



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

December 2nd, 2025 at 6:00 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

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

Present: 5, Absent: 1.

3. Consent Agenda

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

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

3.A. Approve Meeting Minutes

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- 3.A.1. November 18th, 2025 City Council Minutes**
- 3.A.2. November 18th, 2025 Public Works Minutes**
- 3.A.3. November 18th, 2025 Finance Committee Minutes**
- 3.A.4. November 18th, 2025 Public Safety Committee Minutes**
- 3.A.5. November 18th, 2025 Legislative & Economic Development 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. Consider Resolution No. 2025-28 Establishing a time and place for the purchase of Real Property North of Crete, Approximately one-half mile north of Highway 33 on Boswell Ave, Crete, Nebraska.

Tabled Resolution No. 2025-28 Establishing a time and place for the purchase of Real Property North of Crete, Approximately one-half mile north of Highway 33 on Boswell Ave, Crete, Nebraska. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Tom Crisman.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.B. Public Hearing to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and to answer questions in relation to the proposed zoning change Request PID 760141282 C-2 to C-1

Opened the Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m.

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this also went to the Planning Commission for a public hearing. The Planning Commission recommended to the City Council the zoning change request. Ourada explained that this zoning change meets the statutory and ordinance requirements. Ourada explained that Ron Sack and Tom Sorensen worked on this to do a pickleball facility and a portion of the property wouldn't meet C2 setbacks. Ourada explained that the C1 zoning would be contiguous.

Opened the Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m. to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and to answer questions in relation to the proposed zoning change Request PID 760141282 C-2 to C-1 Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

Closed the Public Hearing at 6:04 p.m. to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and to answer questions in relation to the proposed zoning change Request PID 760141282 C-2 to C-1 Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.C. Consider the proposed zoning change Request PID 760141282 C-2 to C-1

Approved the proposed zoning change Request PID 760141282 C-2 to C-1 Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.D. Consider the Maintenance Agreement and Certificate of Compliance

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, explained that this is an annual agreement between the City of Crete and the state for state right away that runs through the City limits. This went to the Public Works committee.

Approved the Maintenance Agreement and Certificate of Compliance Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.E. Consider approving the amendments to the Waste Connections Agreement

City Attorney Alison J Borer stated that the date was changed to January 1st 2026. This item went to the Public Works Committee.

Approved the amendments to the Waste Connections Agreement Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.F. Consider appointing JEO as the 2026 City Engineer

Approved to appoint JEO as the 2026 City Engineer Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.G. Consider the Crete Carrier Room Grant Application for a Chamber of Commerce event on Tax Preparer Fraud

Council member Ashley Newmyer stated that this item went to the Legislative Development Committee and recommended to the City Council to approve this application.

Approved the Crete Carrier Room Grant Application for a Chamber of Commerce event on Tax Preparer Fraud Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Tom Crisman.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.H. Consider authorizing to apply for the Civic and Community Center Financing Fund (CCCCFF)

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that the City is going to be applying for the CCCCFF grant application for improvements to City Park including a new pavilion and restrooms. This is a 50% match grant.

Approved to authorize to apply for the Civic and Community Center Financing Fund (CCCCFF) Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.I. Consider the CavMac Engagement Letter and data request

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this is a letter of engagement with CavMac which is a firm that Cline Williams recommenced to perform the calculation of the mortality rates and actuarial equivalent of the disabled police officer's limit of benefits.

Approved the CavMac Engagement Letter and data request Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Dale Strehle.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

5. Petitions - Communications - Resident Concerns

6. Officers' Reports

- Library Director Jessica Wilkinson stated the following:
 - The Crete Public Library was closed for two days in November for staff to attend maker space training at the Innovation Campus in Lincoln.
 - The new tech club will meet once a month and there will be a meal prep class. Game Night will be on New Year's Eve from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 - The movie Elf will be hosted by the Library at the Isis Theatre on December 13th, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
 - The library had some HVAC issues and events were canceled on Monday, December 1st, 2025.
- Parks and Recreation Director Liz Cody stated the following:
 - Snow Removal efforts/adjusted hours over thanksgiving weekend.
 - Adjusted food bank distribution Monday, December 29th, 2025.
 - Working with City Administrator Tom Ourada to review fee schedules, programs calendars, and facility agreements.
 - Meeting with community members to gather feedback about park programs.
- Building Inspector Trent Griffin stated the following:
 - He sent out 62 letters for clearing sidewalks to property owners on Main Ave and near the elementary school.
 - Working on closing out older permits and continuing with current housing permits.
 - City Administrator Tom Ourada asked Griffin to provide information on the library heating issue. Griffin explained that two months ago he and IT Director Mike Kalkwarf were looking at boiler issues and control access is through screens on digital devices which were not working. Griffin explained that they have 2 of the 3 boilers working and will still need to work on the 3rd one with a technician.

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- Human Resources Coordinator Jody Fiehtner introduced Sheila Balbuena as the new part-time Admirative Assistant in the Community Assistance Office
- City Administrator Tom Ourada stated the following:
 - Snow removal went generally well. There were some hiccups with the downtown business district removal and they are being worked through.
- Mayor Dave Bauer stated the following:
 - Received two calls from individuals who had calls from the library’s phone number calling in regards to Medicare. The City does not call about Medicare.
 - The Apace Choir Holiday concert will be at the Crete Carrier Community Room on Wednesday, December 3rd, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

Adam Wackel’s Machine Shop will be hosting Governor Pillen with a meal on Tuesday, December 4th, 2025 from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

6.A. List of projects

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 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

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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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