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## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

April 2<sup>nd</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

Tom Crisman: Present

Anthony Fitzgerald: Present

Kyle Frans: Present

Ashley Newmyer: Present

Dan Papik: Present

Dale Strehle: Present

Present: 6.

#### 3. Consent Agenda

Approved the Consent Agenda Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

#### 3.A. Approve Meeting Minutes

#### 3.B. Accept the City Treasurer's Report

- 3.C. Approve the Payment of Claims Against the City**
- 3.D. March 19, 2024 City Council Minutes**
- 3.E. March 19, 2024 Finance Committee Minutes**
- 3.F. March 19, 2024 Park and Rec Committee Minutes**
- 3.G. March 19, 2024 Public Safety Committee Minutes**
- 3.H. March 19, 2024 Public Works Committee Minutes**
- 3.I. Approve JEO Invoice No: 149048 in the amount of \$4,239.50**

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

##### **4.A. Consider the application SE24-01 for the Chamber of Commerce Cinco de Mayo Celebration.**

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this application is for the Cinco de Mayo Celebration and that it was reviewed by emergency services and parks and recreation.

Approved the application SE24-01 for the Chamber of Commerce Cinco de Mayo Celebration. Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Kyle Frans.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

##### **4.B. Consider the Crete Urban Area Map**

City Administrator Tom Ourada mentioned that the City of Crete looked at it and the county also looked at it and accepted it and our portion is right.

Approved the Crete Urban Area Map Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

##### **4.C. Authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to provide a termination notice to Beatrice.**

City Administrator Tom Ourada mentioned that they should formalize this to move forward since they will start inquiring costs in the move from Beatrice. There is a procedure outlined for the City to follow to separate ourselves from Southeast 911 and this went to the Public Safety Committee.

Authorized the Mayor and City Administrator to provide a termination notice to Beatrice. Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

##### **4.D. Consider the RMS Quote.**

City Administrator Tom Ourada is the item he was previously talking about, a quote to start incurring costs for a computer rated dispatch and this is to move to a different system.

Public Safety Committee member Dan Papik stated that they did meet on this, and they will be

seeking clarification on some of the language in the agreement.

Approve the RMS Quote and review and negotiate the terms of the agreement. Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan

Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

#### **4.E. Consider the payment of claims to Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$336.91**

Approved the payment of claims to Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$336.91 Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Dan Papik: Abstain (With Conflict), Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

#### **4.F. Consider enacting Ordinance NO. 2197 Relating To The Vacation Of Streets or Alleys**

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this is to vacate the Quince area by Henning's and Dittmer's property. This went to the Public Works Committee.

Introduce Ordinance NO. 2197 and waive the rules it be read on three different days. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan

Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

Enact Ordinance 2197 on final reading. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan

Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

#### **4.G. Consider enacting Ordinance NO. 2198 Amending Plat Requirements.**

City Attorney Anna Burge explained this ordinance is for some changes to allow for the County Clerk Register of deeds to be able to put her stamp on the front and not block any of the other signatures. The other piece is in accordance with state statute to have the printed names of the signatories.

Introduce Ordinance 2198 and waive the rules it be read on three different days. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan

Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

Enact Ordinance NO. 2198 on final reading. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan

Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

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

## 6. Officers' Reports

- Parks and Recreation Director Liz Cody stated the following:
  - T-Ball registrations are due Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024.
  - The Tree City Application was submitted and Crete has been awarded a Tree City for the 33<sup>rd</sup> year. Crete has also been awarded the growth award.
- Chief of Police, Gary Young stated the following:
  - At the last meeting the mayor presented awards and tonight's award is not as super cool. We are sad to say goodbye to Sgt. Ron Koch.
  - Sgt. Koch has always been there and has been knowledgeable.
  - Mayor Dave Bauer presented Sgt. Ron Koch with his retirement badge. Sgt. Koch has served in law enforcement for 33 years and 8 months. Bauer stated that Sgt. Koch has done a lot of service and will be missed.
  - Sgt. Ron Koch thanked everyone for their support.
  - Chief Young mentioned that there have been issues at the park and he has talked to Parks and Recreation Director Liz Cody, City Attorney Anna Burge, and City Administrator Tom Ourada about limiting and how to deal with some of the folks out there. This incident involved a domestic disturbance, where someone tried to set the tent on fire.
- City Council members Ashley Newmyer, Dale Strehle, and Dan Papik thanked and congratulated Sgt. Ron Koch.
- City Council member Anthony Fitzgerald asked if there is a periodic check program for street lamp posts. City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that there are annual inspections. Fitzgerald mentioned he noticed a street lamp post that was down around 6<sup>th</sup> and Howell Ave. Chief Young stated that there was a vehicle that hit a lamp post in that area.
- City Administrator Tom Ourada stated the following:
  - Sales tax was down 6.7%. Which is January, we get January in March. It is the lowest it has been since July of 2022. \$5,000 lower than the lowest in 2023. \$6,650 were refunded this month back to the state. Next month we are going to be refunding \$84,000 back to the state. Part of the Nebraska Advantage Act where the state's economic development program people in Nebraska can take advantage of that and get refunds of municipalities. By state law they don't have to tell what it is for and where it came from.

Next month we will likely have very little sales tax.

- The Railroad Transportation Safety District will not meet next week. They will meet next month.

- Mayor Dave Bauer provided an update on City Park. Bauer stated that it has been his goal to do something between the new parking lot and the park with some handicapped equipment. Bauer explained that had been started with a little girl that contacted him and then several parents have also come to him with different ideas. Bauer stated that he will be having a meeting with an individual that will be giving them several ideas. Bauer and Ourada met with a contractor for the sign on 13<sup>th</sup> Street they are looking at a partial wall that says Crete City Park or something like that and design ideas.
- The Crete Community Foundation was notified that an individual donated \$45,000 to the park and the foundation put another \$55,000 towards the park.
- One of the ideas Bauer and this individual have is to see take the band stand down and have a picnic shelter that is accessible and tables that are also accessible. That will have much more use.
- Bauer stated that Jennifer Lampila has done research on the band stand.
- Bauer mentioned that his goal is to get started on the work at City Park this summer. He also stated that if a private business wants to do something it can get done in two weeks but if the city or government wants to do something it takes years. It's so different because city governments are so restricted and have to follow many requirements.
- They are also getting the bids on the restrooms for City Park.
- Ourada stated that they will be interviewing two Library Director candidates on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 2024.

## 7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 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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