



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

September 2nd, 2025 at 6:20 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

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

Present: 5, Absent: 1.

3. Consent Agenda

Approved the Consent Agenda Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

3.A. Approve Meeting Minutes

- 3.A.1. August 19th, 2025 City Council Minutes**
- 3.A.2. August 19th, 2025 Public Works Meeting Minutes**
- 3.A.3. August 19th, 2025 Legislative & Economic Development Meeting Minutes**
- 3.A.4. August 19th, 2025 Park and Rec Meeting Minutes**
- 3.A.5. August 19th, 2025 Personnel Meeting Minutes**
- 3.A.6. August 27th, 2025 City Council Special/Work Session Meeting Minutes**
- 3.B. Accept the City Treasurer's Report**
- 3.C. Approve the Payment of Claims Against the City**
- 3.D. Mayor's appointment of Thomas Reeves to the Historic Preservation Commission**

4. Items of Business

4.A. Consider Ordinance 2254 amending food truck regulations

Tabled Ordinance 2254 amending food truck regulations Tabled 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

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.B. Consider Resolution 2025-17 Amending Resolution 2025-12, setting proposition language for November 4, 2025 election - local option municipal sale and use tax and economic development

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that City Attorney Anna Burge changed the numbering so that it would match what it was referencing in the ballot issues.

Adopted Resolution 2025-17 Amending Resolution 2025-12, setting proposition language for November 4, 2025 election - local option municipal sale and use tax and economic development 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

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.C. Consider Resolution 2025-18 Signing of the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2025

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that this is an annual requirement.

Adopted Resolution 2025-18 Signing of the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2025 Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.D. Consider Ordinance 2256 Amending Board of Adjustment

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that there was a change in legislation. This would also help, since in the past, it has been difficult to find people to be on the board and this is returning authority to the people who make the laws.

Introduced Ordinance 2256 and moved that the statutory rule requiring three separate readings be suspended Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Papik: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

Enact Ordinance 2256 Amending Board of Adjustment Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Papik: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.E. Resolution 2025-19 removing the appointed board of adjustment

Adopt Resolution 2025-19 removing the appointed board of adjustment 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

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.F. Consider the Application for Special Event Permit SE25-07 for the Halloween Festival from TJ Sokol's

Xochitl Boughtin addressed the City Council and stated that this will be the second year for the festival. The first year they had about 350 attendants and this year they are hoping to have 500 attendants.

Approved the Application for Special Event Permit SE25-07 for the Halloween Festival from TJ Sokol's Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Kyle Frans.

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

Papik: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.G. Consider the Application for Special Event Permit SE25-08 for the Parade from the Crete High School

Mayor Dave Bauer stated that this is an application for the parade for the Crete High School, and it is the same route as last year.

Approved the Application for Special Event Permit SE25-08 for the Parade from the Crete High School Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

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

Papik: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.H. Consider amending the Master Fee Schedule

Approved to amend the Master Fee Schedule 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

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.I. Consider the Department of Public Works Utility account write off in the amount of \$18,115.34

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this is cost of doing business. Mayor Dave Bauer explained that the City tried to collect the amount due. However, these are amounts due from people that moved or some have passed away.

Approved the Department of Public Works Utility account write off in the amount of \$18,115.34 Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.J. Consider forwarding Roger Braden's claim to the League Association of Risk Management (LARM)

Mayor Dave Bauer stated this is City procedure to forward the claims to the League Association of Risk Management (LARM)
Approved forwarding Roger Braden's claim to the League Association of Risk Management (LARM) Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.K. Consider forwarding Jose Tapia's claim to the League Association of Risk Management (LARM)

Approved forwarding Jose Tapia's claim to the League Association of Risk Management (LARM) Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

5. Petitions - Communications - Resident Concerns

6. Officers' Reports

- Chief of Police Gary Young stated the following:
 - Thanked the Fire Department for their help with a death investigation.
 - School Resource Officer Noah Zach has been very busy with many new ideas. He will be helping with the Free Car Seat Check Event on September 25th, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Parks and Recreation Director Liz Cody stated the following:
 - Doane University Service Leadership Volunteer Angelo Franco will be helping the Parks and Recreation Department this fall.
 - Flag Football starts on September 7th, 2025 and there are over 70 participants total.
 - Crete Parks and Recreation is also partnering with the Girl Scouts - an information meeting for parents will be held in the Crete Carrier Community Room on September 9th. Information about financial assistance for participation from the Doane Equity Fund will be available.
 - Nebraska Forest Service Intern Clara Walstad is finishing her tree inventory work with Crete - this has been her 2nd year working with Crete.

- The City of Crete was recognized at the Tree City USA Ceremony held in Kearney on August 21st, 2025 - and Liz Cody was recognized as the recipient of the annual Denise Eggers Community Forestry Award
- Building Inspector Trenton Griffin provided the Building Inspector Permit Log. He stated that there are 3 new homes being built. With the new the new system for permits he is waiting on 3 permits for commercial properties.
- Human Resources Coordinator Jody Fiehtner introduced new Street Department employee Doug Harms.
- Council members Ashley Newmyer, Anthony Fitzgerald, and Dan Papik thanked the City of Crete staff for their work on the City Budget. Fitzgerald also thanked the staff for helping move things for the surplus action on Saturday, September 6th, 2025.
- City Administrator Tom Ourada stated the following:
 - The Nebraska Department of Transportation has the Infrastructure Hub. The City of Crete had a meeting last week at Doane University and a meeting this week with NDOT and Federal Highway. With the Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Grant Program a lot of the things we would have had to do, NDOT with the Infrastructure Hub will be helping us complete the work.
 - This \$300,000 RCP Planning Grant is for the Crete Pedestrian Bridge Project to connect north and south Crete.
 - Our partners with the Thriving Communities Program will be here for the site visit on Monday, September 16th, 2025 through Wednesday, September 18th, 2025. They will be assessing the projects that we would like to work on with the \$300,000 of that grant and how to apply for more funding for the construction of the projects.
 - The City of Crete will be partnering with Doane University Engineering students again this year with design work on several projects such as the electric substation and traffic routes.
 - Have been working on zoning with the Planning Commission and a consultant that had been working on zoning has left to take a position elsewhere. We are looking at another consultant.
 - The City of Crete Surplus Auction will take place on Saturday, September 6th, 2025 at 10:00am.
- Mayor Dave Bauer stated that JEO has been working on a housing study. They had a meeting to gather information and discussed how to grow Crete and the housing situation. Once all the information is gathered it will come to the City Council.

6.A. Building Inspector Permit Log

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Mayor

(SEAL)

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.

City Clerk

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