



CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

October 21st, 2025 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 the application from TML Properties for a R-3 Special Exception permit request at 307 E 12th St for a sign

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, discussed that this will require a permit because of the way it is zoned, and will need to have a special exception permit. The Council will have to take action on every finding for this permit.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to review the application from TML Properties for a R-3 Special Exception permit request at 307 E. 12th St. for a sign. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dale Strehle.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 2, No: 0

3.B. JEO discussing 2025 New Well and Transmission Main

JEO representative discussed the final plans for the new well and transmission main, as well as the permits needed.

3.C. WAPA Agreement

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, discussed how WAPA had not sent their regular agreement; they have only sent the drafts.

Recommendation to the City Council to table the WAPA Agreement. Tabled with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dale Strehle.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 2, No: 0

3.D. Draft Preliminary Scope of Work Crete, NE-BNSF Railway Corridor Highway/Rail Grade Crossing Safety Study Project

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, discussed how Burlington wanted to do a study, which potentially can result in a pedestrian and/or car overpass and a quiet zone.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to proceed with the Draft Preliminary Scope of Work Crete, NE-BNSF Railway Corridor Highway/Rail Grade Crossing Safety Study Project 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. Burlington Estates Improvements

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, discussed how this is not ready yet and will need to be tabled.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to table the Burlington Estates Improvements until more information is received. Tabled with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dale Strehle.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 2, No: 0

3.F. Blue Acres Drive Paving

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, discussed the complaints received about Blue Acres Drive. Tom stated that he was not sure the surrounding businesses would proceed with this. After further discussion, an assessment schedule will be given to property owners at Blue Acres Drive.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to present the assessment schedule to the property owners at Blue Acres Drive. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dale Strehle.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 2, No: 0

3.G. Waste Connections draft agreement

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, discussed how there are several changes in the agreement and some City protections that were taken out. The draft agreement will be sent back to Waste Connections with changes that the City wants to keep from the original agreement.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to table the Waste Connections draft agreement. Tabled with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dale Strehle.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 2, No: 0

3.H. Consider changing the Bid letting date for Crete Street & Alley Improvements from November 6th, 2025 to November 13th, 2025 at 10:00am

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, discussed how the City received the notice late; if we changed, it would be out for 3 weeks rather than 1 week.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to change the Bid letting date for Crete Street & Alley Improvements from November 6th, 2025 to November 13th, 2025 at 10:00am.

Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dale Strehle.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 2, No: 0

3.I. Consider the Jelinek Addition Administrative Subdivision

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, explained this would be the third version, and the change was not right. The owner certificate should be the Personal Representative of the Estate. That is the only thing that needs to be updated to proceed.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to approve the Jelinek Addition Administrative Subdivision. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dale Strehle.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 2, No: 0

3.J. Discuss the Land Development, Planning, Zoning Application from Allen Agency, Inc requesting a variance for a house located at 315 W 10th St to allow an egress window on west side of the residence.

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, discussed how Allen Agency, Inc requested a variance because he wanted to make a zone change that does not comply with the City's zoning and building codes. There is no zoning that he can be in that will allow an egress window to allow a bedroom in the basement. This location is also below the floodway.

3.K. Executive session discussing property purchase

Dale Strehle made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss property purchase with the full council, Tom Ourada, Alison Janecek Borer, Dave Bauer, and Nancy Tellez at 5:38 p.m. Dale Strehle motioned and Anthony Fitzgerald seconded to exit executive session at 5:49 p.m.

4. Officers' Reports

5. Adjournment