



CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

August 19th, 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

Anthony Fitzgerald: Present
Dan Papik: Present
Dale Strehle: Present
Present: 3.

3. Items of Business

3.A. Consider Ordinance 2255 Codifying municipal sewer and water rates

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, explained that this is the rate study that was accepted and just needs to be put into Ordinance form for council consideration.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to approve Ordinance 2255 Codifying municipal sewer and water rates. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dan Papik.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 3, No: 0

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

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, discussed how it would be better to submit this claim to insurance.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to forward Roget Braden's claim to the League Association of Risk Management (LARM). Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dan Papik.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 3, No: 0

3.C. Consider authorizing the City of Crete to apply for the Water Security Grant Program

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, discussed how this is a small program for water security.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to authorize the City of Crete to apply for the Water Security Grant Program. Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 3, No: 0

3.D. Consider authorizing the City of Crete to apply for the Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program Fiscal Year 2024-2025

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, explained that this is something the City has applied for before and is able to get up to \$250,000. The City is thinking that this would help speed up the projects that are being looked at on Iris, such as the pedestrian walk bridge.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to have the City of Crete to apply for the Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dan Papik.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 3, No: 0

3.E. Consider authorizing the City of Crete to apply for the State Aid Grant Program.

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, explained that this is with the Nebraska Department of Aeronautics. The City is looking into getting a rotating beacon that is between \$80,000 - \$90,000.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to authorize the City of Crete to apply for the State Aid Grant Program. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dan Papik.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 3, No: 0

3.F. Consider the Kidwell Microsoft Office 365 Migration

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, explained that the City will need to move to a cloud-based solution. Mike Kalkwarf stated that the City would be replacing the on-premises exchange server and migrate over to Microsoft Office 365, which is a cloud and backed up offsite. The City has grant funds to cover the migration and the monthly cost of the mail service.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to approve Kidwell Microsoft Office 365 Migration. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dan Papik.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 3, No: 0

3.G. Discussion on the City Council acting as the Board of Adjustments

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, discussed how the Board of Adjustment would work with the City Council. Committee members will continue the discussion.

3.H. Discuss no parking on Boswell Ave to Forest Ave on 11th Street

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, presented pictures of the streets that are being discussed. Further discussion was discussed on what side of the street and what streets there should be no parking.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to adopt no parking on Boswell Ave to Forest Ave on 11th Street on the south side. Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 3, No: 0

3.I. Consider the application from Segra for a permit to occupy the City of Crete's Right of Way

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, explained that this would involve multiple properties. Tom did state he didn't see any issues and recommended it be approved.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to approve the application from Segra for a permit to occupy the City of Crete's Right of Way. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dan Papik.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 3, No: 0

3.J. Consider the Administrative Subdivision Application from Bar Above Ranch

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, explained that this would be a straight administrative subdivision and has been through the Planning Commission for the zoning part.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to approve the Administrative Subdivision Application from Bar Above Ranch. Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Dale Strehle.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Abstain (With Conflict), Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 2, No: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

3.K. Consider the Crete Municipal Airport hangar rent rate increase.

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, discussed and presented the Airport Hangar Rates and what other town rates are. Tom continued to discuss the 8% increase on the hangar rates. Committee members would like to table and take it to the full council.

Recommendation was made to table this and take to the full City Council the Crete Municipal Airport hangar rent rate increase. Tabled with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 3, No: 0

4. Officers' Reports

5. Adjournment