

**Crete City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 7, 2012 6:00 PM
Crete City Hall
243 E 13th Street
Crete, NE 68333**

1. Open Meeting

The City Council has posted a 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, if anyone wishes one during this meeting, please advise.

The City Council has assisted listening devices available, if needed please advise.

As each agenda item is considered, if there are any questions concerning the agenda item please advise. The City Council may consider items listed on the agenda in random order.

Please stand and Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

2. Roll Call

Attendance of Council members will be recorded to determine the presence of a quorum for official actions.

3. Petitions - Communications - Citizen Concern

No action can be taken by the council on matters presented under this title except to answer any question posted and/or to refer the matter for further action. Testimony may be limited to 3 minutes per person. Please do not repeat testimony that has already be heard.

4. Special Order of Business

The council may take action to hear testimony in favor of or in opposition to, discuss/limit discussion and take action to approve or disapprove any matter presented under this title.

4.A. Fraternal Order of Police - Membership Dues Payment

The Personnel Committee has reviewed the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #74 request that the membership dues be allowed as a payment made from payroll.

4.B. Electric Equipment Installation Contract

A contract addressing the installation of electric equipment to a farm well.

4.C. Cost of Electric Service - Rate Review

The Public Works Committee has reviewed a proposal by JK Energy Consulting to update the electric cost of service and rates

4.D. Special Claim - Delinquent Taxes on Community Garden

The City has been notified that a property tax exemption has been granted for 2011 on the community garden property gifted to the City, however, there are delinquent 2010 taxes in the amount of \$158.06 plus interest and fees.

5. Resolutions & Ordinances

The Council may take action to hear testimony in favor of or opposition to, discuss/limit discussion and take action to approve or disapprove any matter presented under this title. The Council may take action to waive the statutory rule requiring reading on three separate dates on any ordinance being considered. The Council may take action to pass and approve any matter presented under this title.

5.A. Resolution 2012-04 - Opposing LB 813

A resolution opposing LB 813 due to the potential negative effect on the City

5.B. Resolution 2012-05 - Supporting LB 956

A resolution supporting LB 956 which would provide for an increase in the local option sales tax with a vote of the citizens

5.C. Resolution 2012-06 - Change street names

A resolution changing the name of a portion of North Railway Street (West 13th Street to Quince Avenue) and a portion of West 16th Street (Quince Avenue to Pine Avenue) to Quince Avenue. This has been reviewed by the Public Works Committee.

5.D. Ordinance 1819 - Employee Compensation

An ordinance to amend the title and compensation of certain employees of the City

6. Officers' Reports

Reports may be given by Department Heads, Committees and Council members concerning current operations of the City. Questions may be asked and answered. No action can be taken by the Council on matters presented under this title except to answer any question posed and to refer the matter for further action.

7. Consent Agenda

Council will consider approval of the following items. Explanation may occur for each item and the council may approve and or amend and approve the items listed.

7.A. City Council Meeting Minutes

7.B. City Council Committee Meeting Minutes

7.B.1. Public Works

7.B.2. Community Development/ Legislative

7.B.3. Personnel

7.C. City Treasurer's Report

7.D. Claims Against the City

8. Adjournment

The city council will review the above matters and take such actions as they deem appropriate. The city council may enter into closed session to discuss any matter on this agenda when it is determined by the council that it is in the best interest of the City, clearly necessary for protection of the public interest or the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual and if such individual has not requested a public meeting, or as otherwise allowed by law. Any closed session shall be limited to the subject matter for which the closed session was called. If the motion to close passes, then the presiding officer immediately prior to the closed session shall restate on the record the limitation of the subject matter of the closed session.

The City of Crete assures that no person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, age, disability, handicap or sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity of the City receiving Federal financial assistance. To report discrimination, contact the City Clerk's office.