



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

August 24th, 2024 at 9:00 AM
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:	Absent
Anthony Fitzgerald:	Present
Kyle Frans:	Present
Ashley Newmyer:	Present
Dan Papik:	Present
Dale Strehle:	Present

Present: 5, Absent: 1.

3. Consent Agenda

Approved the Consent Agenda Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

3.A. Approve Meeting Minutes

3.A.1. August 20th, 2024 City Council minutes

3.A.2. August 20th, 2024 Finance Committee minutes

3.A.3. August 20th, 2024 Public Works Committee minutes

4. Items of Business

4.A. Budget Work Session

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that they could go through the budget a couple of different ways or the department heads that were present could go through their budgets. Ourada stated that some of the budgets submitted by the department heads were altered and some were not. The library's budget was not altered.

Library Director Jessica Wilkinson went through her budget and explained that she budgeted an extra \$3,000 for books. She also included a salary pay increase of 3% and some of the library employees would also be getting a step up in pay. Wilkinson stated that she also included funds for meetings and educational training.

Mayor Dave Bauer stated that this is not the final budget and the council members could take the budget to review and let Ourada or Finance Director Wendy Thomas know if they have questions.

Parks and Recreation Director Liz Cody explained her budget and stated that there would be some employee pay increases. Ourada added that grants make sense to look into future projects in the parks and for recreation.

Chief of Police Gary Young pointed out salaries being a huge part of the budget for the Police Department. The FOP agreed to 5% and that raises the cost. There are several young officers with step increases and merit increases. After that, things drop considerably. Work compensation and insurance went up. The traffic grant for overtime increased significantly.

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that the budget is about 45 million dollars, including bonds and revenue funds. The transfer budget meaning the tax portion of the budget that transfers out to the departments is half. Their half of the tax side part of the budget and they are raising \$160,000 roughly this year. That stage was set last year with the FOP negotiations that were significantly greater. There were just 12 officers at that time. The last officer hired was the night patrol sergeant, and then it would be Jaden Acevedo and reducing officers is not a doable situation.

Ourada went through and explained the budget forms.

4.B. Consider the State Aid Grant Application for the Crete Municipal Airport

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that the City of Crete received notice of a special grant opportunity, and they would like to apply for a new hangar door at the Crete Municipal Airport.

Approved to authorize to apply for the State Aid Grant Application for the Crete Municipal Airport Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

5. Officers' Reports

6. Adjournment

12:24 p.m.