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## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

January 2, 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
Dale Strehle:	Absent
Tom Crisman:	Present
Anthony Fitzgerald:	Present
Ashley Newmyer:	Present
Dan Papik:	Present

Present: 4, Absent: 2.

#### 3. Consent Agenda

Approved Consent Agenda Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye  
Aye: 4, No: 0

#### 3.A. Approve Meeting Minutes

##### 3.A.1. December 19, 2023 City Council Minutes

- 3.A.2. December 19, 2023 City Council Minutes**
- 3.A.3. December 19, 2023 Finance Committee Meeting minutes**
- 3.A.4. December 19, 2023 Leg.Econ.Development Committee Meeting Minutes**
- 3.A.5. December 19, 2023 Park and Rec Committee Meeting minutes**
- 3.A.6. December 19, 2023 Personnel Committee Meeting minutes**
- 3.A.7. December 19, 2023 Public Works Committee Meeting minutes**
- 3.B. Accept the City Treasurer's Report**
- 3.C. Approve the Payment of Claims Against the City**
- 3.D. Approve the Border States Vista Underground Switchgear.**

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

##### **4.A. Consider the Crete Carrier Room Grant Application from the Asian Community and Cultural Center to hold an orientation for citizenship classes on Saturday, January 6th from 5-7pm.**

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that the application was going to be for three months originally but was changed to be only one time for a larger orientation meeting on Saturday, January 6th from 5-7 p.m.

Approved the Crete Carrier Room Grant Application from the Asian Community and Cultural Center to hold an orientation for citizenship classes on Saturday, January 6th from 5-7pm. Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye  
Aye: 4, No: 0

##### **4.B. Consider 35 miles per hour speed limit on South Arizona.**

City Council and Public Works Committee member Dan Papik explained that they discussed this item, and it is their recommendation to the City Council to approve it. Mayor Dave Bauer stated that the county is also recommending the speed limit.

Approved the 35 miles per hour speed limit on South Arizona. Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye  
Aye: 4, No: 0

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

David Cooper who lives at 125 Grove Ave, Crete, NE 68333 stated that he believes that for the last 6 to 7 years the land by the Wildwood park had been used as part of the park. He stated that there was a hole dug on that land and there were no permits or cones placed around it. Cooper stated he also saw a semi-truck unload rock and asked if that street will be cleaned by the owners or the City of Crete.

City Inspector, Brad Bailey stated that he went and spoke to the owners of the land and they have taken out the appropriate permits. Bailey also mentioned he will be going to complete an inspection to make sure the rock was placed correctly.

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that street where the rock was poured will be cleaned by the City of Crete.

##### **5.A. Charter Communications, upcoming changes, starting January 30, 2024.**

## 6. Officers' Reports

- Joy Stevenson, Library Director provided information on the Library of Things which will be coming soon to the Crete Public Library. The Library of Things is a collection of items other than books and DVDs that can be borrowed from the library at no charge. There will be household, kitchen/food and beverage items, activities and electronics. Library patrons must have a library card for 6 months prior to borrowing the items and sign a waiver.
- Tom Ourada, City Administrator stated the following:
  - The General funds sales are down 9/10ths of a percent this month over last year.
  - It would be up however, there was a \$9,840 refund to the state and DED doesn't tell who the refunds go to or what the refunds are.
  - We collect in December for October. The two large months are yet to happen.
  - The budget looks good and the sales tax is ahead of last year.
  - One of the owners which the city had trouble with the meter readings agreed for the city to move the meter and they would pay for it and it is working as intended.
  - The snow was a non-event and the new people with the City were able to take care of it.
  - Replaced the street employee with an experienced person from Lincoln and he will start the third week in January.
  - Hired two new Police Officers. One will start this month and the other will go to the Academy in May and will be working as a Code Enforcement Officer until he goes to training. They are bilingual and Crete residents.
- Dave Bauer, Mayor stated that he hopes everyone had a Happy New Year and we are starting off the year great and will have a good 2024. Received an email about a possible new business.

## 7. Adjournment

6:23 p.m.

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7:06 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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