



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

October 7th, 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

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

Present: 6.

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, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

3.A. Approve Meeting Minutes

3.A.1. September 16th, 2025 City Council Minutes

3.A.2. September 16th, 2025 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

3.A.3. September 16th, 2025 Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

3.A.4. September 16th, 2025 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

3.A.5. September 16th, 2025 Legislative & Economic Development Meeting Minutes

3.A.6. September 16th, 2025 Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes

3.A.7. September 24th, 2025 City Council Special 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 Veronica Ortiz to the LB840 Advisory Board.

4. Items of Business

4.A. Consider adopting the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program

Tabled adopting the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program 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.B. Consider Ordinance 2260 Creating Street Improvement Project Nos. 2024-1, 2024-2, 2024-3, and 2024-4

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that these paving districts are for street & alley improvements.

Introduced Ordinance 2260 and moved that the statutory rule requiring three separate readings be suspended 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

Enact Ordinance 2260 Creating Street Improvement Project Nos. 2024-1, 2024-2, 2024-3, and 2024-4 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.C. Set a Bid letting date for Crete Street & Alley Improvements

Set a Bid letting date for Crete Street & Alley Improvements to Thursday, November 6th, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. 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.D. Consider the Saline County Area Transit (SCAT) request for Crete's share of the local matching funds for fiscal year 2026.

Approved the Saline County Area Transit (SCAT) request for Crete's share of the local matching funds for fiscal year 2026. 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.E. Consider Resolution 2025-25 ratifying the votes of the City's LARM Representative, Nancy Tellez at the September 24th, 2025 Annual Members' Meeting of the League Association of Risk Management, including the election of nominees to the LARM Board of Directors.

Adopt Resolution 2025-25 ratifying the votes of the City's LARM Representative, Nancy Tellez at the September 24th, 2025 Annual Members' Meeting of the League Association of Risk Management, including the election of nominees to the LARM Board of Directors. 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 LPA Program Agreement between the City of Crete and Nebraska Department of Transportation.

Approved the LPA Program Agreement between the City of Crete and Nebraska Department of Transportation. 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.G. Consider Resolution 2025-24 Signing of Program Agreement -BL2515 City of Crete and the Nebraska Department of Transportation NDOT Project Number DPS-76(53)

Adopt Resolution 2025-24 Signing of Program Agreement -BL2515 City of Crete and the Nebraska Department of Transportation NDOT Project Number DPS-76(53) 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, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.H. Consider the Crete Public Library applying for the Nebraska Library Commission's Continuing Education & Training Grant

Approved the Crete Public Library applying for the Nebraska Library Commission's Continuing Education & Training Grant 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, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.I. Consider the Crete Public Library applying for the Nebraska Library Commission's Internship Grant

Approved the Crete Public Library applying for the Nebraska Library Commission's Internship Grant 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.J. Consider the Crete Public Library applying for the Nebraska Library Commission's Youth Grant for Excellence

Approved the Crete Public Library applying for the Nebraska Library Commission's Youth Grant for Excellence 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, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.K. Consider the Crete Public Library applying for the Nebraska Library Commission's Library Improvement Grant

Approved the Crete Public Library applying for the Nebraska Library Commission's Library Improvement Grant 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, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.L. Consider the Crete Public Library applying for the Walmart Grant for Memory Care Items

Approved the Crete Public Library applying for the Walmart Grant for Memory Care Items 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.M. Consider the Crete Public Library applying for the American Library Association's Libraries Transforming Communities Grant

Approved the Crete Public Library applying for the American Library Association's Libraries Transforming Communities Grant Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman 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.N. Consider the LB840 Application from Heath Sports in the amount up to \$35,000 for a new automatic screen-printing machine.

Approved the LB840 Application from Heath Sports in the amount up to \$35,000 for a new automatic screen-printing machine. 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

4.O. Consider the LB840 Application from Saline Medical Specialties for a loan guarantee for up to \$500,000 for equipment, employee recruitment and job training.

Tabled until the next City Council meeting the LB840 Application from Saline Medical Specialties for a loan guarantee for up to \$500,000 for equipment, employee recruitment and job training. 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

4.P. Consider authorizing the City of Crete to apply for the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum Community Forestry Infrastructure Grant

Approved to authorize the City of Crete to apply for the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum Community Forestry Infrastructure Grant Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald 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.Q. Consider amending the Master Fee Schedule

Approved amending 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, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.R. Consider the Waste Connections draft agreement

Tabled the Waste Connections draft agreement Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle 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.S. Authorization of deviation from City spec from Timothy Ct and Iris Ave

Approved the authorization of deviation from City spec from Timothy Ct and Iris Ave 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.T. Authorization of deviation from City spec for sidewalk placement at 15th Street and Kingwood Ave.

Approved the authorization of deviation from City spec for sidewalk placement at 15th Street and Kingwood Ave. 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.U. Consider the Bid Proposal for Weed Control and Snow Removal Services from Will Wenz with Lawn Kings

Approved the Bid Proposal for Weed Control and Snow Removal Services from Will Wenz with Lawn Kings 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 - Resident Concerns

6. Officers' Reports

- Lieutenant Dawn Jonas stated the following:
 - Thanked the City Council for the authorization to apply for the STEP Grant. They were awarded \$110,000 which they will use during the fiscal year to help pay for officers' overtime so they can do traffic safety, public safety projects and presentations.
 - The police department also got awarded a car seat grant for \$2,500. School Resource Officer Noah Zach attended a training on how to install and inspect car seats. Zach, Public Health Solutions, Crete Public Schools and Sixpence helped with a car seat inspection event. There were 12 vehicles that went through and 20 car seats that were installed or inspected and out of those only 4 car seats had been installed correctly. The grant and Public Health Solutions helped provide 16 car seats at that event.
 - Jonas introduced Hermes Trujillo as the City's new Code Enforcement Officer.
- Parks and Recreation Director Liz Cody stated the following:
 - Flag Football and Coed Softball has just ended.
 - Thanked Recreation Coordinator Dan Dunaway for his help with the multiple programs and activities.
 - Registration is now open until October 24th, 2025 for the Kickin' It With Gold Star Martial Arts.
 - There are multiple renovations going on around the City at Northward Park, Library Park and Tuxedo Park.
 - A lot of tree work is going on during the last quarter of the grant funds that were received.
 - City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that the tree grants have helped to fund other Parks and Recreation activities.
 - Mayor Dave Bauer encouraged everyone to let Parks and Recreation Director Liz Cody know if they see any tree limbs that are broken and hanging.
- Library Director Jessica Wilkinson stated the following:
 - Youth Services Librarian Maridza Vasquez is currently going through the children books collection.
 - With the new fiscal year starting they are buying new books for the library.
- Building Inspector Trenton Griffin stated the following:

- Thanked the City Council for approving to amend the Master Fee Schedule. That will help to reflect the total valuation are and Griffin is also going to be turning in the number to the Census Bureau.
- City Council member Tom Crisman and Ashley Newmyer thanked all the City of Crete Department Heads for their work on applying for grants.
- Newmyer also asked Ourada if there is a start time for the planning of the pedestrian bridge and Ourada stated that there is not one yet.
- City Administrator Tom Ourada stated the following:
 - There will be a meeting on October 8th, 2025 with the previous fuel manager and airport managers for the succession of the airport fuel.
 - Have been meeting with Burlington Railroad and the management agency under grant facilitation to discuss adding a quiet zone in town and a vehicle, pedestrian overpass and crossing improvements. There will be another meeting next Tuesday, October 15th, 2025.
 - The new budget form for the year no one really knew how to do it but we found out that all the other First Class cities filled it out the same as we did.
 - Had a meeting with JEO on water improvements plans that are 90% done and possibly by next week there will be 100% finished plans. Then they will go to the City Council for approval of the plans and then go out for bid. The project will be around \$3.6 million and we got a \$1.2 million in grant and \$2.4 in low interest loan.
 - Working with Southeast Nebraska Development District (SENDD) on an EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant. We included the city property in south Crete to see how we can improve that with federal aid money.
 - Will be looking at Blue Acres paving and JEO has given preliminary assessment and cost estimates.
 - Tom would like to start an animal shelter project. There are many animals euthanized throughout the year and we pay for that. If we could get grants and volunteers then the money we spend on euthanizing can be spent on a shelter. The Capital Humane Society is no kill and they are very selective on what they can take. We can make this animal shelter possible with grants and effort from the City and public.
 - Ourada emailed the mayor and council a new list of the tarring schedule for this fall.
 - The City has extended an offer to a potential police officer and once the background check is completed he will be introduced to the council and would start in January.
 - Looking at a second officer but have not met with him yet.
 - Ourada referenced back to a question that council member Anthony Fitzgerald had on sidewalks. Ourada stated that you go to the Board of Adjustments when you have something that you can't comply with not something that you don't want to comply with by state law. The City Council can authorize various placements of sidewalks based on plans of what someone wants to do. The City Council has the authority by ordinance and state statute to dictate sidewalk placements.
- Fitzgerald asked about the zoning consultant and Ourada stated that the City Council approved him and he is ready to start working on it.

- Fitzgerald also asked out the City auction and Ourada stated that Media Specialist Jenn Lampila and GIS Technician/IT Emerson Aschoff took that over and we cleared \$13,000.
- Fitzgerald also asked if the airport folks can get on City billing software and Finance Director Wendy Thomas stated that the City already has access to that through Xpress Bill Pay.
- Mayor Bauer thanked all the City departments for helping with another successful Pumpkin Festival.
- City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that Alison Janecek Borer with Cline Williams will be at the City Council meetings while City Attorney Anna Burge is out on leave until early next year.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 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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