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## **CITY COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING**

October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 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**

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

Present: 6.

#### **3. Consent Agenda**

##### **3.A. Approve 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. Public Hearing on ALS and BLS services contract**

Opened Public Hearing on ALS and BLS services contract Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan

Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

The Public Hearing opened at 5:03 p.m.

Crete Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Fire Chief, James Yost gave a presentation on the work they have been doing and the number of calls they received.

-Outside calls very busy

-Training a month

-prep work

- Public education
- EMS stand bys
- Supply management
- Pre billing
- 611 911 calls
- 300 transfers

2024

442 calls that were medical related

379 paramedic

295 medical

276 Paramedic

By passing (2023 23 by pass)

3 of 8 own paramedic

1 critical patient

2024 24 by pass

Financial tax funding \$100,000

Saline County \$25,000 per year

Highland rural \$200,000 bond every 5 years for apparatus replacement

Ambulances are \$400,000

EMS reimburse \$400,000 -\$500,000 entire department

Crete fire and rescues

85% in all 911 calls

Plan to continue staffing for transfers 2 hour round trip to Lincoln

Current reimbursement for transfers not making up for costs not keeping up

Paying out more than coming in

Stephanie Boldt, President/CEO for Crete Area Medical Center stated that she appreciates the

opportunity to be allowed back. Boldt asked what it is that the City of Crete wants? Boldt stated that making an educated decision is important and the Crete Fire Department covers a lot of the 911 and BLS and transfers. If the City of Crete doesn't want the CAMC services, that's okay. Boldt added that:

ALS flat fee per year or pay per transfer \$23 per hour  
Under two hours (that won't cover)  
ALS transfer (city ambulance CAMC paramedic)

Boldt stated she is open to conversation and looking for feedback. The biggest thing is that the CAMC paramedics can't be on call for free. There needs to be some sort of compensation.

Mayor Bauer stated there would not be decision made tonight but would like the council to leave with as many of their questions answered.

Council member Anthony Fitzgerald asked if they could look at ALS transfers with the hospital sharing the burden of uncollected bills.

Medicaid and Medicare doesn't collect everything.

Boldt stated that the contract has not been updated in years. City Administrator Tom Ourada added that during the last League of Municipalities conference this was a big topic.

Municipalities don't have the funding and are working with the legislature to subsidize this.

Mayor Dave Bauer added that the City Council needs to take this information and direct questions to him and to City Administrator Tom Ourada. This will go on the October 15th, 2024 City Council meeting and if not, it will on the first City Council meeting in November.

Closed the Public Hearing on ALS and BLS services contract Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Aye: 6, No: 0

The Public Hearing closed at 6:10 p.m.

## **5. Petitions - Communications - Citizen Concerns**

## **6. Officers' Reports**

## **7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

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Mayor

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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.

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City Clerk

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