



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

September 17th, 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. September 3rd, 2024 City Council Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes**
- 3.A.2. September 3rd, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes**
- 3.A.3. September 3rd, 2024 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**
- 3.A.4. September 3rd, 2024 Public Works 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. Welcoming Week Proclamation 2024

Mayor Dave Bauer read the proclamation in English and Community Assistance Director Marilyn Schacht read it in Spanish.

4.B. Consider Ordinance 2213 Amending Cemetery Board

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this went to the Public Works Committee and this ordinance shifts the management of the cemetery from the Cemetery Board to the Public Works Director.

Introduce Ordinance 2213 and waive it be read on three separate days 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

Enact Ordinance 2213 Amending Cemetery Board 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. Consider approving the payment of claims to Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$1,546.69.

Approved the payment of claims to Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$1,546.69. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

4.D. Consider Lot 21, Block 2, Burlington Estates Administrative Subdivision.

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this is a subdivision that divides one lot into two. The layout meets all administrative subdivision rules and regulations.

Approved Lot 21, Block 2, Burlington Estates Administrative Subdivision. 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 Ordinance 2214 Setting Salaries and Wages for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Introduce Ordinance 2214 and waive it be read on three separate days Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Kyle Frans.

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

Aye: 6, No: 0

Enact Ordinance 2214 Setting Salaries and Wages for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Kyle Frans.

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 Resolution 2024-19 Authorizing Termination of Emergency Medical Services Tiered Response Agreement Between Crete Area Medical Center and the City of Crete.

Tabled Resolution 2024-19 Authorizing Termination of Emergency Medical Services Tiered Response Agreement Between Crete Area Medical Center and the City of Crete. Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans 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. Consider 2024 -2025 FOP Agreement

Tabled 2024 -2025 FOP Agreement Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman 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.H. Consider the serving of catered alcohol with a Special Designated Liquor License at the Community Room for a private event on Saturday, October 19th 2024.

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that there were previous discussions on this and there are no concerns. The event will be catered with a Special Designated Liquor License.

Approved the serving of catered alcohol with a Special Designated Liquor License at the Community Room for a private event on Saturday, October 19th 2024. 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 Special Event Permit Application SE24-11 for the Crete Cares Food Distribution.

Approved the Special Event Permit Application SE24-11 for the Crete Cares Food Distribution. 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.J. Consider the Pumpkin Festival painting downtown

Mayor Dave Bauer explained that this is on the corner of 12th and Main Ave and is to brighten up the pumpkins that are there.

Approved the painting of the four pumpkins for the Pumpkin Festival downtown 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.K. Consider the 2025 Youth Grants for Excellence from the Nebraska Library Commission

Library Director Jessica Wilkinson explained that this grant is designed to encourage creative thinking, risk-taking and new approaches to address problems and needs of children and young adults in our community. This grant does require a 25% local match. Will be using this grant to launch a talking stories program using 12 Vox Audio Books, an iPad to assist in Storytime, 3 Tonies boxes, 15 Tonies characters, and 3 Tonies carrying cases. The grand total of this grant will be around \$1,666 with the library needing to contribute \$417. The library would save \$1,249.00

Approved to authorize the Crete Public Library to apply for the 2025 Youth Grants for Excellence from the Nebraska Library Commission 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.L. Consider the 2025 Continuing Education and Training Grants from the Nebraska Library Commission

Library Director Jessica Wilkinson explained that this grant is to assist Nebraska libraries in improving the library services provided to their communities through continuing education and training for their library personnel. This grant requires a match of 25% of the amount requested to come from the library's budget. This grant will help to cover the cost of sending someone to a national conference. Wilkinson stated she will be applying for 2 of those grants to send 2 staff members to different conferences.

Approved to authorize the Crete Public Library to apply for the 2025 Continuing Education and Training Grants from the Nebraska Library Commission Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Tom Crisman.

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 2025 Nebraska Library Internship Grant from the Nebraska Library Commission

Library Director Jessica Wilkinson explained that this internship program works to introduce high school and college students to the varied and exciting work of Nebraska libraries. The internships are intended to function as a recruitment tool, helping the students to view the library as a viable career opportunity while providing the public library with the finances (\$500 or \$1,000 per library or ranch) to provide stipends to the student interns. They would be able to provide 1 intern position for 100 hours, which would last around 8 weeks if they are awarded this grant. There would be no cost to the City of Crete with this grant.

Approved to authorize the Crete Public Library to apply for the 2025 Nebraska Library Internship Grant from the Nebraska Library Commission 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

5. Petitions - Communications - Resident Concerns

Gerald Vlasin from 2225 Main Ave addressed the City Council and stated that he received a letter letting him know that he owes \$5,234.38 for the Street Improvement Projects. He stated that he lives in the middle of the block and doesn't understand why he has to pay for the paving. Mayor Dave Bauer stated that the City would look into his questions and get back to him.

6. Officers' Reports

- Chief of Police Gary Young stated the following:
 - Got awarded the full \$91,000 Grant for traffic safety and traffic enforcement.
 - Cases involving mental Health continues to be a growing issue and would like the City to help spread the word about the importance of Mental Health resources. Asked if this can be taken up with our senators.
- Library Director Jessica Wilkinson stated the following:
 - Passed out the monthly Director's Report to the City Council members, Mayor Bauer and City Administrator Tom Ourada.
 - Invited everyone to the Celebrate Crete Event on Wednesday, September 18th, 2024 at Tuxedo Park.
 - The Crete Reads Author will be coming in November.
- Human Resources Coordinator Savannah Anderson introduced Trenton Griffin as the new Building Inspector, Dillion Aksamit is the new Acting Street Supervisor, and Jesse Yager is the new Water Superintendent.
- City Council member Tom Crisman asked if there have been any updates regarding the railroad crossing. City Administrator Tom Ourada mentioned that it was scheduled for last September. Council member Dan Papik mentioned that it is getting to be a safety issue and

City Administrator Tom Ourada mentioned this can be a conversation with the Railroad Transportation District.

- City Administrator Tom Ourada stated the following:
 - Will be presenting at the League of Municipalities Annual Conference with Community Assistance Director Marilyn Schacht and City Clerk Nancy Tellez.
 - A grant opportunity through the Thriving Communities Program is completely funding for City Attorney Anna Burge, Finance Director Wendy Thomas and City Clerk Nancy Tellez to attend a United States Department of Transportation convening in Washington D.C. in October to discuss possible grant funding opportunities in Crete for a pedestrian bridge, roundabouts, and an underpass.
 - The state of Nebraska is taking back \$12,000 in sales tax refund. They provided no explanation.
 - Airport manager Will White is leaving at the end of September.
 - The City will be looking for a Fixed Base Operator.
 - The transfer station intersection is open again.
 - Ourada thanked the Mayor and Council for the passage of the salary ordinance.
- Mayor Dave Bauer invited everyone to attend the Celebrate Crete Event on Wednesday, September 18th at 5:00 p.m. at Tuxedo Park.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 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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