



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

July 5, 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: Absent
Ryan Hinz: Absent
Jack Oelschlager: Present
Dan Papik: Present
Travis Sears: Present
Dale Strehle: Present

Present: 4, Absent: 2.

3. Consent Agenda

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

Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

3.A. Approve Meeting Minutes

3.A.1. May 17, 2022 Public Works Committee meeting minutes

3.A.2. June 7, 2022 Public Works Committee meeting minutes

3.A.3. June 21, 2022 City Council meeting minutes

3.A.4. June 21, 2022 Finance Committee meeting minutes

3.A.5. June 21, 2022 Legislative and Economic Development Committee meeting minutes

3.A.6. June 21, 2022 Public Safety Committee meeting minutes

3.A.7. June 22, 2022 Public Safety Committee meeting 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. Consider approving Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$3,000 to Phillip Carkoski Construction for the Water Plant Rehabilitation.

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

Approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$3,000 to Phillip Carkoski Construction for the Water Plant Rehabilitation. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Travis Sears.

Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 4, No: 0

4.B. Consider approving Windstream Nebraska's application for a permit to occupy city right-of-way at 2429 County Road F for fiber placement.

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

Approve Windstream Nebraska's application for a permit to occupy city right-of-way at 2429 County Road F for fiber placement. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Travis Sears.

Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 4, No: 0

4.C. Consider approving Application for Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$94,011 to Stephens & Smith Construction for sidewalk improvements.

City Administrator Tom Ourada informed the Council that this payment is for some colored concrete replacement, stair and sidewalk replacement in front of City Hall. The Public Works Committee met on this and recommended approving the payment.

Approve Application for Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$94,011 to Stephens & Smith Construction for sidewalk improvements. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Travis Sears.

Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 4, No: 0

4.D. Consider amending parking regulations on the northeast corner of 13th and Norman Avenue.

City Administrator Tom Ourada informed the Council that the previous decision on this was to make the parking stall a 'Compact Car' only stall. This, however, is not working. The Public Safety Committee met on this tonight and recommended changing it to 'No Parking' to ensure the safety of citizens when a vehicle is turning off of Norman Avenue onto 13th Street.

Approve amending parking regulations for the first parking stall on the northeast corner of 13th and Norman Avenue to 'No Parking', with proper paint and signage. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

4.E. Consider approving a one-way designation on 14th Street and Norman Avenue.

City Administrator Tom Ourada informed the Council of the proposal that was made at the Public Works Committee meeting. The proposal is a one-way on 14th Street going from east to west and a one-way on Norman Avenue going from north to south. There will be two traffic lanes; trucks in the north/west lane going in and out of Bunge, and local traffic in the south/east lane. Bunge will dispatch their trucks and gain a truck parking area for staging. All other local traffic parking will remain intact. All changes will be properly painted with correct signage. The Public Works Committee came to the conclusion that there are traffic issues daily in this area and that this is the best solution to address the issues at this time.

Approve making a one-way designation on 14th Street and Norman Avenue on a trial basis. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

4.F. Consider approving the Police Department to apply for an NDOT Highway Safety mini-grant for the campaign, "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over".

The Public Safety Committee met on this and recommended approving the Police Department to apply for the mini-grant.

Approve the Police Department to apply for an NDOT Highway Safety mini-grant for the campaign, "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over". Carried with a motion by Jack Oelschlager and a second by Dale Strehle.

Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

4.G. Consider approving SEI's proposal for installation and service of exterior cameras at the Crete Police Station in the amount of \$11,753.

Sgt. Chad Menagh informed the Public Safety Committee that this proposal was amended from a previous meeting, bringing the price down. It is a budgeted item and will increase security for the Police Station. The Committee recommended approving the current proposal.

Approve SEI's proposal for installation and service of exterior cameras at the Crete Police Station in the amount of \$11,753. Carried with a motion by Jack Oelschlager and a second by Dale Strehle.

Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

4.H. Consider adopting Resolution 2022-02 to amend both the City and Police Pension Plans to include changes required by the SECURE and SECURE CARES Acts.

The Finance Committee met on this and, due to the changes being required by law and statute, recommended adopting the resolution.

Introduce and adopt Resolution 2022-02 to amend both the City and Police Pension Plans to include changes required by the SECURE and SECURE CARES Acts. Carried with a motion by Travis Sears and a second by Dan Papik.

Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

4.I. Consider entering into an agreement with ClearGov for a digital budget book platform with an initial setup cost of \$1,800 and an annual cost of \$7,750.

City Administrator Tom Ourada reported the many benefits of this budget platform. It will make financial information easily understandable and accessible for members of our community to look at and/or print out. It will also make the position transition less challenging for the next Clerk-Treasurer who takes over handling and presenting the budget. The Finance Committee met on this and agreed that it would be super helpful and recommended entering into the agreement.

Approve entering into an agreement with ClearGov for a digital budget book platform with an initial setup cost of \$1,800 and an annual cost of \$7,750. Carried with a motion by Travis Sears and a second by Dan Papik.

Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

5. Petitions - Communications - Citizen Concerns

6. Officers' Reports

-Public Works Director Brian Stork reported:

- A toilet in a Tuxedo Park men's bathroom was damaged by fireworks and is in need of repair. Depending on part availability, we will be down a toilet for the County Fair.
- The Street Department will be repainting lines starting tonight through Thursday night, with the Police Department helping direct traffic.

-Police Chief Steve Hensel added that they have caught the kids who damaged the toilet in Tuxedo Park.

-Library Director Joy Stevenson reported that Reading with Friends started today and needs 11 more volunteers for the next 3 Tuesdays from 1:30-2:30pm if anyone is willing to help.

-City Administrator Tom Ourada reported:

- Pointed out the standing City of Crete banner, along with a tablecloth, that will be at City events. Ourada thanked the Mayor and Council again for allowing the Appreciation Dinner to happen.
- Officer Audrey Arbuckle is leaving for Texas at the end of the month to get the K9 dog and the necessary training.
- Even though the new floodplain maps are not valid until the end of October, we have 9 copies being distributed to various places in the city.
- An annexation request was made, so that will be in the works here soon.

-Mayor Dave Bauer thanks everyone who contributed to the fireworks display this weekend, commenting on its success. He also mentioned that he hopes everyone is cleaning up their discharged fireworks.

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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