



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

September 3rd, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Crete City Hall, 243 East 13th Street

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

Approved Meeting Minutes 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

3.A.1. August 24th, 2024 City Council Work Session 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 Resolution 2024-16 Property Tax Request

Mayor Dave Bauer thanked City Administrator Tom Ourada and Finance Director Wendy Thomas for their work on the budget.

Introduce and approve Resolution 2024-16 Property Tax Request 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

4.B. Consider Resolution 2024-15 Gap Paving Assessments

City Attorney Anna Burge explained that there would be a 7% interest rate if the amount is not paid in full based on state law.

Introduce and approve Resolution 2024-15 Gap Paving Assessments 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

4.C. Public Hearing to levy assessments on the property located at 1215 Main Ave

Opened the Public Hearing to levy assessments on the property located at 1215 Main Ave 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

At 6:26 p.m., the public hearing was opened to levy assessments on the property located at 1215 Main Ave.

City attorney Anna Burge stated that there were multiple attempts to work with the owner. Last summer, City Inspector Brad Bailey investigated and there was a list of things the owner had to do, such as getting building permits and speaking with the Fire Marshall. The City placed 1215 Main Ave on the vacant property list and there is a \$1,000 fee and it is every 6 months.

The public hearing closed at 6:31 p.m.

Closed the Public Hearing to levy assessments on the property located at 1215 Main Ave 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

4.D. Consider Resolution 2024-17 Special Assessment to 1215 Main Ave

Introduce and approve Resolution 2024-17 Special Assessment to 1215 Main Ave
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

4.E. Consider the Dittmer Commercial Preliminary Plat

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that Richard Onnen with E & A Consulting Group, Inc. was there to provide more information. Onnen provided copies of the preliminary and final plat to Mayor Bauer and the council members. Onnen explained that this is in C-1 zoning and it is 9.5 acres. There are 7 commercial lots. The parking is conceptual. The letter submitted for variances requested the following:

1. To allow private roadways within the development.

(Article 3 Subdivision Regulations, 11-307, (12))

2. To allow cross parking to meet required parking requirements within Lots 2 through 7.

(Article 5 Supplementary Regulations, 11-508, (2)(c))

3. To allow the sidewalk and street trees along the east side of Iris Avenue between 29th Street and Big

Mac Drive to be located outside of the street right-of-way and within a pedestrian and landscape Easement on Lot 1.

(Article 5 Supplementary Regulations, 11-524, (2)(b) and (c))

4. To allow the sidewalk along the south side Big Mac Drive, adjacent to Outlot A, not to be installed until

such time as Outlot A is developed or the City of Crete determines is necessary.

(Article 5 Supplementary Regulations, 11-524, (2)(b))

5. To allow the sidewalk and street trees along the east side of Iris Avenue, adjacent to Outlot A, not to be

installed until such time as Outlot A or the property south of Outlot A is developed or at such time as the

City of Crete determines it is necessary.

(Article 5 Supplementary Regulations, 11-524, (2)(b) and (c))

Approved the Dittmer Commercial Preliminary Plat with variances 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

4.F. Consider the Dittmer Commercial Final Plat

Richard Onnen with E & A Consulting Group, Inc. explained that on the Dittmer Commercial Addition Final Plat Outlot A is open space and detention and Outlot B is reserved for development.

Approved the Dittmer Commercial Final Plat 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

4.G. Public Hearing on an Application for the Community Development Block Grant Program for road construction and reconstruction

Opened the Public Hearing on an Application for the Community Development Block Grant Program for road construction and reconstruction 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 6:49 p.m. City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that a resolution would follow this hearing. Ourada explained that the City of Crete was notified earlier this year that the Low Moderate-Income designation changed and is community wide. Instead of 46% LMI now we are 58% and city wide, so anywhere in the city can qualify for a block grant. The public hearing closed at 6:50 p.m.

Closed the Public Hearing on an Application for the Community Development Block Grant Program for road construction and reconstruction 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

4.H. Consider Resolution 2024-18 Community Block Grant For Road Construction and Reconstruction

Introduce and approved Resolution 2024-18 Community Block Grant For Road Construction and Reconstruction 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

4.I. Consider the serving of catered alcohol with a Special Designated Liquor License at the Community Room for a private event on Friday, October 11th 2024.

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this case by case for every event and everything is in order and the insurance has been provided.

Approved the serving of catered alcohol with a Special Designated Liquor License at the Community Room for a private event on Friday, October 11th 2024. Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Dale Strehle.

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

Aye: 6, No: 0

4.J. Consider the Application from Black Hills Energy for a Permit to Occupy City of Crete Right-of-Way

This application was submitted for multiple properties.

Approved the Application from Black Hills Energy for a Permit to Occupy City of Crete Right-of-Way Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

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

Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

4.K. Consider the Agreement Between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services from JEO Consulting Group, Inc. for the Crete Walnut Creek Sewer Repair.

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this is for a sanitary sewer aerial crossing of Walnut Creek that was damaged previously and requires repairs.

Approved the Agreement Between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services from JEO Consulting Group, Inc. for the Crete Walnut Creek Sewer Repair. Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

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

Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

4.L. Consider the Special Event Permit Application SE24-09 Crete's Great Pumpkin Festival from the Crete Chamber of Commerce.

Approved the Special Event Permit Application SE24-09 Crete's Great Pumpkin Festival from the Crete Chamber of Commerce. Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

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

Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

4.M. Consider the Application for Special Event Permit SE24-10 for the Children's Parade from the Crete Chamber of Commerce.

Approved the Application for Special Event Permit SE24-10 for the Children's Parade from the Crete Chamber of Commerce. Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

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

Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

4.N. Consider PCO 011 for \$812.00 from Kingery Construction for the Crete Isis Theatre

Approved PCO 011 for \$812.00 from Kingery Construction for the Crete Isis Theatre Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

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

Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

4.O. Consider PCO 012 for \$2,126.00 from Kingery Construction for the Crete Isis Theatre

Approved PCO 012 for \$2,126.00 from Kingery Construction for the Crete Isis Theatre

Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

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

Aye: 6, No: 0

5. Petitions - Communications - Citizen Concerns

Shaylene Smith with the Blue River Arts Council stated that she and Becky Hansmeyer will be attending the Nebraska Arts Council state wide conference on creative districts.

6. Officers' Reports

- Chief of Police Gary Young stated the following:
 - The Police Department will find out on September 15th, 2024 if they will be awarded the Highway Grant.
 - The Celebrate Crete Event will be on Wednesday, September 18th 2024 from 5 p.m.-8 p.m.
 - Will be attending a national conference.
- Library Director Jessica Wilkinson stated that the Crete Public Library is getting ready for their fall programing. There will be programing every day except Mondays.
- Parks and Recreation Director Liz Cody stated the following:
 - September Recreation activities: Coed adult softball and flag football.
 - Crete Public Schools sports events (tennis and softball).
 - Celebrate Crete in Tuxedo Park on September 18th, 2024.
 - Food Bank of Lincoln distribution will continue into fall/winter.
 - Following up on inquiry about the 8U/10U recreation baseball program.
 - Collecting field fees and identifying ball field improvements.
- Community Assistance Director Marilyn Schacht stated the following:
 - Has been engaged in helping with Citizenship classes, voter registration, law enforcement preparing you for the road classes, sharing resources for new comers and families in the community.
 - Celebrate Crete Community Event will be on Wednesday, September 18th, 2024 from 5-8pm.
 - Welcoming Week is an annual global celebration initiated by Welcoming America, aimed at fostering unity among individuals form diverse backgrounds to build stronger communities and is taking place this year from September 13th-22nd 2024. All welcoming events during this week will be free of charge.
 - Appointed by the Governor to the Nebraska Commission on Latino-Americans and attended a meeting with other Latino Leaders over the weekend and reflected on all the work that has been done in Crete. The commission will hold their next meeting on November 16th, 2024 in Crete.
 - Will be presenting at the 2024 Annual League of Nebraska Municipalities Conference.

- Invited the Crete City Council to attend the Celebrate Crete Community Event on September 18th, 2024 and encouraged everyone to attend.
- Building Inspector Brad Bailey stated the following:
 - Crete is growing with 24 new houses, 30 senior apartments, 8-unit apartment building for a total of 62 new housing units.
 - Enjoyed working as the City of Crete's Building Inspector and hopes to leave it a better place.
- Mayor Bauer thanked Brad Bailey and stated he has been an asset to the Crete community and has done a great job.
- Council members Kyle Frans, Ashley Newmyer, Dale Strehle, Dan Papik and Anthony Fitzgerald all thanked City Administrator Tom Ourada and Finance Director Wendy Thomas for their hard work with the budget and thanked Building Inspector Brad Bailey for his work with the City of Crete.
- City Administrator Tom Ourada stated the following:
 - Worked on the budget with Finance Director Wendy Thomas to provide options.
 - Continuing with interviews to hire a new building inspector.

7. Adjournment

7:18 p.m.

Mayor

(SEAL)

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.

City Clerk

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