



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

July 19, 2022 at 6:00 PM
Crete City Hall, 243 East 13th Street

MINUTES

Notice of the meeting was given by posting and publishing in The Crete News, the appointed method for giving notice as shown by the Proof of Publication attached to the minutes. Advance notice of the meeting was also given to the Mayor and City Council. 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. Additional copies are available to read. The City may consider items listed on the agenda in random order. All proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Those in attendance pledged allegiance to the flag.

1. Open Meeting

2. Roll Call

Kyle Frans: Present
Ryan Hinz: Present
Jack Oelschlager: Present
Dan Papik: Present
Travis Sears: Present
Dale Strehle: Present

Present: 6.

3. Consent Agenda

Approve consent agenda as presented. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Travis Sears.

Kyle Frans: Aye, Ryan Hinz: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye,
Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

3.A. Approve Meeting Minutes

3.A.1. July 5, 2022 City Council meeting minutes

3.A.2. July 5, 2022 Finance Committee meeting minutes

3.A.3. July 5, 2022 Public Safety Committee meeting minutes

3.B. Accept the City Treasurer's Report

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

3.D. Mayor appointment of Pam Wendelin to the Civil Service Commission for the term ending May 1, 2024.

4. Items of Business

4.A. Mayor Dave Bauer presents a Life Saving Award Citation to Officer Audrey Arbuckle.

Police Chief Steve Hensel read the award narrative, describing Officer Audrey Arbuckle saving a young boy's life at Tuxedo Park on June 17, 2022. Her ability to stay calm in an emergency situation, along with her quick thinking and immediate actions, likely saved his life. With a room full of Arbuckle's family, fellow officers, the young boy and his father, Mayor Dave Bauer presented her with a Life Saving Award Citation. A standing ovation followed, to show the respect and gratitude given to Officer Arbuckle for her heroic efforts.

4.B. Consider adopting Resolution 2022-03: A resolution to provide for one-way traffic around the Crete Mills.

The Council approved the one-way designation at the last meeting. However, the city code requires a resolution to be adopted for a change like this.

Introduce and adopt Resolution 2022-03: A resolution to provide for one-way traffic around the Crete Mills. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.
Kyle Frans: Aye, Ryan Hinz: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.C. Consider approving the city's share of financial support for Saline County Aging Services in the amount of \$8,007.

Lori Moldenhauer, director of Saline County Aging Services, spoke to the Council about all of the past, present, and future programs they are doing. This year, they've added a Hispanic Outreach Program, which is huge! Moldenhauer has been doing this for almost 5 years and the shares have not increased. To cover increasing expenses and new programs, she has asked for \$0.20 more per capita. The Finance Committee met on this and recommended approving the city's share as presented.

Approve the city's share of financial support for Saline County Aging Services in the amount of \$8,007. Carried with a motion by Travis Sears and a second by Dan Papik.
Kyle Frans: Aye, Ryan Hinz: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.D. Consider adopting Resolution 2022-04: A resolution to set the amount of special connection charge for sewer installation at 1453 W 13th Street.

City Administrator Tom Ourada informed the Council that this was talked about at the last meeting, and it takes a resolution to set the fee. The Public Works Committee met on this and recommended adopting the resolution.

Introduce and adopt Resolution 2022-04: A resolution to set the amount of special connection charge for sewer installation at 1453 W 13th Street. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Travis Sears.

Kyle Frans: Aye, Ryan Hinz: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

4.E. Consider approving Windstream Nebraska's application for a permit to occupy city right-of-way at 740 East 2nd Street for fiber placement.

The Public Works Committee met on this and recommended approving the application.

Approve Windstream Nebraska's application for a permit to occupy city right-of-way at 740 East 2nd Street for fiber placement. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Kyle Frans: Aye, Ryan Hinz: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

4.F. Consider approving Windstream Nebraska's application for a permit to occupy city right-of-way at various locations on Iris Avenue for fiber placement.

The Public Works Committee met on this and recommended approving the application.

Approve Windstream Nebraska's application for a permit to occupy city right-of-way at various locations on Iris Avenue for fiber placement. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Travis Sears.

Kyle Frans: Aye, Ryan Hinz: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

4.G. Consider entering into three agreements with SE Municipal Solar, LLC relating to the solar power generating facility on Highway 103.

City Administrator Tom Ourada informed the Council that he and the city attorney have gone back and forth with SE Municipal Solar LLC to put us in the best possible position. This is a 25-year commitment, with the possibility of extending for two more 5-year terms. The Public Works Committee met on this and recommended approving the agreements.

Approve entering into three agreements with SE Municipal Solar, LLC relating to the solar power generating facility on Highway 103. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Travis Sears.

Kyle Frans: Aye, Ryan Hinz: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

4.H. Consider enacting Ordinance 2149: An ordinance vacating Taylor Street.

City Administrator Tom Ourada briefed the Council on the location of Taylor Street, which is directly south of the reservoir. The Public Works Committee met on this and recommended enacting the ordinance.

Introduce Ordinance 2149 and move that the statutory rule requiring three separate readings be suspended. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Travis Sears.

Kyle Frans: Aye, Ryan Hinz: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

Enact Ordinance 2149: An ordinance vacating Taylor Street. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Travis Sears.

Kyle Frans: Aye, Ryan Hinz: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.I. Consider approving the Library's policy amendments as provided.

The Legislative and Economic Development Committee met on these and recommended approving the amendments.

Approve the Library's policy amendments as provided. Carried with a motion by Ryan Hinz and a second by Kyle Frans.

Kyle Frans: Aye, Ryan Hinz: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

5. Petitions - Communications - Citizen Concerns

6. Officers' Reports

- Police Chief Steve Hensel reported that the Community Back-to-School Picnic is at Doane University on August 4th and will start at 4:30pm.
- Library Director Joy Stevenson added that the library will be at the picnic with some crafts for kids to do. She also reported that this year's Summer Reading program had 318 kids participate, which is 42 more than last year.
- Council member Jack Oelschlager reported that the Public Safety Committee met tonight on amending the hours of sales for fireworks, and it will be on the next council meeting agenda. The UTV information should be ready by the next meeting as well.
- Council member Ryan Hinz reported over 300 families participated at the food bank today. He also thanked the Parks Department, who cleaned up and put new mulch down at North Ward Park.
- City Administrator Tom Ourada reported the following:
 - Ron and Terry Dittmer submitted a formal request to annex all of the Juricek property, which will be considered at the next Planning Commission meeting, then the council meeting.
 - Phil Hardenburger stopped by yesterday and said he would be bringing up the RTSD at the County Commissioners' meeting tomorrow. He also said Nestle is eager to continue with the paving of North Boswell.
 - The City extended a job offer for the Code Enforcement position.
 - The budget process is on schedule and moving along. Ourada and HR Coordinator Wendy Thomas are working on the array of salary increases for the upcoming year.
 - Appraisals for our property and the Wenz property should be back next week.

- Will be working with the Crete Community Foundation to facilitate the K-9 program donations.
- Lavance Reed will be leaving the Police Department and going back home to California. The advertisement for his position went up on Monday, and the position of Police Chief will open at the end of this month.
- The Comprehensive Plan process starts with a meeting of an 18-member steering committee in the first week of August.

7. Adjournment

Mayor

(SEAL)

City Clerk-Treasurer

I, Jerry Wilcox, 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-Treasurer

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