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## **CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 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**

Tom Crisman: Present

Ashley Newmyer: Present

Dale Strehle: Present

Present: 3.

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

##### **3.A. Consider the in-kind parking services agreement with SCAT**

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this is a memorandum of understanding between the City of Crete, Nebraska and Saline County Area Transit. The City of Crete provides indoor, secure parking space of about 250 square feet for one transit vehicle. The assessed value of the space is \$100.00 per month. This agreement will help the Saline County Area Transit for when they are applying for grants.

Recommend to the City Council the in-kind parking services agreement with SCAT  
Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 3, No: 0

### **3.B. Consider the LB840 Application from Crete Youth Cabin Association**

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that the Crete Youth Cabin Association explained that they are asking for \$105,000.00 out of the \$210,000 for the addition of a sanitary restroom and shower facility to provide necessary accommodations for youth and adults for day and overnight stays on the grounds. The structure would also include a multi-purpose learning centers and equipment storage area. Ourada explained that even though this facility is outside of city limits it is in the city's extraterritorial jurisdiction and the LB840 fund does allow for them to apply since it will help with tourism.

Recommend to the City Council the LB840 Application from Crete Youth Cabin Association Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Dale Strehle.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 3, No: 0

### **3.C. Consider the LB840 Application from Kathy's Cardinal Kids Learning Center**

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that Kathy Garland the owner and director of Kathy's Cardinal Kids has been using her own vehicle to shuttle children to and from school and is asking for LB840 funds to help with the purchase of a van. Her center is a few children away from the full capacity of 60 children.

Recommend to the City Council the LB840 Application from Kathy's Cardinal Kids Learning Center Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Dale Strehle.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 3, No: 0

### **3.D. Consider the LB840 Application from the City of Crete for local share for the Community Development Block Grant Program 20DTR002.**

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that The City of Crete has been awarded 2 other another Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and LB840 helped with funds for the City match for both. This grant award is up to \$400,000 through the Department of Economic Development (DED). The City of Crete would like to request \$100,000 of LB840 funds for the local share costs.

Recommend to the City Council the LB840 Application from the City of Crete for local share for the Community Development Block Grant Program 20DTR002. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 3, No: 0

### **3.E. Consider the LB840 Application from the City of Crete for match for housing grant application.**

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that the City of Crete did not get the 2024 Rural Workforce Housing Fund Grant. This application is going to be for The Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund and is for up to \$750,000 and the City of Crete would like to ask

for \$250,000 of LB840 funds to use as a match in the NAHTF application. Ourada explained that they would like to build 6 single-family homes in three years.

Recommend to the City Council the LB840 Application from the City of Crete for match for housing grant application. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 3, No: 0

### **3.F. Consider the LB840 Application from Rotary International District 5650 Foundation**

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that Shaylene Smith with Rotary International District 5650 Foundation was present if they had any questions. Rotary is applying for LB840 funds to help purchase new playground equipment. The current 40-year-old playground equipment is nearing the end of its useful life and is not safe anymore. Ourada stated that by state law the City of Crete cannot apply for funds through LB840 for the playground since it is on city property.

Recommend to the City Council the LB840 Application from Rotary International District 5650 Foundation Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 3, No: 0

### **3.G. Consider Ordinance 2242 Sale of 1209 and 1211 Main Ave and setting the remonstrance period**

There was discussion on the of 1209 and 1211 Main Ave and setting the remonstrance period. City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that Dittmer and Dittmer are interested in purchasing the buildings and would like to rent it to New Beginnings. City Attorney Anna Burge explained that by state law the notice has to be published and the remonstrance period allows people that are opposed to provide a reason and if they would like to offer more for the buildings.

Ourada stated that the buildings had not been advertised for sale since there was still work needed to be done on them. Ourada further explained that there had been multiple people interested in the buildings but the people interested decided not to go through with the purchase. Ourada also mentioned that the money from the sale will be going back into the LB840 fund. Recommend to the City Council Ordinance 2242 Sale of 1209 and 1211 Main Ave and setting the remonstrance period Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Dale Strehle. Tom Crisman: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 3, No: 0

## **4. Officers' Reports**

## **5. Adjournment**