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## **CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

May 17, 2022 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**

Ryan Hinz: Present  
Jack Oelschlager: Present  
Dale Strehle: Present  
Present: 3.

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

##### **3.A. Provide a recommendation to the City Council on adopting Resolution No. 2022-01: A resolution of the City of Crete, Nebraska accepting the duties and responsibilities related to the closing of Nebraska Highway 33 for the Saline County Fair Parade.**

City Administrator Tom Ourada reported that this is the way the State of Nebraska deals with highway closing requests.

Recommend to the City Council to adopt Resolution No. 2022-01, accepting the duties and responsibilities related to the closing of Nebraska Highway 33 for the Saline County Fair Parade. Carried with a motion by Ryan Hinz and a second by Dale Strehle.

Ryan Hinz: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 3, No: 0

### **3.B. Provide a recommendation to the City Council on entering into the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Saline County Rural Fire Protection Mutual Finance Organization for the 2022-2025 period.**

Committee member Jack Oelschlager did not see any issues with the agreement and stated that it is no different than the agreements we've had for this in the past.

Recommend to the City Council to enter into the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Saline County Rural Fire Protection MFO for the 2022-2025 period. Carried with a motion by Ryan Hinz and a second by Dale Strehle.

Ryan Hinz: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 3, No: 0

### **3.C. Discuss municipal regulations of ATVs and UTVs.**

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that the research provided was done by the City Attorney, per request of the Committee. Committee member Jack Oelschlager opened the floor to citizens who wished to speak on the matter.

\*Citizen Tom Parker spoke about the safety features of a UTV versus an ATV. UTVs are larger and include rollover bars, safety belts, lights, blinkers, and a horn. Parker's opinion is that UTVs, not ATVs, should be legal to drive in town as long as they are equipped with all of the safety features mentioned and are being operated by a licensed driver.

\*Citizen Troy Ross stated that scooters are able to be driven in town and they are more dangerous on the roads than a UTV. UTVs now come equipped with the features that are necessary to be safely driven, and they can be added to older models that did not come fully equipped.

\*Citizen Adam Wackel uses his UTV for agricultural purposes and would like to be able to drive it to and from his farms. They are as safe as a car, as long as the driver is responsible and follows the rules.

The result of the discussion was the need for more information to be able to make an educated decision. A meeting was scheduled for next week to have a UTV present to be able to examine the safety features and for the Police Department to see how they would inspect them to ensure they have all of the necessary legal requirements.

### **4. Officers' Reports**

Fire Department member Brandon Smejdir presented a letter regarding a grant to receive a 50% cost share on purchasing wildfire gear. To outfit the Fire Department's 50 members with this new gear, it would cost around \$20,000. This grant would pay half of that amount, and the deadline to apply is May 31st. The Committee was in favor of the Fire Department applying for the grant.

### **5. Adjournment**