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## **CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 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  
Dan Papik: Present  
Present: 3.

##### **3. Items of Business**

###### **3.A. Consider a recommendation to the City Council on a 4-year service agreement for the Fire Department's Lifepak AED's.**

Fire Chief Allen stated that this item was brought up at the last meeting and it was tabled. It was a misunderstanding on his part and these are new lifepack AED's and are needed items.

Recommend to the City Council on a 4-year service agreement for the Fire Department's Lifepak AED's. Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.  
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye

Aye: 3, No: 0

**3.B. Consider a recommendation to the City Council on the purchase of a chassis for the bush rig.**

Fire Chief Tod Allen stated that this would be to purchase a 2023 Dodge Ram Regular Cab Chassis for the amount of \$59,500. This would replace a 96 Ford used a grass rig but they would continue to use it if needed. Chief Allen stated that if they get approval to purchase the 2023 Dodge Ram they would have a back end built for it. They had that done before about 7-8 years ago and it cost them \$45,000. With the back end they can ride where the pump is at. They hope to be under \$150,000 when it is all set and done with the chassis and the back end. Chief Allen stated that right now if his math is right they have \$290,000 in the equipment fund, and \$75,000 of ARPA funds coming in. That puts them at \$365,000 but they will be paying \$205,000 final on the ambulance, and that will leave them with \$160,000 for fire equipment, which would cover this expenditure and leave their fund really low. In 2019 when they had to purchase a chassis for the ambulance that cost them \$79,000 and this one is \$20,000 less. With this chassis they would like to purchase, they would like to put 400 gallons of water.

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that it is likely that the back end will be in the next budget year.

Recommend to the City Council on the purchase of a chassis for the bush rig. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye

Aye: 3, No: 0

**3.C. Consider a recommendation to the City Council on the application for a Retail Liquor License from Casey's Retail Company DBA Casey's 4303 located at 2151 Cardinal Ln, Crete, NE.**

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that this is what Casey's Retail Company DBA Casey's 4303 needs in order to sell alcohol.

Recommend to the City Council on the application for a Retail Liquor License from Casey's Retail Company DBA Casey's 4303 located at 2151 Cardinal Ln, Crete, NE. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye

Aye: 3, No: 0

**3.D. Consider a recommendation to the City Council authorizing the Police Department to apply for the Highway Safety STEP Grant.**

Police Sergeant Jon Pucket explained that the Special Traffic Enforcement Program the STEP program provides them with more grant applications for the year. They tell them how much money they will receive at the beginning of the year and it allows them to participate in other activities during the year. They still do the Click It or Ticket, among other things. This gives them the ability to participate in the pumpkin festival this weekend. If they had officers over there they wouldn't have anyone scheduled for that night to be overtime. If they have this fund and they meet the requirements for NDOT they can still turn in the money to be reimbursed for the officers to be there. Pucket explained that this way they don't have to worry about it coming out of their budget and they are trying to apply for \$77,490 which is 280 hours per

officer time for 5 officers. This helps to allow them to focus on traffic enforcement around town. They completed a study to find where there are problem areas in town, like 13th and Main Ave, the different areas where there are more accidents

Recommend to the City Council authorizing the Police Department to apply for the Highway Safety STEP Grant. Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye  
Aye: 3, No: 0.

#### **4. Officers' Reports**

#### **5. Adjournment**