



CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

February 17th, 2026 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 the Amendment No 2 To Task Order 240578

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, discussed how this is for JEO to do some on-site contracted administrative inspection and public engagement that was not part of their original agreement. It would be in the amount of \$11,830.00.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to approve Amendment No 2 to Task Order 240578. 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 the BNSF Railway Company Supplemental Agreement No. BN-256 Project No.: RRX-76(51)

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, discussed how this would be a partnership with the City, the State, and Burlington at 100% federal share.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to approve BNSF Railway Company Supplement Agreement No. BN-256 Project No.: RRX-76(51) 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 the Engineer's recommendation for the hangar project

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, explained that the engineer suggested that the City could go out for bids at this time. It will be put in the Crete News on Friday, so it can be published next week with a 30-day advertising window.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to approve the engineer's recommendation for the hangar project. 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.D. Consider authorizing the City of Crete to apply for the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, discussed that this would be 100% federal funds, with no match for the City. This would be in the amount of about \$3million.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to approve the City of Crete to apply for the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 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.E. Consider Ordinance 2268 amending sewer and water deposits

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, discussed how this would be to update the deposits, so the policy matches what is done in practice. City Attorney, Anna Burge, added that this will allow the changes to be the same across each department.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to adopt Ordinance 2268 amending sewer and water deposits. 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 Application for a Permit to Occupy City of Crete Right-of-Way from Justin Truong with Black Hills Energy at W 12th & Arizona-extending roughly 275' East of Arizona.

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, discussed how this is one of Black Hills Energy's larger projects and will need Right-of-Way permit.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to approve Application for a Permit to Occupy City of Crete Right-of-Way from Justin Truong with Black Hills Energy at W. 12th & Arizona - extending roughly 275' East of Arizona. 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. Consider the Application for a Permit to Occupy City of Crete Right-of-Way from Justin Truong with Black Hills Energy Between 13th & 14th St and Boswell & Hawthorne Ave.

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Recommendation was made to the City Council to approve the Application for a Permit to Occupy City of Crete Right-of-Way from Justin Truong with Black Hills Energy Between 13th & 14th St. and Boswell & Hawthorne. 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.H. Consider the Application for a Permit to Occupy City of Crete Right-of-Way from Justin Truong with Black Hills Energy at Alley between Juniper and Ivy from 7th Street to 10th Street.

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Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 3, No: 0

3.I. Consider the Application for a Permit to Occupy City of Crete Right-of-Way from Justin Truong with Black Hills Energy at Alley between 13th/12th St and Juniper/Boswell Ave.

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Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 3, No: 0

4. Officers' Reports

5. Adjournment