



CITY COUNCIL BUDGET HEARING

September 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

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

Present: 5, Absent: 1.

3. Items of Business

3.A. Public Hearing for testimony in support of and/or opposition to the proposed budget and property tax request for fiscal year 2025-2026.

- The hearing was opened to hear testimony in favor of or opposition to the proposed Budget Summary and Final Property Tax Request for fiscal year 2025-2026. City Administrator

Tom Ourada reviewed the forms that have been prepared to submit to the State Auditor of Public Accounts. The highlights of the Proposed Budget are as follows:

- Operating Budget for 2024 was \$45,400,688.00 and for 2025 it is \$40,884,816.25 a decrease of 10%
- Property Tax Request for 2024 was \$1,545,330,00 and for 2025 it is \$1,604,890.00 an increase of 4%
- Valuation in 2024 was \$450,968,476 and for 2025 it is \$528,163,016 an increase of 17%
- Tax Rate in 2024 was 0.342669 and for 2025 it is 0.303863 a decrease of 11%
- Went over the General Fund Transfer Summary sheet.
- Mayor Dave Bauer thanked City Administrator Tom Ourada, Finance Director Wendy Thomas, and all the Department Heads for lowering their budgets and making the budget work.

The hearing closed at 6:18 pm

Opened the Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m. for testimony in support of and/or opposition to the proposed budget and property tax request for fiscal year 2025-2026. 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

Closed the Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m. for testimony in support of and/or opposition to the proposed budget and property tax request for fiscal year 2025-2026. 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. Petitions - Communications - Resident Concerns

5. Officers' Reports

6. Adjournment

The Crete City Council Budget Hearing closed at 6:20 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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