



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

December 16th, 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. 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. December 2nd, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes

3.A.2. December 2nd, 2025 Legislative & Economic Development Meeting Minutes

3.A.3. December 2nd, 2025 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

3.A.4. December 2nd, 2025 Personnel Committee 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 Tom King to the Library Advisory Board

3.E. Mayor's Appointment of Jan Sears to the Library Advisory Board

3.F. Mayor's appointment of Tom Ourada to the Police Retirement Committee

3.G. Mayor's appointment of Jon Pucket to the Police Retirement Committee

3.H. Mayor's appointment of Wendy Thomas to the Police Retirement Committee

3.I. Appointment of Dave Bauer to the Police Retirement Committee

3.J. Mayor's appointment of Jeff Kramer to the Police Retirement Committee

3.K. Consider the appointment of Tod Allen as the Fire Chief

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.

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that City Attorney Alison Borer recommended move forward with Resolution 2025-28. The Public Works Committee also reviewed this and recommenced it to the City Council.

Adopt 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 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.B. Consider authorizing the Crete Public Library to apply for the Pizza Hut Slice of Literacy Grant.

Approved to authorize the Crete Public Library to apply for the Pizza Hut Slice of Literacy 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

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.C. Consider authorizing the Crete Public Library to apply for the Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grant

Library Director Jessica Wilkinson stated that this is a no-match grant.

Approved to authorize the Crete Public Library to apply for the Will Eisner Graphic Novel 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

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.D. Consider authorizing the Crete Public Library to apply for the Dollar General Summer Reading Grant

Approved to authorize the Crete Public Library to apply for the Dollar General Summer Reading 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
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.E. Consider the Crete #24PWI004 Payment Request #3 from SENDD

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that this is a payment request from SENDD for the project #24PWI004.

Approved the Crete #24PWI004 Payment Request #3 from SENDD 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.F. Consider the WAPA Agreement City of Crete NE CN 12-UGPR -1043 Amendment 1, Exhibit B & Exhibit C Rev.1

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that the City of Crete has a long-term power contract with WAPA. The upper great plains region we get hydro power as our electric power mix and we were going to act on this several weeks ago and didn't have a quorum.

Approved the WAPA Agreement City of Crete NE CN 12-UGPR -1043 Amendment 1, Exhibit B & Exhibit C Rev.1 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.G. No Parking on 16th Street for 1st half block on the north side from Hawthorne Avenue west to the alley.

Mayor Dave Bauer stated that this is on the south side of Domino's no parking on 16th Street for 1st half block.

Approved No Parking on 16th Street for 1st half block on the north side from Hawthorne Avenue west to the alley. 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 approving the claims from Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$1,790.88

Mayor Dave Bauer explained that since this is a claim from Crete Ace Hardware council member Dan Papik is abstaining from voting.

Approved the claims from Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$1,790.88 Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Ashley Newmyer.

Dan Papik: Abstain (With Conflict), Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

4.I. Consider the AVfuel Agreement

Tabled until next meeting the AVfuel Agreement 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

Officer's Reports

- Chief of Police Gary Young stated the following:
 - There is work going on to prevent Crypto ATM machine fraud. Crete Police officers are going around town to find out if there are some in Crete.
 - Working on the Emergency Management Plan. Had a table talk with Doane University on emergency management and implementing in case of a disaster.
- Library Director Jessica Wilkinson provided the City Administrator, Mayor and Council members the Crete Reads 2026 list of books up for selection and an update on programing.
- Building Inspector Trent Griffin explained the monthly permit report for the month of November.
- Community Assistance Director Marilyn Schacht asked Grassroots Leadership Development Program member Mynor Bautista if he could please address the City Council. Bautista provided a brief description of the GLDP program goals and objectives.
- Council member Tom Crisman wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
- City Administrator Tom Ourada stated the following:
 - Have had multiple virtual meetings with Burlington Northern Santa Fe representatives and David Evans and Associates about two potential railroad grant applications. The BUILD: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development Grant Program is \$0 match and the FSP: Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail is an 80:20 grant. The City of Crete's share is about \$150,00 and there would be a collaboration of community entities to help come up with those matching funds. The City of Crete is going to be applying for both for a Railroad Crossing Study.
- Mayor Dave Bauer thanked the GLDP group for attending the City Council meeting. As we approach the holiday season, he has been very impressed by the different activities that have been going on in Crete to help all the families. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and happy holidays.

6.A. November 2025 Permit Log

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 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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