



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

December 3rd, 2024 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

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

Present: 5, Absent: 1.

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, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

3.A. Approve Meeting Minutes

3.A.1. November 19th, 2024 City Council Minutes

3.A.2. November 19th, 2024 Legislative & Economic Development Minutes

3.A.3. November 19th, 2024 Personnel Minutes

3.A.4. November 19th, 2024 Public Safety Minutes

3.A.5. November 19th, 2024 Public Works Minutes

3.A.6. October 28th, 2024 Planning Commission Minutes

3.B. Accept the City Treasurer's Report

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

3.D. Mayor's appointment of Jessica Razo to the Library Advisory Board

4. Items of Business

4.A. Ratification of Election Results

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that if there were going to be changes to the council, that would be identified formally here.

Approved Ratification of Election Results Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.B. Ajourn Sine Die

Approved to Ajourn Sine Die Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Tom Crisman.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.C. Open Meeting as the 2024 City Council

Opened Meeting as the 2024 City Council Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.D. Roll Call

Roll Call. Answering roll call were the following Council Members: Crisman, Frans, Strehle, Papik, and Fitzgerald. Absent: Newmyer

4.E. Oath of Office

Oath of Office. Council Members Dale Strehle and Anthony Fitzgerald took their Oath of Office to serve on the 2024 City Council. Council Member Ashley Newmyer was absent and will take the Oath of Office at the next City Council meeting.

4.F. Consider adopting Resolution 2024-26: A resolution certifying the results of the 2024 General Election

Adopted Resolution 2024-26: A resolution certifying the results of the 2024 General Election Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.G. Consider the Election of the 2024 City Council President to preside in the absence of the Mayor

Elected Dale Strehle as the 2024 City Council President to preside in the absence of the Mayor. Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Kyle Frans.

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

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

4.H. Consider the approval of the City Council Standing Committees as presented by the Mayor

Approved the City Council Standing Committees as presented by the Mayor Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.I. Consider Ordinance 2224 Adding regulations for Mobile Food Vendors

Introduce Ordinance 2224 and move that the statutory rule requiring three separate readings be suspended Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Tom Crisman.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

Enact Ordinance 2224 Adding regulations for Mobile Food Vendors Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Dale Strehle.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.J. Consider Ordinance 2226 amending administrative subdivision requirements

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that the subdivider shall submit an original and three copies instead of eleven copies of the plat.

Introduce Ordinance 2226 and move that the statutory rule requiring three separate readings be suspended Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

Enact Ordinance 2226 amending administrative subdivision requirements Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.K. Consider authorizing the Fire Department to apply for the AFG grant.

Approved to authorize the Fire Department to apply for the AFG grant. Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

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

Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.L. Consider Resolution 2024-25 Master Fee schedule

Adopt Resolution 2024-25 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, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle:

Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.M. Consider the apparent low bid of \$177,922.00 from Judds Bros. Construction Co. for the Walnut Creek Sewer Repair Project.

City Administrator Tom Ourada that this project would be using ARPA funds.

Approved the apparent low bid of \$177,922.00 from Judds Bros. Construction Co. for the Walnut Creek Sewer Repair Project. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

5. Petitions - Communications - Citizen Concerns

6. Officers' Reports

○ Chief of Police Gary Young stated the following:

- The Police Department is in the middle of toy drive Operation Under A Tree and there have been lots of toy and cash donations.
- The money that is donated is used to buy clothing, shoes and coats to give to people in need.
- Chief Young thanked people for their generosity in giving donations for the toy drive.
- The Police Department is ahead of schedule with their records management and will probably go live one or two months early.
- An internal beta test will be carried out before Christmas.

○ Library Director Jessica Wilkinson stated the following:

- Started the library book sale.

- Princess Tea Party was very successful and there were over 100 participants. Friends of the Library donated snacks.
- Partnering with the Isis Theatre to show The Polar Express movie for free on Saturday, December 14th 2024 and Sunday, December 15th, 2024.
- Parks and Recreation Director Liz Cody stated the following:
 - 3,067 families received support from Food Bank distribution in Tuxedo Park from January to October 2024.
 - Tree City Applications are due December 31st 2024.
 - Annual maintenance of park signs & picnic tables.
 - Inventory of parks shop equipment for auction.
 - We were not selected for the Watchable Wildlife Grant.
 - Playground improvements for City Park and Rotary Park are being discussed.
- Building Inspector Trenton Griffin stated the following:
 - This year 25 new houses have been built.
 - 2 houses have been moved into Crete.
 - Of those 25 new houses 8 of them are in the foundation phase, 5 are partially closed and getting framed up, 8 of them are completely closed up and 6 of them have full occupancy.
 - There is also an 8-plex apartment building being built and the Senior Villas are getting close to being done.
 - There is also a commercial building with two businesses going in there.
 - Griffin is also looking into permit rates to make sure they are good.
- Council member Anthony Fitzgerald asked City Administrator Tom Ourada who will be helping with snow removal and NOTAMs for weather. Ourada stated that the Street Department will be helping with snow removal and IT Director Mike Kalkwarf will be helping with the NOTAMs.
- Ourada stated that Justin Haack will be starting in January and they are currently working on the Airport Manager Agreement.
- City Administrator Tom Ourada stated the following:
 - There had been some radio issues with the antennas on the tower that had been a concern. Chief Gary Young has done a great job with finding a resolution. When they do get switched over to the county for law enforcement and fire and rescue and dispatch we will be in a good place.
 - Met with the school last week and spoke to Superintendent Dr. McDowell and Director of District Safety Dr. Frans to partner with them on the grants we are working on with the pedestrian overpass, two roundabouts and the pedestrian underpass.
 - Nestle Purina is going to start their sludge pumping. The Crete City Council approved a Right-of-Way occupancy permit.
 - Working on improvements to the downtown senior Community Center.
 - There will be some opportunity for Crete Public Library to do some digital programing at the Community Center with the seniors.

- There is another grant opportunity that Southeast Nebraska Development District has helped to find for the substation.
- Filled out a letter of intent to apply for workforce housing grant. The Crete Housing & Community Development is going to ask for LB840 funds in the amount of \$250,000. You can't reuse money for this round it has to be new funds and then we will match it three times. \$250,000 to \$750,000. The program application is due the first part of next year. We will have the \$580,000 that we have now and hopefully we will have another million to work with.
- We have some very strong interest in the downtown buildings. There are two interested parties in opening up businesses in there. We would do something similar like with the Isis Theatre if there is any kind of default the building would revert back to us for sale basis.

7. Adjournment

6:34 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

(S E A L)

