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## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at 6:00 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: Absent

Anthony Fitzgerald: Present

Kyle Frans: Present

Ashley Newmyer: Present

Dan Papik: Present

Dale Strehle: Present

Present: 5, Absent: 1.

#### 3. Consent Agenda

Approved the Consent Agenda Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

#### 3.A. Approve Meeting Minutes

- 3.A.1. May 7th, 2024 City Council Minutes**
- 3.A.2. May 7th, 2024 Park and Rec Minutes**
- 3.A.3. May 7th, 2024 Public Works Minutes**
- 3.A.4. May 7th, 2024 Legislative & Economic Development 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 to authorize to apply for the 10-free-trees grant application**

Parks and Recreation Director Liz Cody stated that this grant is for 10 free trees and there is no match required. The only requirement is the city helping with advertising the free trees. City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that the City has previously applied for all 10 free trees.

Approved to authorize to apply for the 10-free-trees grant application Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Kyle Frans.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

##### **4.B. Consider the RESCO revised quotation.**

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that the council had authorized to spend \$132,000 on switch and relay configuration. When they attempted to purchase it, they said it is going to be \$147,000 and they did submit a timely bid on it. Ourada was able to get the price lowered to \$142,855 which is the best they can do. This is to control the solar farm and water well. It is something that was approved prior and it is \$10,000 higher.

Approved the RESCO revised quotation. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

##### **4.C. Consider the payment to Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$1,552.96**

Approved the payment to Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$1,552.96 Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Dan Papik: Abstain (With Conflict), Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 4, No: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

##### **4.D. Swear in of Matthew Jonas as Police Sergeant**

##### **4.E. Consider the LB840 application from Roundabout Energy LLC DBA Grow With The Flow**

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that this is an application that they have been working on for several months with the owner, Jeff Jirovec. He wants to purchase the Crete News building this went to the LB840 Advisory Committee, and they wanted to approve it, and it was also sent to the Legislative & Economic Development Committee.

Approved the LB840 application from Roundabout Energy LLC DBA Grow With The Flow Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dale Strehle.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 5, No: 0

#### **4.F. Consider proposals for Well #5 repairs**

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that well # 5 failed about a week or two ago. Sargent Drilling came in and did some preliminary work on it including the camera and found the issues. It needs a replacement pump and peller shaft. Ourada explained that typically on these you do get more than one quote. They did get a quote from Sargent Drilling and another quote came in today but didn't get it in time for City Council. They cannot afford to wait and the recommendation to the Public Works Committee was to approve this.

Approved the proposal for Well #5 repairs from Sargent Drilling. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 5, No: 0

#### **4.G. 15th Street paving opinion of cost and assessment for possible paving project**

Approved to have City Administrator Tom Ourada send property owners estimated assessment cost for the 15th Street paving project.

#### **4.H. Consider Resolution 2024-08 Amending the fee schedule and adding curfew for the Crete Community Room**

Finance Committee member Kyle Frans explained that the amendment to the fee schedule would be to update a flat rental fee with or without the kitchen and add a curfew for the Crete Community Room.

Adopted Resolution 2024-08 Amending the fee schedule and adding curfew for the Crete Community Room Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans and a second by Dale Strehle.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 5, No: 0

#### **4.I. Consider Resolution 2024-09 25 mph speed limit on South Arizona in City limits**

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that Mayor Bauer had asked to look at this and they did take action on this earlier with a higher speed limit and that doesn't seem to be effective. His suggestion was 25 miles per hour which is consistent with the use along there.

Adopt Resolution 2024-09 25 mph speed limit on South Arizona in City limits Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 5, No: 0

#### **4.J. Consider Allo Assets Pole Attachment Agreement**

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that they have an attachment agreement with all utilities that occupy city poles. In this case this is with Allo it is typical with attachment agreements. Ourada stated that they did mirror this agreement with Fremont's agreement.

Approved the Allo Assets Pole Attachment Agreement Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

#### **4.K. Consider the Krupicka Administrative Subdivision**

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that there was a request for an Administrative Subdivision on the north side of 24th St.

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

#### **6. Officers' Reports**

- Library Director Jessica Wilkinson stated the following:
  - During the months of June and July there will be Food Trucks at the library on Thursdays from 4pm-7pm
  - Currently working on finding a book for Crete Reads and will possibly bring the author in person or virtually.
  - Working on completing the National Incident Management System training.
- Parks & Recreation Director Liz Cody stated the following:
  - The Wildwood Pool opens on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - Mayor's Day with free admission Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Doane Equity Program is available for youth swim lessons and summer pool passes- for family in Saline County who are qualified free and reduced lunch
  - Micro TBall and TBall starts May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024.
- Chief of Police Gary Young stated the following:
  - In addition to a great night having Matthew Jonas sworn in publicly he has been busy the last week.
  - Jonas is already taking charge of some things and making them his own.
  - Meeting with the Sheriff's office to look over a tentative agreement for services.
  - Sergeant Morehouse and the Sheriff's technical people are working on having a joint technical investigative unit to share costs of equipment.
- City Administrator Tom Ourada stated the following:

- The second RTSD meeting went fairly well. They will be evaluating all crossings to establish a budget and then work on an RFP. They will evaluate county crossings. There are about 9 crossings in Crete however, there are more crossings in Wilber.
  - The county was going to originally start the paving work on north Boswell to the transfer station at the beginning of June but now they will start towards the end of June.
  - The City of Crete purchased a pickup truck for the Parks & Recreation Department. There had been some local vendors upset. The pickup they purchased had 13,000 miles and they paid \$23,000 for it. That was a good price for it.
  - The City is working on an Emergency Plan. Ourada reminded the elected officials about the NIMS training.
  - Still working on the restrooms and pavilion for City Park. The restrooms will be in the \$100,000 range and the modern Pavilion which will be 24 ft by 36 ft in the \$130,000 range.
- Mayor Dave Bauer stated that some people that have approached him about taking down the band stand have been upset but then when he explains that they are replacing it with a pavilion to fit more people.
  - Council member Dan Papik asked Ourada about the railroad tracks on Main Ave and if Bunge Milling has liability. Ourada explained that there had been conversations about that and Bauer stated that it's not certain when this will happen but at least it is in their radar.

## 7. Adjournment

6:37 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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