



CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

June 22, 2022 at 4:30 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

Ryan Hinz: Absent
Jack Oelschlager: Present
Dale Strehle: Present
Present: 2, Absent: 1.

3. Items of Business

3.A. Discuss municipal regulations of ATVs and UTVs.

The group went to the Parking lot and viewed a UTV provided by Troy Ross. It included features such as doors, lights, seatbelts and turn signals. Tom Parker stated that many features are available when the vehicle is purchased and that all features are available to be added after market, such as turn signals and horns.

Police Lieutenant Gary Young was asked to give a view of the topic of UTVs from the Police Departments perspective. He stated that the Police Department does not inspect or license any other types of vehicles and would have staffing issues to cover this type of activity. If some type of activity were to occur that required a chase, it would be problematic in that UTVs can go many places that Police Cars cannot. He also thought that if one type of vehicle were allowed on the streets, citizens would expect that they could use other types that are not as safe as a UTV.

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that it would be imperative that the citizens be educated about what type of vehicle would be allowed. ATVs are not UTVs, etc. He asked Police Sargent Jon Pucket to report on an accident recently at Tuxedo Park. Apparently a group of teen aged individuals were playing paint gun tag on ATVs and UTVs. One of the vehicles rolled with an individual injured severely requiring a tourniquet and hospitalization.

Mayor David Bauer stated that the law-abiding citizens that are asking for UTVs to be allowed on the streets would not be playing games or disrespecting others. If requirements are developed that would regulate the type of vehicles and safety features this could be implemented and if it goes terribly wrong, it could be ended.

The committee members will send a list of requirements they would like to see for UTVs to be allowed to the Mayor and he will compile them together and provide them to the City Attorney for ordinance.

4. Officers' Reports

5. Adjournment