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## **CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

March 7, 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**

Travis Sears: Absent  
Tom Crisman: Present  
Dan Papik: Present  
Present: 2, Absent: 1.

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

##### **3.A. Discuss amending City Code to address fowl regulations for the City of Crete.**

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that amending the fowl regulations for the City is ultimately up to the Council. There was information from other communities who do or do not allow chickens in their communities. It ranges anywhere from no chickens allowed to an unlimited number of chickens allowed. Some have a permitting process, fees, regulations regarding chicken coops/enclosures, number of feet from neighbors, etc. It's a lot to consider.

The biggest struggle would be enforcement. Police Chief Gary Young commented that we only have one code enforcement officer, during normal office hours, so it would be impossible for her to handle her day-to-day duties and to add keeping track of chickens. After-hours complaints will go to our police officers, who are very likely to be dealing with more important

matters. You'll get residents who will skip the permitting process or will want more chickens than the allowed number. There would be noise complaints, along with complaints about smells and/or other things too.

The resident who came before the Council to request this be looked at was not able to be present this evening. Mayor Dave Bauer stated that this topic, either way, needs to be decided on. Committee chair Dan Papik called to table the issue one more time, until the requestor is present to speak at the next meeting.

Table this item until the next Committee meeting. Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye

Aye: 2, No: 0

#### **4. Officers' Reports**

#### **5. Adjournment**