

CITY OF CRETE, NEBRASKA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

April 6, 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

Ryan Hinz: Present

Jack
Oelschlager: Present

Dale Strehle: Present

Present: 3.

3. Items of Business

A. Discuss and provide a recommendation to the City Council on approving the purchase of five sets of firefighting gear for \$18,515 from Sandry Fire Supply.

Recommend City Council approval of the Sandry Fire Supply quote for 5 sets of firefighting gear for \$18,515.00. Carried with a motion by Ryan Hinz and a second by Dale Strehle.

Ryan Hinz: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 3, No: 0

Brandan Smejdir was present from the Fire Department to explain that the 5 sets of gear are the same as was budgeted, ordered and purchased last year.

B. Discuss and provide a recommendation to the City Council on approving the Fire Department's request to submit a grant application to the Emergency Drinking Water for Wildland Firefighters Program for canned drinking water.

Recommend City Council approval of the grant application for canned water for wildfire fighting by the Fire Department. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Ryan Hinz.

Ryan Hinz: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 3, No: 0

C. Discuss adjusting the dates allowed for fireworks sales.

Mayor Bauer explained that he had been contacted about reducing the number of days for fireworks sales. Dan Papik addressed the committee and requested the reduction in days because he did not sell more fireworks in the expanded time, but had to hire more help.

Larry Koener reported that the Knights of Columbus did sell more in the expanded days and it is an important fund raiser for the group. They also paid over \$8,000 in sales tax last year. The Knights of Columbus are not opposed to fewer days, but their vendor already has this year's product ordered and shipped, so it would be better to make the change for next year.

The committee took the information and will discuss a change in the future.

D. Discuss amending the fire pit regulations to change the distance gas and propane fire pits can be from structures or other combustible materials.

Recommend the City Attorney draft an ordinance to change the regulations on gas fire pits to follow manufacturers' recommendations. Carried with a motion by Ryan Hinz and a second by Dale Strehle.

Ryan Hinz: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 3, No: 0

Mayor Bauer reported that he has had requests to change the regulations on gas fire pits. He did some research and the contacts he made suggested that the regulations for gas fire pits be changed to follow the manufacturers' recommendations. Also, the wood fire pits should remain at 25 feet from buildings.

E. Discuss the creation of an Investigative Sergeant position within the Police Department and the appropriate wage/salary of such position.

City Administrator Tom Ourada reported that the Civil Service Commission will be working on a new, not additional, position for the Police Department. Current trends are an increase in high tech crimes that require special investigative methods. It is recommended that an investigative sergeant position be created and filled prior to filling the patrol officer position that is vacant. The committee will be updated on this procedure as it moves forward.

4. Officers' Reports

5. Adjournment

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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Quote

EST-008637

Sandry Fire Supply LLC

618 6th Street
DeWitt, Iowa 52742
U.S.A
5636592357

Estimate Date : 03/16/21
Expiry Date : 04/30/21
Reference# : Globe Gear Quote
Sales person : Brad Pfeiffer

Bill To

Crete, NE Volunteer FD
210 E 14th St
Crete, NE 68333

#	Item & Description	Qty	Rate	Amount
1	glATHCoat-Crete Globe Athletix Coat per Crete Fire Spec	5.00 Each	2,086.00	10,430.00
2	glATHPant-Crete Globe Athletix Pant per Crete Fire Spec	5.00 Each	1,617.00	8,085.00
			Sub Total	18,515.00
			Total	\$18,515.00

Notes

Looking forward to earning your business.

Terms & Conditions

Shipping and Handling are not included in the above pricing

Anheuser-Busch and the National Volunteer Fire Council are teaming up for the third year to provide critical hydration to volunteer fire departments responding to wildfires through the **Emergency Drinking Water for Wildland Firefighters** program.



The program is an expansion of Anheuser-Busch's longstanding tradition of providing emergency drinking water and supplies for disaster relief efforts. Anheuser-Busch is continuing its commitment in 2021 by pledging to donate 1.5 million cans of clean drinking water to help keep wildland firefighters hydrated as they protect and strengthen their communities.

To apply, departments must be located in the U.S., annually respond to wildfires, be over 50 percent volunteer, and serve a population of 25,000 or less.

Since the program began in 2019, over 3.2 million cans of water have been distributed to more than 520 departments in 47 states. Departments in declared emergencies due to wildfire are able to request water outside of the application period to help with their immediate wildfire response needs.

The application deadline is **April 23**.