance cases scheduled for hearings a month.
  - The pool house and filter house will be getting a new roof for a 1/3 of where the low bids had been. They will be doing that at the end of the pool season. They are under the bid limit and he can approve it.
  - Sales tax are good again this month. There were no big refunds and 7 ½% ahead of last year.
  - There will be a Public Safety committee meeting in the next week or two.
  - Next week City Administrator Tom Ourada, City Attorney Anna Burge and Finance Director Wendy Thomas will be at the Finance Conference in Lincoln on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

## 7. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 6:47 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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