



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

May 2nd, 2023 at 6:00 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

Tom Crisman: Present

Anthony Fitzgerald: Present

Kyle Frans: Present

Jack Oelschlager: 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, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

3.A. Approve Meeting Minutes

3.A.1. April 18, 2023 Park and Recreation Meeting Minutes

3.A.2. April 18, 2023 Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes

3.A.3. April 18, 2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

3.A.4. April 18, 2023 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

3.A.5. April 13, 2023 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

3.A.6. April 18, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

3.B. Accept the City Treasurer's Report

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

3.D. The 1206 LB840 Reimbursement

3.E. Approve Application and Certificate for Payment from General Excavating for all work completed through 4/22/23 in the amount of \$198,245.24

3.F. Approve City Council Standing Committees

4. Items of Business

4.A. Public Hearing on the annexation of Area #5

Opened the Public Hearing on the annexation of Area #5 at 6:03pm. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Kyle Frans.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

City Attorney Alison Borer stated that this is the Wanek property. The planning commission also held a public hearing and the property owner was there.

Closed the Public Hearing on the annexation of Area #5 Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

4.B. Consider on first reading Ordinance 2170: An ordinance to annex Area #5 into the corporate limits of the City of Crete, Nebraska.

Introduced Ordinance 2170 and moved that it be approved for its first reading and that its title be read and approved. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

4.C. Consider the request for increased DTR funds in the amount of \$5,200 from Scott Skala.

Council member Dan Papik stated that the Legislative Committee decided to table this item until there is more clarification on itemized amounts from Scott Skala for 1328 Main Avenue.

Tabled the request for increased DTR funds in the amount of \$5,200 from 1328 Main Avenue. Tabled with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Kyle Frans.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

4.D. Consider amending employee rules and regulations section 4.02.

Council member Tom Crisman stated that the Personnel Committee met and discussed employee rules and regulations section 4.0.2

Approved to amend employee rules and regulations section 4.02. Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Kyle Frans.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

4.E. Consider enacting Ordinance 2171: An ordinance amending the Municipal Code on Animal licenses

Introduced Ordinance 2171 and moved that the statutory rule requiring three separate readings be suspended. Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Dale Strehle.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that this is an ordinance that was entertained by the council and they asked that it be codified. City Attorney Alison J Borer and her colleagues at Cline Williams codified this ordinance.

City Attorney Alison J Borer stated that they worked to correct the code and removed all the licensing requirements and related license fees per the request of the Police Chief and Captain.

Enacted Ordinance 2171: An ordinance amending the Municipal Code on Animal licenses. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Kyle Frans.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

4.F. Consider Change Order No. 1 for Project 2 of 2 East 22nd St.

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that this is for the box culvert and a boring component on 22nd street and water line. They will bore it, which we don't have that capability and the price they gave is decent.

Council member Dale Strehle stated that the Public Works Committee and, since the City does not have the equipment for this project, they recommended it be approved in the amount of \$41,555.00.

Approved Change Order No. 1 for Project 2 of 2 East 22nd St. in the amount of \$41,555.00 Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

4.G. Consider enacting Ordinance No. 2172 Amending the Crete Municipal Code pertaining to Appointed and Hired Officials.

City Council member Tom Crisman stated that the Personnel Committee met on this and they recommended it be tabled until further clarification.

Tabled Ordinance No. 2172 Amending the Crete Municipal Code pertaining to Appointed and Hired Officials. Tabled with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Kyle Frans.

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

4.H. Consider enacting Ordinance 2168: An ordinance to annex Area #1 into the corporate limits of the City of Crete on third reading.

Introduced Ordinance 2168 and moved that it be approved for its third and final reading. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dale Strehle.

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

Move for the final passage of Ordinance 2168 Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

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

4.I. Consider the 2023 Ballot for Election to the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) Board of Directors

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that this is the language to authorize Mayor Bauer to vote for the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) Board of Directors.

Council member Jack Oelschlager mentioned that the Public Safety Committee met on this and they recommended to the City Council to authorize Mayor Bauer to vote for the NRIN Board of Directors.

Approved to authorize Mayor Bauer to cast a vote in the 2023 Ballot for Election to the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) Board of Directors Carried with a motion by Jack Oelschlager and a second by Kyle Frans.

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

5. Petitions - Communications - Citizen Concerns

6. Officers' Reports

- Officer Reports:
 - Library Director, Joy Stevenson informed that Bruce Garver will speak on Sunday, May 7 at 2 p.m.

- Summer Reading Program registration started May 2, 2023 and the program kickoff on Thursday, June 1st and ends on June 30th.
- There will be three food trucks that day and then one food truck every Thursday during June, July and August.
- Police Chief, Gary Young stated that he has been in contact with The Emergency Management and City wide training will be scheduled to get everyone caught up on NIMS training.
- Has been in communication with Dave Neil from Nestle Purina to see how they can partner to improve employee safety.
- Thanked the City Council for amending the Municipal Code on Animal licenses. This will help Mary, their administrative assistant and the citizens who are good pet owners.
- Officers Audrey Arbuckle and Dawn Jonas make a point to have a presence at Post Prom this past weekend for our high school students. Will have some officers at the coming 5 de Mayo celebration to make an appearance.
- Officer Jonas has been instrumental in helping with reunification drills.
- Park and Recreation Director, Liz Cody provided an update on the pool and the rest of parks and recreation.
- 29 pool hires, including lifeguards and 8 cashiers
- Interviewed 2 people for the pool manager position. The offer letter will be going out this week. Libbie Clevette will be assistant pool manager for the start of the season. Lifeguard training will be May 15th-17th. Started power washing the pool and painting the lines.
- Currently, have three pool operators. Kourtney Martin the swim coach, has agreed to complete the pool operator training. The pool will be opening to the public on May 27th 2023. The pool will be opening to the public on May 27th 2023.
- Human Resource Director, Wendy Thomas stated that there are two new hires for the City of Crete. Kevin Centamore is the new electric grounds person and Savannah Anderson, Human Resource Coordinator.
- City Administrator, Tom Ourada informed that the Spring Community Cleanup is this week May 2nd -7th. With the exception of shredding. In the past Pinnacle bank has partnered with the City and has sponsored document shredding. This year the vendors were booked and they were unavailable, so there is no shredding. We have heard from people who have been calling the City to say that it is a shame the city is not providing them with shredding. Kudos to Pinnacle Bank for doing so all those years and not being recognized for it.
- 13th street will be closing May 15th- May 31st for Doane's Dormitory construction. They are extending utilities out to 13th St. Boswell to Code is going to close. The signage will close Boswell and Iris with signs at Hawthorne and Iris saying local traffic only. The detour will be on Highway 33 to avoid traffic on 15th St.
- Talking with USDA about funding for the fire department station addition. Possibly breaking it into two programs. Smaller full grant program and larger long term low interest loan program possibly going out to 40 years. Looking at about \$2+ million dollars for an addition. Some of the things that would have to be completed are a feasible study, a phase

1 environmental study, and a letter from the bank that they are not willing to loan at those terms.

- City Hall employees have been using the parking lot across from the fountain in anticipation of the City Park project which will be starting sometime towards the end of June. The fountain should be going sometime on May 3rd 2023.
- The trash receptacles have all been painted on 16th St. and it is working as intended.
- Told the Finance Committee that we have been working on a Finance Policy update. Once that is done it will go to the Mayor and City Attorney then the Finance Committee for review and incorporated into city policy.
- Tim Coffey's retirement reception on Friday, May 5, 3-5p.m. at the Crete Carrier Community Room.
- Council member Anthony Fitzgerald stated that he noticed that the Street Department has been out to mow at the airport. Ourada mentioned that the Street Department is mowing in the absence of the Airport Manager.
- Ourada mentioned that there will be an airport manager interview May 3rd in the morning.
- Ourada stated that the Airport Advisory Board has been crushing it with volunteering doing catch up work at the airport.
- Mayor Bauer read a letter from Council member Jack Oelschlager who has retired from Nestle Purina and is planning to move to Oklahoma to be closer to family. With this move on June 1st, he is resigning as representative of Ward III of the City Council on May 31st. Oelschlager stated that it has been an honor and privilege to serve over the past 26 years. Mayor Bauer stated that the resignation and all would wish him the best.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:32pm.

Mayor

(SEAL)

City Clerk-Treasurer

I, Jerry Wilcox, 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-Treasurer

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