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## **CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 5:00 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**

Dan Papik: Absent  
Tom Crisman: Present  
Anthony Fitzgerald: Present  
Present: 2, Absent: 1.

#### **3. Items of Business**

##### **3.A. Consider a recommendation to the City Council on the MACH user agreement and price increase for the Crete Police Department.**

Chief of Police Gary Young stated that the system allows other similar equipped vehicles to communicate through chat features. Young stated that this is a useful tool for officers. It would be increasing by \$65 for a yearly total of \$377.00

Recommend to the City Council on the MACH user agreement and price increase for the Crete Police Department. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye  
Aye: 2, No: 0

**3.B. Consider a recommendation to the City Council on the Application For Special Event Permit SE23-07 from the Crete Chamber of Commerce for the Pumpkin Festival Children's Parade.**

Chief Young stated that this event would be fairly brief and bearable to cover. It is a fun thing for kids. The Pumpkin Festival Children's Parade will be going from Main Ave to 12th street to City Park. There might be vendors where the gravel parking lot is located. East 12th to Linden Avenue will be closed.

Recommend to the City Council on the Application For Special Event Permit SE23-07 from the Crete Chamber of Commerce for the Pumpkin Festival Children's Parade. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye

Aye: 2, No: 0

**3.C. Consider a recommendation to the City Council on the Application For Special Event Permit SE23-08 from the Crete Chamber of Commerce for Crete's Great Pumpkin Festival.**

Chief of Police Gary Young stated that the plan for barricades is good and efficient and there are no problems there. City Administrator Tom Ourada reviewed the application and mentioned that the petting zoo would be on the street rather than in the gravel parking lot. Park and Recreation Director Liz Cody stated they have coordinated getting trash barrels.

Recommend to the City Council on the Application For Special Event Permit SE23-08 from the Crete Chamber of Commerce for Crete's Great Pumpkin Festival. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye

Aye: 2, No: 0

**3.D. Consider a recommendation to the City Council on lowering the age requirement to 18 years old with consent for fire department volunteers.**

Fire Chief Tod Allen stated that the intent is to get college freshmen with parental consent to join and volunteer all four years. Allen mentioned he would like to talk to the parents of potential volunteers and that they would also go through a 6 month training program. City Administrator Tom Ourada stated he checked with the insurance and labor laws.

Recommend to the City Council on lowering the age requirement to 18 years old with consent for fire department volunteers. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye

Aye: 2, No: 0

**3.E. Consider a recommendation to the City Council on eliminating the US citizenship requirements for fire department volunteers.**

Fire Chief Tod Allen stated that this was an oversight on the application. City Administrator Tom Ourada mentioned that to be consistent with hiring practices in all other City departments, there would be the same requirements. The newest employee is also on the Fire Department and he is not a citizen. All employees are verified to make sure they have work authorization documents.

Recommend to the City Council on eliminating the US citizenship requirements for fire department volunteers. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye

Aye: 2, No: 0

**3.F. Discussion on allowing associate membership for the fire department for those that live outside our district.**

Fire Chief Tod Allen stated that this would be to help with transfers. This would allow other EMTs who happen to be in town to assist with rescue calls. The associate members would have to show up to our trainings or provide proof of their training (110 hours of EMT training). The associate membership would only be for EMT.

**3.G. Consider a recommendation to the City Council on a 4-year service agreement for the Fire Department's Lifepak AED's.**

The Committee tabled this item to get some more information on questions they have regarding the lifespan of the Lifepak AED's.

Tabled a recommendation to the City Council on a 4-year service agreement for the Fire Department's Lifepak AED's. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye

Aye: 2, No: 0

**4. Officers' Reports**

**5. Adjournment**