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## **CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

December 19, 2023 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 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. December 5th, 2023 City Council Minutes**
- 3.A.2. December 5th, 2023 Leg.Econ.Development Committee minutes**
- 3.A.3. December 5th, 2023 Park and Recreation Committee minutes**
- 3.A.4. December 5th, 2023 Personnel Committee minutes**
- 3.A.5. December 5th, 2023 Public Safety Committee minutes**
- 3.A.6. December 5th, 2023 Public Works Committee minutes**
- 3.B. Accept the City Treasurer's Report**
- 3.C. Approve the Payment of Claims Against the City**

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

##### **4.A. Crete Comprehensive Plan update by Confluence Staff.**

Caitlin Bolte with Confluence provided a presentation on the Crete Comprehensive Plan. Shires stated that they are working on a summary version and a Spanish version of the Crete Comprehensive Plan.

The presentation covered the following:

- Project Scope + Schedule
- Public Comment + Feedback Review
- Review Draft Chapters
- Future Land Use Plan & Sports Complex
- Next Steps

Bolte mentioned the Review of Draft Chapters: a community vision and the planning big ideas which included bus partnerships in the community, railroad viaduct/overpass at Boswell Ave and and housing strategies to mention a few.

Chapter 1: a community of vision

Plan Guiding Principles

- Welcoming Community
- Quality of life
- Diversity of Housing Options
- Pedestrian Mobility and Connectivity
- Economic Development and Growth
- Parks and Recreation
- Strategic Partnerships

Chapter 2: a community to live in

- Housing
- Parks and Recreation
- Community Character

Chapter 3: a community to work in

- Economic Development - Transportation

Chapter 4: a community to grow in

- Existing Land Use and Future Land Use Map

Sports Complex Concepts

Implementation Matrix : Goal/Policy/Action Item

- Priority level - Timeframe - Potential Partners

Crete Welcoming Committee Principles

**4.B. Public Hearing to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and to answer questions in relation to the purchase of Real Property at 1209 and 1211 Main Ave, Crete, Nebraska.**

The Public Hearing opened at 6:23 p.m.

Closed Public Hearing at 6:24 p.m.

Open Public Hearing to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and to answer questions in relation to the purchase of Real Property at 1209 and 1211 Main Ave, Crete, Nebraska. 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 to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and to answer questions in relation to the purchase of Real Property at 1209 and 1211 Main Ave, Crete, Nebraska. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald 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.C. Consider adopting Resolution No. 2023-33 to purchase the property located at South 1/2 of Lot 5 & Pt of North 1/2 of Lot 6 Block 1 Crete, Saline County, Nebraska.**

Introduce and Adopt Resolution No. 2023-33 to purchase the property located at South 1/2 of Lot 5 & Pt of North 1/2 of Lot 6 Block 1 Crete, Saline County, Nebraska. 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.D. Public Hearing to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and to answer questions in relation to the expansion and purchase of park facilities south Crete, Nebraska.**

Opened Public Hearing at 6:27 p.m.

Closed Public Hearing at 6:27 p.m.

Opened Public Hearing to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and to answer questions in relation to the expansion and purchase of park facilities south Crete, Nebraska.

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

Closed Public Hearing to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and to answer questions in relation to the expansion and purchase of park facilities south Crete, Nebraska. 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.E. Consider adopting Resolution 2023-34 Approving the purchase 34 0 0 Crete Precinct Pt S 1/2 SE 1/4 Section 34-8-4 39.02 Acres Crete, Saline County, Nebraska And 3 0 0 Big Blue Precinct Pt N 1/2 NE 1/4 Section 3-7-4 78.86 Acres Crete, Saline County, Nebraska.**

City Council member and Park and Recreation Committee Chair Ashley Newmyer stated that the committee discussed this item.

Introduce and adopt Resolution 2023-34 Approving the purchase 34 0 0 Crete Precinct Pt S 1/2 SE 1/4 Section 34-8-4 39.02 Acres Crete, Saline County, Nebraska And 3 0 0 Big Blue Precinct Pt N 1/2 NE 1/4 Section 3-7-4 78.86 Acres Crete, Saline County, Nebraska. 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.F. Consider approving payment of claims to Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$1,190.99.**

Approved payment of claims to Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$1,190.99. 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.G. Consider enacting Ordinance 2191 to mandate all sidewalks be constructed five feet wide.**

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that the federal standards are for sidewalks to be constructed at a minimum of five feet wide. The City of Crete does projects where federal money assistance is involved and this would meet the requirements. This went to the Public Works committee.

Introduce Ordinance 2191 to mandate all sidewalks be constructed five feet wide. 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

Enact Ordinance 2191 to mandate all sidewalks be constructed five feet wide. 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.H. Consider enacting Ordinance 2192 for sidewalks to be built according to current standards.**

Introduce Ordinance 2192 for sidewalks to be built according to current standards.

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

Enact Ordinance 2192 for sidewalks to be built according to current standards. 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.I. Public Hearing to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and to answer questions in relation to Resolution No. 2023-30 To Levy Special Assessments Against Certain Real Property As Crete City North 34 Feet of Lot 11 and all of Lot 12 Block 43, City of Crete, Saline County, Nebraska.**

City Attorney Anna Burge explained that the property owner had paid in full the amount they owed.

Not to have a Public Hearing to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and to answer questions in relation to Resolution No. 2023-30 To Levy Special Assessments Against Certain Real Property As Crete City North 34 Feet of Lot 11 and all of Lot 12 Block 43, City of Crete, Saline County, Nebraska. Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans 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.J. Consider adopting Resolution No. 2023-30 To Levy Special Assessments Against Certain Real Property As Crete City North 34 Feet of Lot 11 and all of Lot 12 Block 43, City of Crete, Saline County, Nebraska.**

Introduce and Adopt Resolution No. 2023-30 To Levy Special Assessments Against Certain Real Property As Crete City North 34 Feet of Lot 11 and all of Lot 12 Block 43, City of Crete, Saline County, Nebraska. Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans 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.K. Public Hearing to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and to answer questions in relation to Resolution No. 2023-31 To Levy Special Assessments Against Certain Real Property As Crete City Lots 7, 8, And 9 Block 159, City Of Crete, Saline County, Nebraska.**

The Public Hearing opened at 6:37 p.m.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:38 p.m.

Opened Public Hearing to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and to answer questions in relation to Resolution No. 2023-31 To Levy Special Assessments Against Certain Real Property As Crete City Lots 7, 8, And 9 Block 159, City Of Crete, Saline County, Nebraska. 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

Closed Public Hearing to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and to answer

questions in relation to Resolution No. 2023-31 To Levy Special Assessments Against Certain Real Property As Crete City Lots 7, 8, And 9 Block 159, City Of Crete, Saline County, Nebraska. Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans and a second by Ashley Newmyer.

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 a adopting Resolution No. 2023-31 To Levy Special Assessments Against Certain Real Property As Crete City Lots 7, 8, And 9 Block 159, City Of Crete, Saline County, Nebraska.**

Introduce and Adopt Resolution No. 2023-31 To Levy Special Assessments Against Certain Real Property As Crete City Lots 7, 8, And 9 Block 159, City Of Crete, Saline County, Nebraska. Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans 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.M. Public Hearing to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and to answer questions in relation to Resolution No. 2023-32 To Levy Special Assessments Against Certain Real Property Described As Crete City Sacks's Addition Lot 7 Block 2, City of Crete, Saline County, Nebraska.**

Opened the public hearing at 6:40 p.m.

Closed the public hearing at 6:40 p.m.

Open Public Hearing to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and to answer questions in relation to Resolution No. 2023-32 To Levy Special Assessments Against Certain Real Property Described As Crete City Sacks's Addition Lot 7 Block 2, City of Crete, Saline County, Nebraska. Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans and a second by Ashley Newmyer.

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 to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and to answer questions in relation to Resolution No. 2023-32 To Levy Special Assessments Against Certain Real Property Described As Crete City Sacks's Addition Lot 7 Block 2, City of Crete, Saline County, Nebraska. Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans and a second by Ashley Newmyer.

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 adopting Resolution No. 2023-32 To Levy Special Assessments Against Certain Real Property Described As Crete City Sacks's Addition Lot 7 Block 2, City of Crete, Saline County, Nebraska.**

Introduce and Adopt Resolution No. 2023-32 To Levy Special Assessments Against Certain Real Property Described As Crete City Sacks's Addition Lot 7 Block 2, City of Crete, Saline County, Nebraska. 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.O. Consider the amended Non-DOT Anti-Drug Plan.**

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that this item went to the Personnel Committee. Personnel Committee Chairperson Tom Crisman stated that they reviewed this item and there were only a couple changes made.

Approved the amended Non-DOT Anti-Drug Plan. 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.P. Consider the Change Request -COR 014 from Kingery Construction Co. in the amount of \$3,203.00 for the Crete Isis Theatre Phase 1.**

Shaylene Smith with the Blue River Arts Council explained that this change request is for some changes in the lobby of the Crete Isis Theatre Phase 1.

Approved the Change Request -COR 014 from Kingery Construction Co. in the amount of \$3,203.00 for the Crete Isis Theatre Phase 1. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald 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.Q. Consider the Change Order No. 001 from Kingery Construction Co. for the Crete Isis theater renovation- Phase 2 in the amount of \$100,000.**

Shaylene Smith with the Blue River Arts Council explained that the estimate for phase 2 has now gone up by about \$100,000.

Approved the Change Order No. 001 from Kingery Construction Co. for the Crete Isis theater renovation- Phase 2 in the amount of \$100,000. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald 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.R. Consider the Application for special event permit SE23-10.**

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that a Special Event Permit Application to the City Council is the only way to approve fireworks and that the City Council has had the application requests in the past.

Approved the Application for special event permit SE23-10. Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans 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.S. Consider the Airport Engineer.**

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that the City of Crete went through the federal procurement process and above and beyond with interviews. Olsson scored higher than the other

two firms. Airport Manager Will White stated that Olsson has been working with the City of Crete and Chris Corr is a great guy and Diane Hofer experience and long- term vision sets them apart.

Approved the Airport Engineer. 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.T. Consider the LB840 application for funds from the City of Crete.**

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that he applied on behalf of the City of Crete for LB840 funds and the application was also reviewed and approved by the LB840 Economic Development Advisory Board Committee.

Approved the LB840 application for funds from the City of Crete. 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

#### **4.U. Consider the Crete Public Library applying for the Penguin Random House grant for small and rural libraries to help support a community-oriented project.**

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that Library Director Joy Stevenson would like to apply for a grant to help support a community-oriented project.

Approved the Crete Public Library applying for the Penguin Random House grant for small and rural libraries to help support a community-oriented project. 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

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

Shaylene Smith with the Blue River Arts Council stated that in February conversations about a creative district will start with the Nebraska Arts Council. There will need to be a written agreement with the City and local Arts Council and local businesses. Smith stated that she has visited 4 creative district sites so far.

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

○ Liz Cody, Parks and Recreation Director stated the following:

- Thanked Caitlin Bolte and City Administrator Tom Ourada for the work on the Comprehensive plan and emphasizing parks.
- Working on fence, picnic tables, and signage repairs throughout the parks and fence relocation at City Park.



- There was a large tree that was removed from Tuxedo Park that was over the swinging playground. Worked with the electric department to take it down.
- Foodbank of Lincoln distribution on Thursday, December, 28<sup>th</sup> 2023. They will be bringing extra blue barrels. They have about 170 spare to donate to organizations that may need them.
- Staff working on arborist certification and water safety instructor certification.
- Police Chief, Gary Young stated the following:
  - Helped over 700 children and 150 families at the toy distribution at the Crete High School. Proud of the help of volunteers throughout the community.
  - Met with High School students from the Grassroots Leadership Program. They met with Mayor Bauer at City Hall, Chief Allen at the Fire Station, and Chief Young at the Police Station.
  - Radio change over increasing the capacity happened today. Captain Pucket
  - The Fire Department has not changed over until they can directly program or improve the speed.
- City Council member Tom Crisman asked about street maintenance if the city is tarring cracks and City Administrator Tom Ourada stated he would find out.
- Council member Dale Strehle wished everyone a Merry Christmas and safe travels.
- Council member Anthony Fitzgerald asked if there were still issues with the street sweeper. City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that it has been corrected as far as he knows.
- City Administrator Tom Ourada stated the following:
  - Our small company is investing in an other workforce housing project of townhomes in Ron Sacks subdivision. Giving equal time to two of the local developers. There are more than two local developers.
  - Contributed to the success of Casey's opening on time with City Inspector Brad Bailey and utility people.
  - Talking to JEO about creating a paving district on 15<sup>th</sup> street. They are putting some things together on what it would cost to design it and to do paving assessments.
  - Received an email that the northside gap paving project has been declared substantially complete.
  - Currently having Police Officer interviews
- Mayor Bauer wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays and safe travels.

## **7. Adjournment**

7:06 p.m.