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## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 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

Dale Strehle:	Absent
Tom Crisman:	Present
Anthony Fitzgerald:	Present
Kyle Frans:	Present
Ashley Newmyer:	Present
Dan Papik:	Present

Present: 5, Absent: 1.

#### 3. Consent Agenda

##### 3.A. Approve Meeting Minutes

- 3.A.1. February 4th, 2025 City Council Minutes
- 3.A.2. February 4th, 2025 Legislative /Development Committee Minutes
- 3.A.3. February 4th, 2025 Personnel Committee Minutes
- 3.A.4. February 4th, 2025 Public Safety Committee Minutes
- 3.A.5. February 4th, 2025 Public Works Committee Minutes

3.B. Accept the City Treasurer's Report

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

Approved Meeting Minutes 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

Aye: 5, No: 0

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

##### **4.A. Consider the Rezac Addition Administrative Subdivision**

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that this property is just outside the city's extraterritorial jurisdiction. The council does not need to take any action.

Tabled indefinitely the Rezac Addition Administrative Subdivision Tabled 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

Aye: 5, No: 0

##### **4.B. Approve the claims in the amount of \$2,281.75 from Crete Ace Hardware.**

Approved the claims in the amount of \$2,281.75 from Crete Ace Hardware. Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

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

Aye: 4, No: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

##### **4.C. Consider authorizing to apply for the AARP Community Grant**

Sara Brown stated that she is working on the AARP Community Grant to bring city and community organizations together in promoting available activities for senior citizens. Mayor Dave Bauer stated that a lot of good could come out of this grant opportunity.

Approved to authorize to apply for the AARP Community Grant 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

Aye: 5, No: 0

##### **4.D. Consider the DTR increase amount for Elle's on Main**

Approved the DTR increase amount for Elle's on Main 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

Aye: 5, No: 0

##### **4.E. Consider the DTR increase amount for Scott Skala**

Approved the DTR increase amount for Scott Skala 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  
Aye: 5, No: 0

#### **4.F. Consider the DTR increase amount for Edward Jones**

Approved the DTR increase amount for Edward Jones 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  
Aye: 5, No: 0

#### **4.G. Consider the DTR increase amount for New Beginnings**

Approved the DTR increase amount for New Beginnings 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  
Aye: 5, No: 0

#### **4.H. Approval of airport hangar grant estimates and project**

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that this grant project has been discussed and through negotiations on the scope and fees and is on track to be submitted for approval from the Federal Aviation Administration.

Approved the airport hangar grant estimates and project 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  
Aye: 5, No: 0

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

### **6. Officers' Reports**

- Chief of Police Gary Young stated the following:
  - Thanked Parks and Recreation Director Liz Cody and staff for carrying out the CPR classes and the snow removal.
  - Chief Young stated that in the news there was a story about an incident that took place in Milford. A group of people beat a man that had been soliciting underage people for sex. The individual has been arrested and there are felony charges being filed for the individuals involved in the beating. This is an example of Sergeant Morehouse's abilities with technology and working with different task forces and neighboring departments.
- Assistant Fire Chief James Yost stated the following:
  - There was an incident command training for Crete first responder members with instructor Dan Ripley. The training was opened up to Crete's mutual aid partners and Hallam and Wilber first responders attended.

- The Crete Volunteer Fire Department's annual banquet will be on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025.
- Library Director Jessica Wilkinson presented City Administrator Tom Ourada, Mayor Dave Bauer, and the City Council members with the Crete Public Library Director's Report for January 2025 and included the following information:
  - Circulation increases of couple hundred items over last year
  - The total amount patrons save by having materials in the library was \$44,052, over 100 computer uses, 2,368 visitors, 1,069 Libby checkouts, 27 new cards and there were 276 items added
  - The VITA (volunteer income tax assistance program) is currently taking place until April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025
  - Library Director Jessica Wilkinson was nominated by someone in the community for the I Love My Librarian Award.
- Parks and Recreation Director Liz Cody stated the following:
  - Carried out the CPR first aid training and gave thanks to the police department for allowing the use of the station for the training.
  - Looking at the Exmark grant application for equipment
  - Youth Soccer and Micro Soccer is going to be starting soon and they are looking for more coaches.
- Building Inspector Trent Griffin stated that the Nerud apartments located at 16<sup>th</sup> and Ivy Ave are possibly going to get final occupancy by the end of this week and all unites may already be leased. They are working on the commercial building on Hawthorne and Dominos is looking at the permits they are going to need. Griffin stated there is continued work with nuisance and dilapidated buildings.
- City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that the following:
  - The Downtown Business District has not started removing their own snow. The Downtown Advisory Committee members will need to meet to discuss a budget and solicit snow removal contracts.
  - Sent City Council members a city statement of policy for clarity on how the Community Assistance Office and the Crete Police Department primarily will refer and address community member concerns. The Police Department has not changed its role or mission in the community of enforcing local laws and ordinances and doesn't enforce federal law unless they are called to assist, and most importantly ensuring the safety of our community.
  - Dawn Jonas has been promoted to Lieutenant as of February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and she will be at the next City Council meeting to receive her gold badge.
  - The city budget is on track across departments.
  - Ourada and Griffin are going to a planning meeting with Crete Public Schools on their new complex to discuss the city requirements on power line clearance, traffic studies, light studies and drainage studies.

- Mayor Dave Bauer asked if a lighting study had been done for Apace's new parking lot. Bauer stated there might be issues going forward with new houses in that neighborhood. Ourada stated that they would will find out.

## 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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