

CITY OF CRETE, NEBRASKA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

February 18, 2020

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

In accordance with Nebraska law, the City Council has posted a copy of the Open Meetings Act in the back of the council chambers. Items listed on the agenda may be considered in any order.

Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Dave Bauer called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. Roll Call

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

Brian Carnes: Present
Kyle Frans: Present
Ryan Hinz: Present
Jack Oelschlager: Present
Travis Sears: Present
Dale Strehle: Present
Present: 6.

3. Consent Agenda

All items listed on the consent agenda will be approved by one motion and vote. No separate discussion of these items will occur unless the Mayor, a Councilmember, or a citizen so requests. If such a request is made, the item will be moved out of the consent agenda and considered separately.

Approve the Consent Agenda items. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Travis Sears.
Brian Carnes: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ryan Hinz: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

3.A. City Council Meeting Minutes

3.A.1. City Council Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2020

3.B. City Council Committee Meeting Minutes

3.B.1. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2020.

3.B.2. Legislative and Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2020.

3.B.3. Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2020.

3.B.4. Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2020.

3.B.5. Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2020

3.C. City Treasurer's Report

3.D. Claims Against the City

3.D.1. Sampson Pay Application #17 for \$162,467.52 for library construction.

4. New Business

4.A. Consider approving a fireworks display at Tuxedo Park on Saturday April 25, 2020 with a backup date of May 2, 2020.

Approve the request to hold a fireworks display for vendors at Tuxedo Park on April 25, 2020. Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans and a second by Jack Oelschlager.

Brian Carnes: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ryan Hinz: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

4.B. Consider approving Saline County Ag Society's request for a parade on July 18, 2020 and associated street closings.

Event Date: July 18, 2020

Time: 10:00am

Closings Requested: 9th St - Boswell to Main

Main - 9th to 12th

12th - Main to Quince

Quince - 12th to 13th and crossing Hwy 33
to Tuxedo Park

Table the Saline County Ag Society's request for a parade on July 18, 2020. Carried with a motion by Ryan Hinz and a second by Kyle Frans.

Brian Carnes: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ryan Hinz: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

4.C. Review the list of automatic Non-C Liquor License Renewals.

Approve the list of automatic Non-C Liquor License Renewals. Carried with a motion by Ryan Hinz and a second by Jack Oelschlager.

Brian Carnes: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ryan Hinz: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

4.D. Consider extending the current Keno operator contract or requesting bids/proposals for a new contract.

Extend the current Keno operator's contract for one year to include monthly financial and performance reviews and notification of action prior to the renewal date. Carried with a motion by Ryan Hinz and a second by Jack Oelschlager.

Brian Carnes: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ryan Hinz: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.E. Consider adopting a new City Employee Timekeeping Policy.

Recommend City Council approve the proposed City Employee Timekeeping Policy. Carried with a motion by Ryan Hinz and a second by Travis Sears.

Brian Carnes: Aye, Ryan Hinz: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye
Aye: 3, No: 0

Adopt a new City Employee Timekeeping Policy. Carried with a motion by Brian Carnes and a second by Ryan Hinz.

Brian Carnes: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ryan Hinz: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.F. Consider approving the Wildwood Pool Splashpad plans and setting a bid opening date of March 12, 2020.

Approve the Wildwood Pool Splashpad Plans and Specs and set a bid opening date of March 12, 2020 at 11:00am. Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans and a second by Jack Oelschlager.

Brian Carnes: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ryan Hinz: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.G. Consider adopting Resolution 2020-06: A Resolution restricting parking at the northeast corner of 15th Street and Glenwood Drive.

Pass Resolution 2020-06 restricting parking at 15th & Glenwood from the Northeast corner to 30' north. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Travis Sears.

Brian Carnes: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ryan Hinz: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.H. Consider authorizing the purchase of Lot 1, Block A of Belohlavy Industrial Tract II.

Authorize the purchase of Lot 1 Block A of the Belohlavy Industrial Tract II. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Ryan Hinz.

Brian Carnes: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ryan Hinz: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

- This property totals twelve (12) acres.

- There were test wells drilled on this property last year for a prospective water well.
- The water chemistry revealed that this water is low in iron, manganese, and nitrates, thus needing no water treatment.
- Potentially the City will construct a community water well on the property, located on the West side of the Big Blue River, and raise water capacity at least 20%.

4.I. Consider adopting Resolution 2020-07: A Resolution authorizing the Finance Director to be the Designated Officer for the Orscheln Credit Program.

Pass Resolution 2020-07 authorizing the City Treasurer to be a designated user on the Orsheln credit card. Carried with a motion by Travis Sears and a second by Dale Strehle.

Brian Carnes: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ryan Hinz: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

5. Petitions - Communications - Citizen Concerns

No action can be taken by the council on matters presented under this title except to answer any question posed 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.

Scott Kuncl of 709 E 11th St. Crete, NE, spoke in opposition to demolishing the old library building. He and other Crete residents including Janet Jeffries, Gabby Solhiem, and Jennifer Robison each voiced concern and asked the Council to reconsider their vote and ponder keeping the building and think about alternative uses. Mary Moser of Hallam, NE added that she opposes demolishing the library as well and questioned if there was a hidden agenda. She also voiced opposition to the concept of roundabout intersections in Crete. She asked how the City would fund a roundabout project. Mayor Bauer replied that it was currently in the exploratory phase.

Mayor Bauer explained all the points of the process the Council used to arrive at their decision concerning the Library. He talked about the financial aspects of the decision including the history of the funding of repairs and the challenges faced with this building over the years. Council Member Hinz noted that the Council began discussing this issue many months ago. He also noted that we are going to attempt to utilize as much as feasible from the old library to retask into future projects.

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.

Library Director Joy Stevenson reported that the new Library continues to be quite busy and that they have 140 new patrons since opening. Tom Ourada reported that the sidewalk and retaining wall issue that was reported to the Council was being addressed with the police and building inspector. HE also reported that the flood plain FEMA remap work has been delayed. Mr. Ourada reported on the materials that the street department has applied so far this winter and potential disposition of the old library and contents.

7. 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 clearly necessary for protection of the public interest or the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual and if such an 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. The complete agenda with attachments is available at www.crete.ne.gov.

Motion to adjourn. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Travis Sears.

Brian Carnes: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ryan Hinz: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye, Dale Strehle:

Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

Mayor

(SEAL)

City Clerk

I, Judi Meyer, 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.

City Clerk

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