



CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

August 1st, 2023 at 5:00 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

Dan Papik: Absent
Anthony Fitzgerald: Present
Dale Strehle: Present

Present: 2, Absent: 1.

3. Items of Business

3.A. Consider a recommendation to the City Council on the Application for a Permit to Occupy City of Crete Right-of-Way from Allo Communications at PON: CRE-01-02.

Allo Communications has applied for a permit to occupy the city right-of-way. Allo Communications will be requesting sections at a time, which they call bonds. This is in regard to the fiber-to-the-premise (FTTP) project.

A recommendation was made to the City Council on the Application for a Permit to Occupy City of Crete Right-of-Way from Allo Communications at PON: CRE-01-02. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dan Papik.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 3, No: 0

3.B. Consider a recommendation to the City Council on an Agreement Between Owner and Engineer For Professional Services from JEO.

City Administrator Tom Ourada discussed the new well that would be installed just south of Belohlavy Estates. The Well will be placed on a triangular piece of property owned by the City. This is the same location that the Solar Farm will be present. The Well will not require water treatment due to very minimal or no traces of nitrates, iron or manganese.

The City was approved for funding by the USDA last year through the WEWAC process. The funding consisted of a 35% grant and a 65% loan. Shortly after that, we received notification that the USDA had run out of funding. This is scheduled to be revisited next year.

Tom also discussed the status of Well #1. Well #1 has failed and is no longer in working condition. This well is located at 18th and Kingwood.

Ourada weighed the pros and cons of the New Well with the Committee. The New well would have three to four times the capacity, does not require water treatment and does fill some of the deficiencies on the West side of Crete. Also, this would supply redundancy to the West side of Crete. If a water main that is attached to the bridge fails, there would be another alternative. It will take anywhere from four to six months to complete the design on this and start the permitting for the Well.

A recommendation was made to the City Council on approving both Agreement Between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services from JEO in regard to the Water Well and Water Main projects. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dale Strehle.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 3, No: 0

3.C. Consider a recommendation to the City Council on the Application for Special Event Permit SE23-04 from the Crete Chamber of Commerce.

A special Event Permit was submitted by the Crete Chamber of Commerce. This was in regards to the When Pigs Fly event that would be held at the Crete Airport on August 26th, 2023 from 6:00pm-10:00pm.

A recommendation was made to the City Council on approving the Application for Special Event Permit SE23-04 from the Crete Chamber of Commerce. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dale Strehle.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 2, No: 0

3.D. Consider a recommendation to the City Council on Resolution NO.2023-15 A Resolution Of The City of Crete, Nebraska, To Appoint Members Of Its Council To The Saline Railroad Transportation District.

City Administrator Tom Ourada updated the committee that the next step with the RTSD was to appoint members of the council to the Saline County Railroad Transportation District.

A recommendation was made to the City Council on approving Resolution NO.2023-15 A Resolution Of The City of Crete, Nebraska, To Appoint Members Of Its Council To The Saline Railroad Transportation District. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dale Strehle.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 2, No: 0

3.E. Consider a Recommendation to the City Council on applying for both the Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program.

The Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program Grant is a five-year discretionary program through the U.S. Department of Transportation. This planning grant provides states, local governments, and tribal governments with grants to support project development, leading to future applications for DOT credit or grant programs. Tom would like to use this planning grant for a pedestrian overpass over the highway and railroad tracks.

A Recommendation was made to the City Council on applying for both the Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dale Strehle.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 2, No: 0 A Recommendation was made to the City Council on applying for both the Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dale Strehle.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 2, No: 0

4. Officers' Reports

5. Adjournment

5:22 pm