



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

March 5th, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Crete City Hall, 243 East 13th Street

MINUTES

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 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.A.1. February 20, 2024 City Council Minutes

3.A.2. February 20, 2024, Legislative Economic Development Committee Minutes

3.A.3. February 20, 2024 Public Works Committee Minutes

3.A.4. February 8, 2024 Airport Advisory Board Minutes

3.A.5. February 22, 2024 ED Advisory Board Minutes

3.B. Accept the City Treasurer's Report

3.C. Approve the Payment of Claims Against the City

3.D. Accept the findings from the Risk Manager on claim against the city on Longwood Ave.

4. Items of Business

4.A. Public Hearing for Liquor License for new Manager for VFW

Opened the Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m.

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this is for a new liquor license for a new manager for the VFW.

Closed the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m.

Opened the Public Hearing for Liquor License for new Manager for VFW 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

Closed the Public Hearing for Liquor License for new Manager for VFW 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.A.1. Consider a recommendation to the Liquor Control Commission on the Liquor License for new Manager for VFW.

Recommend to the Liquor Control Commission on the Liquor License for new Manager for VFW. 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.B. Public Hearing for a Retail Liquor License from Smokin' Liquor LLC 1229 Main Ave, Crete, NE 68333.

Opened the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m. for a Retail Liquor License from Smokin' Liquor LLC 1229 Main Ave, Crete, NE 68333.

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that the owner Im Nuet was present at the meeting and she could answer any questions. Mayor Dave Bauer asked what type of business would be operating. Nuet answered that it would be liquor store and they would also be selling tobacco products, pop and snacks. City Attorney Anna Burge added that main source of revenue has to be liquor.

Closed the Public Hearing at 6:09 p.m.

Opened the Public Hearing for a Retail Liquor License from Smokin' Liquor LLC 1229 Main Ave, Crete, NE 68333. 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

Closed Public Hearing for a Retail Liquor License from Smokin' Liquor LLC 1229 Main Ave, Crete, NE 68333. 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.B.1. Consider a recommendation to the Liquor Control Commission on the Retail Liquor License from Smokin' Liquor LLC, 1229 Main Ave, Crete, NE 68333.

Recommend to the Liquor Control Commission on the Retail Liquor License from Smokin' Liquor LLC, 1229 Main Ave, Crete, NE 68333. 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. Review the Airport 2024 Project list.

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this is an airport advisory list for 2024. This went to the Public Works committee and this is a list of the things that need to get done and it is informational.

4.D. Consider 911 communications structure

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that they would provide notice of termination to Beatrice and begin work with Saline County to develop a contract.

Approve the 911 communications structure and provide notice of termination to Beatrice and begin work with Saline County to develop a contract. Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Dale Strehle.

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 selling City farm.

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that the city farm is a property of 72 acres. Also, had previously owned a farm to the south of town and did a trade with a family. The purpose of owning the property was for sewage purposes and the property directly to the west suits that. There has been discussion in the past about selling the property. Since we have purchased property to the south of town, we have been made aware that there are two or more people interested in the city farm.

This went to the Public Works committee and Council member and Public Works committee member Dale Strehle stated that the City of Crete doesn't usually look to get rid of property but in this situation, it does benefit the City to get rid of it.

Approved to sell the City farm by sealed bid with a minimum bid requirement. 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.F. Consider purchasing a new phone system.

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that this would be an onsite cloud option and that the price has come down. Council and Public Works Committee member Dale Strehle stated that this would be a Mytell system.

Approved purchasing a new phone system. 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.G. Consider enacting Ordinance No. 2195 To Amend Section 10-127 of the Crete Municipal Code to appoint both the City Administrator and City Clerk as agent for the City in making a recommendation and approval or denial for Special Designated Licenses in the City of Crete, Nebraska.

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this would appoint both the City Administrator and the City Clerk as agent for the City in making a recommendation and approval or denial for Special Designated Licenses in the City of Crete.

Introduce Ordinance 2195 and waive the rules it be read on three different days. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald 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

Enact Ordinance 2195 on final reading. Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Dale Strehle.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.H. Consider adopting Resolution 2024-03 Master Fee Schedule

Introduce and adopt Resolution 2024-03 Master Fee Schedule. Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans 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.I. Consider the Saline County Ag Society Lease for Tuxedo Park

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that City Attorney Anna Burge overhauled this. It was created in 1976 and amended in the 1990's. Council and Park and Recreation Committee member Ashley Newmyer stated that the Park and Rec Committee recommended this to the City Council.

Approve the Saline County Ag Society Lease for Tuxedo Park 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.J. Consider the Medical Utility Hold form.

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this form would formalize a process that is outlined in the state statute for Medical Hardship cases as it relates to utility rates. Ourada

stated that they do follow this by practice already and this item went to the Public Works committee.

Approve the Medical Utility Hold form. 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.K. Consider the Ricoh IM C2510 with eGoldfax & (RSI Software) Proposal

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this is for the Library and it was put together by IT Director Mike Kalkwarf, Library Director Joy Stevenson, and GIS Technician/IT Emerson Aschoff.

Approved the Ricoh IM C2510 with eGoldfax & (RSI Software) Proposal. 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.L. Consider the claim for sewer back-up on 15th St.

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that there were not any details on this since it's not necessary for the City Council to consider. The League Association of Risk Management handles this for the City of Crete. The Public Works Committee recommended that this be referred to the League Association of Risk Management.

Recommend the claim for sewer back-up on 15th St. be sent to the City of Crete's Risk Manager for review. 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.M. Consider amending the Crete Infrastructure Material Specifications and Testing Requirements

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that there were two changes to add Kennedy Hydrants and Kennedy Valves. They were previously not part of the standards and specifications.

Approved the amend the Crete Infrastructure Material Specifications and Testing Requirements 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.N. Consider enacting Ordinance 2196 Amending Salaries and Wages In Ordinance 2177, 2189, and 2193

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that the two changes are for the wage scale are park and rec driven. One is to establish a training rate of \$12.00 an hour and the other is amending for an Assistant Pool Manager/ Assistance Swim Coach and altering the wage for that.

Introduce Ordinance 2196 and waive the rules it be read on three different days. Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman 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

Enact Ordinance 2196 on final reading. Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman 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.O. Consider the LB840 Loan Guarantee application for \$300,000.00 for the Blue River Arts Council.

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this is an application for a loan guarantee for \$300,000.00 for the Blue River Arts Council for a short fall from now until the end of the year. Our LB840 Loan Guarantee is tailored made for that. They had originally asked for \$255,000.00 and then came back and asked for \$300,000.00. Ourada stated that there is an excess of \$500,000.00 in the LB840 program. This is fundamentally like a line of credit. Unless they default this doesn't cost anything. The LB840 Advisory Committee took this up and voted to approve it and this also went to the Legislative and Economic Development Committee.

Approved the LB840 Loan Guarantee application for \$300,000.00 for the Blue River Arts Council. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald 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

5. Petitions - Communications - Citizen Concerns

6. Officers' Reports

- Library Director, Joy Stevenson stated that the first speaker series A Tree Grows in Crete is on Sunday, March 10th at 2:00 p.m. at the Crete Carrier Community Room. The speakers will be Justin Evertson is the Assistant Director for the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum and Rick Brown tree-board member. Stevenson mentioned that with the help of Park and Recreation Director Liz Cody they were able to put it together.
- Parks and Recreation Director, Liz Cody stated the following:
 - Stevenson was a huge help.

- Attendees to Sunday's speaker event will be able to get free tree resources and there will be giveaway of a free tree sapling or shrub to each attendee.
 - Thanked city departments that they have been working with.
 - Sunday, March 17th 2024 is the first youth soccer game.
 - Thanked HR Coordinator Savannah Anderson with her help with pool applicants and with CPR and First Aid training.
 - Will be attending a water safety training in Omaha.
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- Mentioned that they did not raise the prices for the programs they offer all summer long.
 - Pickleball has been added to the activities offered.
 - Slight increase to the camp ground fees.
 - Appreciates the collaboration with Crete Public Schools staff they have been working with to make sure City of Crete programs are being shared with the families.
 - Cody stated that she is looking into AED grant funds.
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- They are also waiting to hear back from the pool shade structure grant
- o Chief of Police Gary Young asked Mayor Bauer to present service awards. The Meritorious Service Medal was presented to Officer Dawn Jonas for her work with the operation under the tree which has been growing every year. The Life Saving Medal was presented to Officer Noah Zach for his help with a suicidal individual that was threatening to jump off the Blue River Bridge on Highway 33. Officer Zach's actions prevented this individual from serious bodily injury or possibly even death.
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- Young stated that the movement towards switching 911 communications to Saline County is the right move.
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- o Mayor Dave Bauer stated the following:
 - This was a good example of the candidates that have gone through the interviews and have been good candidates. The Crete Police has a strong department and everyone works well together. Bauer stated that he greatly appreciates all the work.
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- o Council members Ashley Newmyer, Dale Strehle, Dan Papik and Anthony Fitzgerald thanked the officers for their service and for keeping the community safe.
- o City Administrator Tom Ourada stated the following:
 - Will be having a meeting with the school about a community calendar. Sooner or later, they will find something that works for everyone.
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- Meeting with developers on Friday on two new businesses coming to town.
 - Purchase agreements have been signed and it will be part of an extensive new subdivision that is 72 acres.
 - Going to be applying for a \$100,000.00 grant for a DC charger. There is a level 2 charger by City Park now. That cost was \$13,000. The DC charger charges up a car in twenty minutes. Ourada will provide more information when the grant is announced.

- There are lots of things happening not just park and recreation and will be talking about adding more staff when that comes up.

Mayor Dave Bauer reminded everyone of the Mayor's Chili Feed on Thursday, March 7th from 4-7p.m. at the Crete Carrier Community

7. Adjournment

6:52 p.m.

Mayor

(SEAL)

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.

City Clerk

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