



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

February 7, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Crete City Hall, 243 East 13th Street

MINUTES

Notice of the meeting was given by posting and publishing in The Crete News, the appointed method for giving notice as shown by the Proof of Publication attached to the minutes. Advance notice of the meeting was also given to the Mayor and City Council. 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. Additional copies are available to read. The City may consider items listed on the agenda in random order. All proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Those in attendance pledged allegiance to the flag.

1. Open Meeting

2. Roll Call

Tom Crisman: Present
Kyle Frans: Present
Jack Oelschlager: Present
Dan Papik: Present
Travis Sears: Present
Dale Strehle: Present

Present: 6.

3. Consent Agenda

Approve the consent agenda as presented. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Travis Sears.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

3.A. Approve Meeting Minutes

3.A.1. December 20, 2022 Public Works Committee Meeting minutes

3.A.2. January 3, 2023 Public Works Committee Meeting minutes

- 3.A.3. January 17, 2023 Personnel Committee Meeting minutes**
- 3.A.4. January 17, 2023 Legislative & Economic Development Committee Meeting minutes**
- 3.A.5. January 17, 2023 City Council Meeting minutes**
- 3.B. Accept the City Treasurer's Report**
- 3.C. Approve the Payment of Claims Against the City**
- 3.D. Mayor's Appointments**
 - 3.D.1. Appoint Jerry Wilcox as the City's representative on the Blue River Arts Council.**
- 3.E. Approve Application for Payment No. 3 to General Excavating in the amount of \$64,060.40 for the East 22nd Street project.**
- 3.F. Communications regarding the Isis Theater.**

4. Items of Business

4.A. Consider selecting a bid for the 2022 Street Improvements project.

City Administrator Tom Ourada informed the Council that there were two bids for this project and they were within one percent of each other. The Public Works Committee met on this and recommended going with Constructors' bid.

Approved Constructors Inc. as the selected bid for the 2022 Street Improvements project. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Travis Sears.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.B. Consider adopting Resolution 2023-01: A resolution proposing the annexation of Area #6 and adopting a plan for extending services to the land.

City Attorney Allison Borer stated that this resolution does two things; it sets the date of the public hearing for the annexation of the proposed area and it adopts the plan set forth for extending city services to the area. The Public Works Committee met on this and recommended adopting the resolution.

Adopted Resolution 2023-01: A resolution proposing the annexation of Area #6 and adopting a plan for extending services to the land. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Travis Sears.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.C. Consider enacting Ordinance 2162: An ordinance authorizing and directing execution of the Green Energy Program Subscription Confirmation with the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska.

City Administrator Tom Ourada informed the Council that the City previously had an agreement with MEAN for wind energy rates. Those rates have been discontinued and the Green Energy Program is taking its place. The Public Works Committee met on this and recommended enacting the ordinance to confirm our subscription to the program.

Introduce Ordinance 2162 and move that the statutory rule requiring three separate readings be suspended. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Travis Sears.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

Enact Ordinance 2162: An ordinance authorizing and directing execution of the Green Energy Program Subscription Confirmation with the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Travis Sears.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

4.D. Consider enacting Ordinance 2163; an ordinance amending the City Officer and Non-Bargaining Unit Employee Salary and Wage Exhibit.

City Administrator Tom Ourada informed the Council that when the Police Captain position was created and advertised, it turned out that it wasn't a raise in salary. Due to the oversight, this ordinance will correct that. The Personnel Committee met on this and recommended enacting the ordinance.

Introduce Ordinance 2163 and move that the statutory rule requiring three separate readings be suspended. Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Travis Sears.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

Enact Ordinance 2163; an ordinance amending the City Officer and Non-Bargaining Unit Employee Salary and Wage Exhibit. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Travis Sears.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

4.E. Consider approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the Crete Police Department and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations designating Crete Police Department employees as customs officers (Excepted).

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this program will allow for certain police department activities and labor to be reimbursed. It also states that our police department will assist with investigations/prevention activities, mostly dealing with human trafficking.

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Crete Police Department and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations designating Crete Police Department employees as customs officers (Excepted). Carried with a motion by Jack Oelschlager and a second by Travis Sears.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

4.F. Consider engaging Gilmore & Associates for a utility study on the east side of Crete at a cost of \$24,000.

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that the Council is looking at annexations on the east side of Crete and annexations require a plan to connect to city services. Generally, there will be an improvement district. This utility study will tell us the size of the district, what it will

cost to do the improvements, and the percentage of that cost that each property will be responsible for. The Public Works Committee met on this and recommended moving forward with the study.

Approve engaging Gilmore & Associates for a utility study on the east side of Crete at a cost of \$24,000. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Travis Sears.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

5. Petitions - Communications - Citizen Concerns

Citizen Sharon Kovar asked for an update on the consideration of allowing chickens in city limits. City Administrator Tom Ourada shared the process and explained that we are gathering data from other towns and surrounding areas so that we are able to make an informed decision. The Legislative and Economic Development Committee will likely be reviewing this data at the next meeting in two weeks.

6. Officers' Reports

- Human Resources Director Wendy Thomas introduced Colin Gaman, a current Police Officer who was promoted to Patrol Sergeant. Gaman has been an officer here since 2017. She also introduced new Police Officer Drew Smith, who was previously an officer in Crete from 2014 to 2020.
- City Administrator Tom Ourada reported the following:
 - A Parks and Recreation Director has been hired, but will not start full time until this summer. She will be doing grant work for us as well.
 - The Public Works Committee discussed a roundabout at 13th and Iris Avenue. He will meet with JEO to put the finishing touches on an 80/20 application with the Federal Highway that will help tremendously with the cost of putting in the roundabout.
 - He testified in front of the Natural Resources Committee on the proposal of LB289. LB289 would allow MEAN to provide technical and security services to municipalities in Nebraska who would otherwise not be able to provide them on their own.

7. Adjournment

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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