

CITY OF CRETE, NEBRASKA  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
October 19, 2021

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

Kyle Frans: Present  
Ryan Hinz: Present  
Jack  
Oelschlager: Present  
Present: 3.

3. Items of Business

- A. Provide a recommendation to the City Council on approving the Library Board's recommended changes to the Crete Public Library's Patron Code of Conduct.

Recommend to the City Council to approve the Library Board's recommended changes to the Crete Public Library's Patron Code of Conduct. Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans and a second by Jack Oelschlager.

Kyle Frans: Aye, Ryan Hinz: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye  
Aye: 3, No: 0

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this policy change was recommended after multiple encounters at several different libraries where library guests are videotaping others without their permission.

- B. Discuss options for replacing the red gravel surfacing at the Crete Public Library.

The Committee discussed the issue of the red gravel surfacing at the library eroding and washing away when it rains. It also makes the walking path into the pavilion muddy, which leads patrons to walk off of the path. Stamped concrete was suggested, but plans and specs will go to the Public Works Committee when there's more information.

4. Officers' Reports

During the officer's report, City Administrator Tom Ourada updated the Committee on the Downtown Revitalization project and other development related plans.

5. 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.

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City Clerk-Treasurer

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## Patron Code of Conduct Policies

The Crete Public Library Board of Advisors established these rules to outline appropriate library patron behavior. The Crete Public Library provides a wide range of services for a variety of community members. Inappropriate patron behavior interferes with patron use and enjoyment of the library and library staff effectiveness.

Library patrons shall be respectful of each other and library staff. Patrons shall not engage in behavior that interferes with other patrons' use of the Library, nor shall patron behavior interfere with library staffs' job responsibilities.

Examples of prohibited patron behavior include but are not limited to:

- Destroying property.
- Using any communication devices in a manner that disturbs other patrons. (In particular, extended talking on cell phones is not allowed.)
- Engaging in noisy and boisterous activity, including running, shoving, pushing or fighting.
- Taking photographs or videos of library users without their permission. In the case of minors, permission must come from the parent or legal guardian.
- Engaging in loud conversation above normal conversational levels.
- Gambling, soliciting or panhandling on Library property.
- Sleeping in the Library.
- Consumption of food or beverages shall be limited to covered beverages and snacks in approved areas only. No food or beverages may be consumed while using a patron computer.
- Use or possession of alcohol or illegal drugs.
- Use of tobacco or vaping.
- Accompaniment by any animal other than a service animal, as defined by federal law.
- Using roller skates, skateboards, scooters, or other such devices on Library property.
- Non-compliance with the Library's Internet Policy.
- Leaving children of any age who require supervision at the Library without an appropriate care provider.
- Attending the library with children of any age without providing supervision.
- Use of obscene or abusive language.
- Use or possession of any type of weapons.
- Staring, following, or indecently exposing oneself to another person.
- The absence of appropriate attire, including shirts and shoes.
- Personal hygiene that poses a health risk or provides an offensive odor that interferes with the Library environment and patron or staff Library use.
- Using restrooms for bathing or washing clothes.

Any person who does not comply with these rules will be asked to leave the Library premises. Such persons may be banned from the Library, temporarily or permanently, by the Library Director. Any person wishing to appeal such action must notify the Library Director within five business days of the

adverse action. The Library Director will then forward the appeal to the City Administrator for review. The City Administrator may affirm or reverse the Library Director's decision in whole or in part.

Appeals of the City Administrator's decision will be placed on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting for adjudication. The person filing the appeal must attend the City Council meeting in order for the appeal to be heard. The City Council will review all of the facts and circumstances surrounding the action, may hear testimony from any involved party or witnesses, and may make a decision independent of the decisions made by the Library Director or City Administrator.