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## **CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 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  
Dale Strehle: Present  
Present: 3.

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

##### **3.A. Consider amusement device registration and fees**

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that a \$10 fee had been approved per amusement device. It had not been enforced and the \$10 is not going to cover the administrative time it takes to go out and find out what locations have the devices and to process the permits. It is now mandatory by the state to report where and how many amusement devices there are.

The committee decided to increase the amusement device registration to \$50 per device per year.

Recommend to the City Council the amusement device registration and fees at \$50 per device annually. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 3, No: 0

### **3.B. Consider the Welcoming Certification Agreement between Welcoming America and the City of Crete.**

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this certification agreement with Welcoming America is very similar to what the schools were wanting to do but this initially what the City of Crete was looking at doing. Ourada explained that this is what we are already doing. Welcoming America comes in and does an audit and sees what Community Assistance Director Marilyn Schacht's office is doing. This will help to leverage federal funding for housing and help with resources for job creation for newly arrived immigrants.

Mayor Dave Bauer explained that he had a conversation with Community Assistance Director Marilyn Schacht about this. Bauer stated that he is not against new people coming to Crete and he wanted more information about what the program would lead to. He wanted to know if Crete is welcoming if we are inviting people or going out and looking for people and he is not in favor of that. There is not enough housing and the numbers grow at the schools, and then they say we have all these homeless people because of that reason and that a big concern of his.

Bauer explained that after his conversation with Marilyn she explained to him that there are 5 or 6 steps and there are only about 2 cities in the United States that are up at step 5. This agreement would help us to work with the people that are already here and this designation doesn't really change anything that we are already doing.

Recommend to the City Council the Welcoming Certification Agreement between Welcoming America and the City of Crete. Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Dale Strehle.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 3, No: 0

## **4. Officers' Reports**

## **5. Adjournment**