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## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:00 PM  
Crete City Hall, 243 East 13<sup>th</sup> Street

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### 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

Tom Crisman: Present  
Anthony Fitzgerald: Present  
Kyle Frans: Present  
Ashley Newmyer: Present  
Dan Papik: Present  
Dale Strehle: Present

Present: 6.

#### 3. Consent Agenda

Approved Consent Agenda Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

#### 3.A. Approve Meeting Minutes

- 3.A.1. July 15th, 2025 City Council Minutes**
- 3.A.2. July 15th, 2025 Public Works Committee Minutes**
- 3.A.3. July 15th, 2025 Public Safety Committee Minutes**
- 3.A.4. July 15th, 2025 Legislative & Economic Development Committee Minutes**
- 3.A.5. July 15th, 2025 Finance Committee Minutes**
- 3.B. Accept the City Treasurer's Report**
- 3.C. Approve the Payment of Claims Against the City**

**4. Items of Business**

**4.A. Public Hearing on proposed Zoning Change Request PID 760144733 CRETE CITY PINE RIDGE ADD LOT 1 BLK 2 .41 ACRE, PID 760148160 BIG BLUE PRCT PT NW 1/4 NW 1/4 SEC. 2-7-4 .41 ACRES ICL R1 To R2**

Opened Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m. on proposed Zoning Change Request PID 760144733 CRETE CITY PINE RIDGE ADD LOT 1 BLK 2 .41 ACRE, PID 760148160 BIG BLUE PRCT PT NW 1/4 NW 1/4 SEC. 2-7-4 .41 ACRES ICL R1 To R2 Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Abstain (With Conflict), Tom Crisman: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
 Aye: 5, No: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that this is a request is to be able to reconfigure the lot lines on two parcels of land on South Boswell from two lots to three lots. To be able to do this the lots have to be R2 and they are asking for rezoning from R1 to R2. This went to the Planning Commission and they voted to recommend it to the City Council.

Closed Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m. on proposed Zoning Change Request PID 760144733 CRETE CITY PINE RIDGE ADD LOT 1 BLK 2 .41 ACRE, PID 760148160 BIG BLUE PRCT PT NW 1/4 NW 1/4 SEC. 2-7-4 .41 ACRES ICL R1 To R2 Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Abstain (With Conflict), Tom Crisman: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
 Aye: 5, No: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

**4.B. Consider the proposed Zoning Change Request PID 760144733 CRETE CITY PINE RIDGE ADD LOT 1 BLK 2 .41 ACRE, PID 760148160 BIG BLUE PRCT PT NW 1/4 NW 1/4 SEC. 2-7-4 .41 ACRES ICL R1 To R2**

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Anthony Fitzgerald: Abstain (With Conflict), Tom Crisman: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
 Aye: 5, No: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

**4.C. Public Hearing on proposed amendment to the Land Use Zoning Map PID 760144733 CRETE CITY PINE RIDGE ADD LOT 1 BLK 2 .41 ACRE, PID 760148160 BIG BLUE PRCT PT NW 1/4 NW 1/4 SEC. 2-7-4 .41 ACRES ICL R1 To R2**

Opened Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m. on proposed amendment to the Land Use Zoning Map PID 760144733 CRETE CITY PINE RIDGE ADD LOT 1 BLK 2 .41 ACRE, PID 760148160 BIG BLUE PRCT PT NW 1/4 NW 1/4 SEC. 2-7-4 .41 ACRES ICL R1 To R2 Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.  
Anthony Fitzgerald: Abstain (With Conflict), Tom Crisman: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 5, No: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this is on the proposed amendment to the Land Use Zoning Map.

Closed Public Hearing at 6:06 p.m. on proposed amendment to the Land Use Zoning Map PID 760144733 CRETE CITY PINE RIDGE ADD LOT 1 BLK 2 .41 ACRE, PID 760148160 BIG BLUE PRCT PT NW 1/4 NW 1/4 SEC. 2-7-4 .41 ACRES ICL R1 To R2 Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.  
Anthony Fitzgerald: Abstain (With Conflict), Tom Crisman: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 5, No: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

**4.D. Consider the proposed amendment to the Land Use Zoning Map PID 760144733 CRETE CITY PINE RIDGE ADD LOT 1 BLK 2 .41 ACRE, PID 760148160 BIG BLUE PRCT PT NW 1/4 NW 1/4 SEC. 2-7-4 .41 ACRES ICL R1 To R2**

Approved the proposed amendment to the Land Use Zoning Map PID 760144733 CRETE CITY PINE RIDGE ADD LOT 1 BLK 2 .41 ACRE, PID 760148160 BIG BLUE PRCT PT NW 1/4 NW 1/4 SEC. 2-7-4 .41 ACRES ICL R1 To R2 Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.  
Anthony Fitzgerald: Abstain (With Conflict), Tom Crisman: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 5, No: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

**4.E. 2025 Crete Water & Sewer Rate Study**

Approved the 2025 Crete Water & Sewer Rate Study. Water Rate Schedule 1 and Wastewater Rate Schedule 2. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.  
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 6, No: 0

**4.F. Consider the Saline County Rural Fire MFO Agreement**

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that this is the Saline County Rural Fire MFO Agreement. This is a standard agreement and this item went to the Public Safety Committee.

Approved the Saline County Rural Fire MFO Agreement Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Tom Crisman.  
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 6, No: 0

**4.G. Consider the Certification of subdivision improvement for Burlington Estates**

Tabled the Certification of subdivision improvement for Burlington Estates Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 6, No: 0

**4.H. Consider the Crete Police Department applying for the Highway Safety Mini-grant for car seats**

Chief of Police Gary Young stated that this a \$2,500 no match mini-grant for child safety seats. School Resource Officer Noah Zach is a certified car seat safety technician.

Approved the Crete Police Department applying for the Highway Safety Mini-grant for car seats Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 6, No: 0

**4.I. Consider the claims from Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$104.63**

Approved the claims from Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$104.63 Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 6, No: 0

**4.J. Consider Resolution 2025-9 LARM Renewal**

Adopt Resolution 2025-9 LARM Renewal 180 day and 3 year commitment; 5% discount. Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans and a second by Ashley Newmyer.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 6, No: 0

**4.K. Consider Resolution 2025-12 Introducing propositions for voters to approve the extension of the City .5% sales and use tax and extension of the City's Local Option Municipal Economic Development plan to be voted on by the community on November 4 2025**

Adopt Resolution 2025-12 Introducing propositions for voters to approve the extension of the City .5% sales and use tax and extension of the City's Local Option Municipal Economic Development plan to be voted on by the community on November 4 2025 Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Dale Strehle.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 6, No: 0

Mayor Dave Bauer stated that this is the LB840 program and it has been used on many good things to improve the community. This is for it to be on the ballot to be renewed. City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that after this vote City employees and elected officials can only provide information on it and answer questions and not spend money on it.

**4.L. Consider the Lift Station Construction Agreement between the City of Crete and Dittmer & Dittmer, LLC**

Approved the Lift Station Construction Agreement between the City of Crete and Dittmer & Dittmer, LLC Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 6, No: 0

**4.M. Approve maintenance plans and set bid date for the Business Improvement District**

Approved the maintenance plans and set bid date to Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. for the Business Improvement District Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 6, No: 0

**4.N. Consider Resolution 2025-13 authorizing the city to increase the match to Police Officer retirement contributions to 9%**

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated this is mandated by state statute.

Adopt Resolution 2025-13 authorizing the city to increase the match to Police Officer retirement contributions to 9% Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 6, No: 0

**4.O. Consider authorizing to apply for the LARM Safety Grant**

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that this is to apply for the LARM Safety Grant. It is a no-match \$500 grant. In the past, the City of Crete has applied for a grant to help purchase first aid kits, traffic cones, and they are looking at a couple of ideas on what to apply for this year.

Approved to authorize to apply for the LARM Safety Grant Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 6, No: 0

**4.P. Consider City of Crete engineer formally making plans and specs for lift station construction.**

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated this is for the City engineer to formally make plans and specs for the lift station construction.

Approved the City of Crete engineer formally making plans and specs for lift station construction. Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Dale Strehle.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 6, No: 0

**4.Q. Consider amendment to auction agreement**

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that this amendment is to change the date to Saturday, September 6th, 2025.

Approved amendment to auction agreement Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

**4.R. Consider the City of Crete #24DTR001 Payment Request #2 in the amount of \$6,096.54 from Southeast Nebraska Development District.**

Approved the City of Crete #24DTR001 Payment Request #2 in the amount of \$6,096.54 from Southeast Nebraska Development District. Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Kyle Frans.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

**4.S. Consider the Crete 24PWI004 Payment Request #2 from Southeast Nebraska Development District in the amount of \$7,114.10**

Approved the Crete 24PWI004 Payment Request #2 from Southeast Nebraska Development District in the amount of \$7,114.10 Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

**5. Petitions - Communications - Citizen Concerns**

**6. Officers' Reports**

- Park and Recreation Director Liz Cody stated the following:
  - Held the Wildwood Pool's annual Pooch Pool Party last Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 and the pool is now closed for the season.
  - Registrations are open through Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 for Flag Football.
  - Will be going to Beatrice on Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 for a presentation award of \$25,000 Big Rock grant from ExMark and will also be receiving the Exmark Mower the City was awarded earlier this year.
- Chief of Police Gary Young stated the following:
  - School Resource Officer Noah Zach has been busy with Project Protein which helped get 1,600 pounds of meat donated to 160 families in need.
  - Sergeant Morehouse worked together with the Lincoln, Lancaster and Nebraska City Police Departments to solve some gambling machine thefts.
  - Touch-A-Truck event will be at the Crete Public Library on Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. There will be a variety of city vehicles, including fire trucks, police cars, street sweepers, snow plows, and more.

- Library Director Jessica Wilkinson stated the following:
  - The Children’s Library of Things include Toniebox kits, Storytelling kits, and book buddy puppets.
  - Upcoming programs include: Adult Craft Night-Diamond Painting on Wednesday, August, 13<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 5:30 p.m., Adult Puzzle Race, Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the 1206.
- City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that amendments to the food truck ordinance will be discussed at the next committee and council meetings.
- Mayor Dave Bauer stated that there is a group from Lincoln that hosts someone from Romania and they are coming to Crete on Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to learn about city government.

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

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Mayor

(SEAL)

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City Clerk

I, Nancy Tellez, 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 (S E A L)

