



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

January 16, 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

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| 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.A.1. January 2, 2024 City Council Minutes

3.A.2. January 2, 2024 Public Works Committee Minutes

3.B. Accept the City Treasurer's Report

3.C. Approve the Payment of Claims Against the City

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3.C.1. Approve Invoices No. 378566-378567 for legal services provided by Cline Williams in the amount of \$1,398.00.

3.D. Approve Ethan Cornish, Shane Parker and Hayden Peterson as new volunteer members of the Fire Department.

3.E. Approve to apply for the Tree City USA designation.

Council member Tom Crisman asked what the legal fees from Cline Williams were for and City Administrator Tom Ourada explained they were TIF related.

Approved Consent Agenda 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. Items of Business

4.A. Consider the Contractor Agreement with Jerry Wilcox.

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this contractual agreement went to the Finance Committee. Council member Kyle Frans stated that the Finance Committee reviewed it and there is an end date, and it is their recommendation to approve the contract agreement with Jerry Wilcox.

Approved the Contractor Agreement with Jerry Wilcox. Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans 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.B. Approve payment of claims to Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$973.68.

Approved payment of claims to Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$973.68. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Kyle Frans.

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.C. Consider the Amendment to the Sick Leave Policy.

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that this went to the Personnel Committee.

Approved the Amendment to the Sick Leave Policy. 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.D. Consider the Lease Renewal Agreement from ALLO Crete, LLC.

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City Administrator Tom Ourada explained this is an extension to the Lease Renewal Agreement from ALLO Crete, LLC. This item went to the Public Works Committee.

Approved the Lease Renewal Agreement from ALLO Crete, LLC. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle 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.E. Consider the Amendment to the Application For Special Exception Permit SEP23-01 from Tillman Infrastructures for a Telecommunications tower.

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this is an amendment to the Application for Special Exception Permit SEP23-01 from Tillman Infrastructures for a Telecommunications tower. In the original application they submitted they wrote 180 ft, and they meant to put 195 ft. All other documents said 195 ft. Ourada explained that they sought out clarification about the crumple zone. The engineered fall zone is included.

Approved the Amendment to the Application For Special Exception Permit SEP23-01 from Tillman Infrastructures for a Telecommunications tower. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle 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.F. Consider the Airport CIP Data Sheets.

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that Airport Capital Improvement Plan Data Sheets are due to the Nebraska Department of Aeronautics by the end of this month. This also went to the Airport Advisory Board for review and the Public Works Committee.

Approved the Airport CIP Data Sheets. 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 - Citizen Concerns

6. Officers' Reports

- Police Chief, Gary Young stated the following:

- This is the quiet time after the holiday season. Unfortunately, there have been several cars stolen in Crete, Beatrice and Wymore this past weekend. They are working together to pull their resources.
- New people starting January 17th 2024 and then next week.

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- Fire Chief, Todd Allen stated the following:
 - The year-end total calls were 908.
 - Introduced Hayden Peterson, Ethan Cornish, and Shane Parker as new volunteer members of the Fire Department.
- Park and Recreation Director, Liz Cody stated the following:
 - In addition to the Tree City application a UNL professor reached out to engage students in a community forestry tool kit.
 - Conversations with students to collaborate state forestry personal with a tree inventory.
- Human Resource Coordinator, Savannah Anderson introduced Maria Rivas Arias as the new Custodian for the City of Crete. Rivas Arias gave thanks for the employment opportunity.
- City Council member Sale Strehle stated that the city has done a good job with the snow removal and appreciates all the work.
- City Council member Dan Papik agreed with Strehle and stated he is grateful of all the people's work.
- City Council member Anthony Fitzgerald stated that he sat through a county commissioner meeting in central Nebraska. He mentioned that he appreciates how as a council they are able to communicate in a professional matter.
- City Administrator Tom Ourada stated the following:
 - With the snow removal all hands-on people working 24 hours 12-hour shifts. The equipment was on at all times.
 - A new street department employee will be starting in a week or two. He was working for the City of Lincoln.
 - We have three letters to write for the Thriving Communities Program. Ourada mentioned this is the program that provides funds to provide technical assistance with writing grants.
 - Received an email from the UNL Rural Communities Economics Department would like to work with Crete for a semester on an economic review of the city. Ourada stated that this could be an equal opportunity to learn from them as well.
 - Three City of Crete employees met with the Grassroots Leadership Development Program high school students. The students are very excited for the possibilities with the purchase of the property to the south. There are a lot of conversations at the schools on what the futures is going to look like.
 - Spoke with the Park and Recreation Committee about some proposals from Confluence and JEO and then will go back to the committee and then the council.
 - Ourada stated that he doesn't know what the end of this month will look like but it is likely that they will not do disconnects for nonpayment if the weather is like it is now. There is a disconnect policy and they will probably waive that between the Mayor and Ourada himself
- Mayor Bauer commented on the street clean up and the workers did a great job. Bauer mentioned that this year has been the cleanest he has seen. There was special effort to

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cleaning the sidewalks and he is impressed and mentioned the city having good employees.

7. Adjournment

6:25 p.m.

Mayor

(SEAL)

City Clerk-Treasurer

I, Jerry Wilcox, 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-Treasurer

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