

Crete City Council Special Meeting
Thursday, August 14, 2025 5:00 PM
Crete City Hall
243 E 13th Street
Crete, NE 68333

1. Open Meeting

- In accordance with Nebraska law, a copy of the Open Meetings Act can be found in the back of the Council Chambers.
- Items listed on the agenda may be considered in any order.
- Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

- Attendance of members will be recorded to determine the presence of a quorum for official actions.

3. Consent Agenda

- All items listed on the consent agenda will be approved by one motion and vote. No separate discussion of these items will occur unless the Mayor, a Councilmember, or a citizen so requests. If such a request is made, the item will be moved out of the consent agenda and considered separately.

3.A. Approve Meeting Minutes

3.B. Accept the City Treasurer's Report

3.C. Approve the Payment of Claims Against the City

4. Items of Business

- Action may be taken to discuss/limit discussion, to hear testimony in favor of or in opposition to, and to approve or disapprove any matter presented under this title.

4.A. Consider Ordinance 2252 authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds for street improvement districts 2022-1 through 9

4.B. Consider Ordinance 2253 authorizing the issuance of Municipal Improvement Bonds for construction, improvements and equipment acquisition.

5. Petitions - Communications - Citizen Concerns

- Citizen testimony may be limited to 3 minutes per person.
- Please do not repeat testimony that has already be heard.
- No action can be taken on matters presented under this title except to answer any questions or to refer the matter for further action.

6. Officers' Reports

- Reports may be given by Officers, Departments, Committees, or Councilmembers concerning the current operations of the City.
- No action can be taken on matters presented under this title except to answer any questions or to refer the matter for further action.

7. Adjournment

- The Council may enter into closed session to discuss any matter on this agenda when it is determined that a closed session is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual (if such individual has not requested a public meeting) or as otherwise allowed by law. Any closed session shall be limited to the subject matter for which the closed session was called. If the motion to close passes, then immediately prior to the closed session the Mayor shall restate on the record the limitation of the subject matter of the closed session.
- The City of Crete assures that no person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, age, disability, handicap or sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity of the City receiving Federal financial assistance. To report discrimination, contact the City Clerk's office.
- The complete agenda with attachments is available at www.crete.ne.gov.

ORDINANCE NO. 2252

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2025 OF THE CITY OF CRETE, NEBRASKA, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED TWO MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,400,000) TO PROVIDE PERMANENT FINANCING TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COSTS (INCLUDING REPAYMENT OF \$2,130,000 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2023, DATE OF ORIGINAL ISSUE – MAY 25, 2023, DUE MAY 1, 2026) OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN STREET IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NOS. 2022-1, 2022-2, 2022-3, 2022-4, 2022-5, 2022-6, 2022-7, 2022-8 AND 2022-9; PRESCRIBING CERTAIN TERMS AND FORM OF SUCH BONDS AND PROVIDING FOR THE SETTING OF CERTAIN TERMS AND FORM OF SUCH BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES TO PAY THE INTEREST ON AND PRINCIPAL OF SUCH BONDS; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM; AND RELATED MATTERS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRETE, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. The Mayor and City Council (the “**Council**”) of the City of Crete, Nebraska (the “**City**”) hereby find and determine that

- (a) The Council has duly created Street Improvement District Nos. 2022-1, 2022-2, 2022-3, 2022-4, 2022-5, 2022-6, 2022-7, 2022-8 and 2022-9, (collectively, the “**Districts**”), and certain street improvements were constructed in the Districts, all of which improvements have been completed and have been and are hereby accepted by the City.
- (b) The City has issued its Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2023, in the original principal amount of \$2,130,000 (the “**Outstanding Obligations**”) to pay costs of the improvements in the Districts, which Outstanding Obligations remain outstanding, fall due on May 1, 2026, and are callable at any time by the City.
- (c) After application of all funds available for the costs of such improvements, including engineering, legal, fiscal, financing and miscellaneous expenses, the bonds authorized and issued hereunder will not exceed the amount necessary to repay the principal of and interest on the Outstanding Obligations and any other remaining costs for such improvements.
- (d) All conditions, acts and things required by law to exist or to be done precedent to the issuance of general obligation bonds of the City in the principal amount of not to exceed \$2,400,000 pursuant to Sections 18-2001 to 18-2004, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended, all for the purpose of paying the cost of the improvements and related expenses in and for the Districts heretofore described, do exist and have been done in due form and time as required by law.

Section 2. (a) The Bonds shall consist of fully registered bonds without coupons, numbered from **R-1** upward, in denominations of **\$5,000** or any integral multiple thereof. The Bonds, as originally issued or issued upon transfer, exchange or substitution, shall be substantially in the form set forth in **Section 5**. The Bonds shall be dated the date of delivery thereof (the “**Date of Original Issue**”), shall be due and payable serially on the dates and in the amounts, and shall bear interest at the rates per annum all as provided in the Designation (described herein).

(b) The Bonds or any portion thereof are hereby authorized to be sold pursuant to a negotiated sale with Piper Sandler & Co., as initial purchaser (the “**Underwriter**”). In connection with such sale, the Mayor, City Administrator, or City Finance Director (each, an “**Authorized Officer**”) are hereby authorized to specify, determine, designate, establish and appoint, as the case may be, in one or more written designations which may be included in a bond purchase agreement (each, a “**Designation**”), (i) the aggregate purchase price of the Bonds and the underwriting discount which shall not exceed 1.0% of the aggregate stated principal amount thereof, (ii) the form and contents of any bond purchase agreement in connection with such sale, (iii) the title, dated date, aggregate principal amount (including the aggregate principal amounts of serial Bonds and term Bonds, if any), which aggregate stated principal amount shall not exceed \$2,400,000, and the final maturity date, which shall not be later than fifteen years from the date of original issue, (iv) the principal amounts maturing in each year, (v) the rate or rates of interest to be borne by each principal maturity, and any original issue premium or original issue discount, provided that the true interest cost of the Bonds shall not exceed 5.50%, (vi) the principal payment dates and interest payment dates, (vii) whether the Bonds will be subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity, and if subject to such optional redemption, the provisions governing such redemption, including a redemption price not to exceed 104% of the principal amount then being redeemed plus accrued interest to the date of redemption, (viii) the amount and due date of each sinking fund installment for any of the Bonds issued as term Bonds, (ix) the designation of the Registrar and the form and content of any agreement between the City and such entity, (x) the form, content, terms and provisions of any published and/or mailed notice of redemption with respect to the payment and/or redemption at or prior to maturity of the Outstanding Obligations or other interim financing issued by the City to finance improvements in the Districts, and (xi) all other terms and provisions of the Bonds not otherwise specified or fixed by this Ordinance.

(c) The Bonds shall be subject to redemption at the option of the City prior to the stated maturities thereof at any time on or after the fifth anniversary of the Date of the Original Issue (or on such other date as determined in the Designation), as a whole, or in part from time to time in such principal amount and from such maturity or maturities as the City, in its sole and absolute discretion shall determine, and in the event that less than all of the Bonds of any maturity are to be called for redemption, the particular Bonds of such maturity to be redeemed shall be selected by lot, at a redemption price of the amount thereof, together with the interest accrued on such principal amount to the date fixed for redemption.

The Bonds shall be redeemed in whole multiples of \$5,000 and if any Bond be in a denomination in excess of \$5,000, portions of the principal amount thereof in installments of \$5,000 or any multiples thereof may be redeemed, and if less than all of the principal amount thereof is to be redeemed, in such case upon the surrender of such Bond there shall be issued to the registered owner thereof without charge therefor, for the then unredeemed balance of the principal amount thereof, Bonds of like series, maturity and interest rates in any of the authorized denominations provided by this Ordinance.

Notice of redemption of Bonds stating their designation, date, maturity and principal amounts shall be given by the Registrar by mailing such notice by first-class mail, postage prepaid, not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for redemption to the registered owners at their most recent addresses appearing upon the books of registry, but failure to mail such notice shall not affect the proceedings for redemption. Notice of redemption need not be given to the holder of any Bond, whether registered or not, who has waived notice of redemption. Notice of redemption having been given as provided above or notice of redemption having been waived by the owners of Bonds called for redemption who have not been given such notice as provided above, the Bonds so called for redemption shall become due and payable on the designated redemption date. The City shall give written notice to the Registrar of its election to redeem Bonds at least forty-five days prior to the said redemption date, or such shorter period as shall be acceptable to the Registrar. If on or before the said redemption date funds sufficient to pay the Bonds so called for redemption at the applicable redemption price and accrued interest to said date have been deposited or caused to have been deposited by the City with the Registrar for the purposes of such payment and notice of redemption thereof

has been given or waived as hereinbefore provided, then from and after the date fixed for redemption interest on such Bonds so called shall cease to accrue and become payable. If such funds shall not have been so deposited with the Registrar as provided on or before the date fixed for redemption, such call for redemption shall be revoked and the Bonds so called for redemption shall continue to be outstanding the same as though they had not been so called, and shall continue to bear interest until paid at such rate as they would have borne had they not been called for redemption, and shall continue to be protected by this Ordinance and entitled to the benefits and security hereof.

Section 3. Interest on the Bonds at the respective rates for each maturity is payable semiannually as determined in the Designation (each of such dates an “**Interest Payment Date**”) from the Date of Original Issue or the most recent Interest Payment Date, whichever is later, until maturity or earlier redemption by check or draft mailed by the Registrar or its successor on such Interest Payment Date to the registered owner of each Bond at such registered owner’s address as it appears on the Bond Register maintained by the Registrar or its successor at the close of business on the fifteenth day preceding such Interest Payment Date (the “**Record Date**”) subject to the provisions of the following paragraph. The principal on the Bonds and the interest due at maturity or upon redemption prior to maturity is payable in lawful money of the United States of America to the registered owners thereof upon presentation and surrender of such Bonds to the Registrar.

In the event that payments of interest due on the Bonds on an Interest Payment Date are not timely made, such interest shall cease to be payable to the registered owners as of the Record Date for such Interest Payment Date and shall be payable to the registered owners of the Bonds as of a special date of record for payment of such defaulted interest as shall be designated by the Registrar whenever moneys for the purpose of paying such defaulted interest become available.

If the date for payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds shall be a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions in the city where the Registrar is located, are authorized by law or executive order to close, then the date for such payment shall be the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which such banking institutions are authorized to close, and payment on such day shall have the same force and effect as if made on the nominal date of payment.

Section 4. Bonds shall be executed on behalf of the City by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and Clerk and shall have the City Seal impressed or imprinted on each Bond. In case any officer whose signature or a facsimile of whose signature shall appear on the Bonds and shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of the Bonds, such signature or facsimile shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes, the same as if he or she had remained in office until delivery. Notwithstanding such execution, no Bond shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose or entitled to any security or benefit under this Ordinance unless and until a certificate of authentication on such Bond has been duly executed by the manual signature of an authorized representative of the Registrar. Certificates of authentication on different Bonds need not be signed by the same representative. The executed certificate or authentication on each Bond shall be conclusive evidence that it has been authenticated and delivered under this Ordinance.

Section 5. The Bonds shall be in substantially the following form:

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF NEBRASKA
COUNTY OF SALINE
CITY OF CRETE
GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND, SERIES 2025**

<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>CUSIP Number</u>
	_____, 20__	_____, 2025	

REGISTERED OWNER: CEDE & CO.

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: _____ DOLLARS

The **CITY OF CRETE, NEBRASKA** (the “City”), hereby acknowledges itself to owe and for value received promises to pay to the Registered Owner specified above or registered assigns, the Principal Amount stated above in lawful money of the United States of America on the Maturity Date specified above, with interest thereon, calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months, from Date of Issue stated above at the Interest Rate per annum specified above, payable semiannually on _____ and _____ of each year, beginning _____, 20__ (each of such dates an “**Interest Payment Date**”) until maturity or earlier redemption.

The Principal Amount and the interest due at maturity or upon redemption prior to maturity is payable to the Registered Owner hereof in lawful money of the United States of America without deduction for services as paying agent at the office of the Bond Registrar and Paying Agent, _____ (the “**Registrar**”), upon presentation and surrender of this bond. Interest on this bond due prior to maturity or earlier redemption shall be paid by check or draft mailed by the Registrar on the date such interest is due and payable to the Registered Owner at such Registered Owner’s address as it appears on the registration books of the Registrar as of the close of business on the fifteenth day preceding the date on which interest on this bond is payable (the “**Record Date**”). Any interest not so timely paid shall cease to be payable to the person entitled thereto as of the Record Date such interest was payable, and shall be payable to the person who is the Registered Owner of this bond (or of one or more predecessor bonds hereto) on such special Record Date for payment of such defaulted interest as shall be fixed by the Registrar whenever money for such purpose become available. For the prompt payment of this bond, both principal and interest at the time the same becomes due, the full faith, credit, resources and taxing powers of the City are hereby pledged.

The bonds of the series of which this bond is one are subject to redemption at the option of the City prior to the stated maturities thereof at any time on and after the fifth anniversary of the Date of Issue, as a whole, or in part from time to time in such principal amounts and from such maturity or maturities as the City, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall determine, and in the event that less than all the bonds of a maturity are to be called for redemption, the particular bonds of such maturity to be redeemed shall be selected by lot at the redemption price of the principal amount thereof, together with the interest accrued on such principal amount to the date fixed for redemption.

Bonds shall be redeemed in whole multiples of \$5,000 and if any bond be in a denomination in excess of \$5,000, portions of the principal amount thereof in installments of \$5,000 or any multiples thereof may be redeemed, and if less than all of the principal thereof is to be redeemed, in such case upon the surrender of such bond there shall be issued to the registered owner thereof without charge therefor, for the then

unredeemed balance of the principal amount thereof, registered bonds of like series, maturity and interest rates in any of the authorized denominations provided by the Ordinance (hereinafter defined).

Notice of redemption of this bond shall be given to the Registered Owner hereof by first-class mail, postage prepaid, not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for redemption, all as more particularly set forth in the Ordinance (hereinafter defined). Notice of redemption having been given as provided in the Ordinance (hereinafter defined), or notice of redemption having been waived, and funds for the payment thereof having been deposited with the Registrar, this bond shall cease to bear interest from and after the date fixed for redemption.

This bond is one of a series of bonds numbered from 1 upwards, in order of their issuance, being in the denomination of \$5,000 and integral multiples thereof, of the total principal amount of _____ Thousand Dollars (\$ _____) all of like date and tenor except as to denomination, date of maturity, rate of interest and priority of redemption which have been issued by the City for the purpose of paying the outstanding principal of Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2023, dated May 25, 2023, (the “**Outstanding Obligation**”), pursuant to Sections 18-2001 to 18-2004, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended, and paying the costs of issuance of the series of bonds of which this bond is one. This bond and the series of which it is one, are issued under the authority of and in compliance with the laws of the State of Nebraska governing the City, and pursuant to Ordinance No. ____ of the City (the “**Ordinance**”) duly enacted and by proceedings duly had by the Mayor and Council.

This bond is transferable by the Registered Owner hereof in person or by such Registered Owner’s attorney duly authorized in writing, at the principal office of the Registrar but only in the manner and subject to the limitations and conditions provided in the Ordinance and upon presentation and surrender hereof to the Registrar for cancellation. Upon any such registration of transfer, the City shall execute and the Registrar shall authenticate and deliver in exchange for this bond, a new registered bond or bonds, registered in the name of the transferee, of authorized denominations, in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of this bond, of the same series and maturity and bearing interest at the same rate. The City and the Registrar may deem and treat the Registered Owner hereof as the absolute owner for the purpose of receiving payment of or on account of principal hereof, premium, if any, and interest due hereon and for all other purposes.

If the date for payment of the principal of or interest on this bonds shall be a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions in the City of _____, are authorized by law or executive order to close, then the date for such payment shall be the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which such banking institutions are authorized to close, and payment on such day shall have the same force and effect as if made on the nominal date of payment.

The City has in the Ordinance designated such issue of bonds as “qualified tax-exempt obligation” pursuant to Section 265(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED AND WARRANTED that all conditions, acts and things required by law to exist or to be done precedent to and in the issuance of this bond did exist, did happen and were done and performed in regular and due form and time as required by law, and that the indebtedness of the City, including this bond, does not exceed any statutory limitation imposed by law. All special assessments levied upon real estate in the City specially benefited by the improvements financed hereby are valid liens on the lots and tracts of land upon which they have been levied and shall, when collected, be set aside and constitute a sinking fund for the payment of the principal and interest on said bonds. The City agrees that it will collect said special assessments and in addition thereto, will cause to be levied and collected annually a tax by valuation on all the taxable property in the City, except intangible property, in addition to all other taxes, sufficient in rate and amount to fully pay the principal and interest on said bonds as the same becomes due.

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto

Print or Type Name, Address and Social Security Number
or other Taxpayer Identification Number of Transferee

the within Bond and all rights thereunder, and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints
_____ agent to transfer the within Bond on the Bond Register kept by
the Paying Agent for the registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name of the Registered Owner as it appears upon the face of the within Bond in every particular.

Medallion Signature Guarantee:

Section 6. Each of the Bonds shall be executed on behalf of the City with the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and Clerk. The Bonds shall be issued initially as “book-entry-only” bonds using the services of The Depository Trust Company (the “**Depository**”), with one typewritten bond per maturity being issued to the Depository. In such connection said officers are authorized to execute and deliver a letter of understanding and representation (the “**Representation Letter**”) in the form required by the Depository, for and on behalf of the City, which shall thereafter govern matters with respect to registration, transfer, payment and redemption of the Bonds. Upon the issuance of the Bonds as “book-entry-only” bonds, the following provisions shall apply:

(a) The City and the Registrar shall have no responsibility or obligation to any broker-dealer, bank or other financial institution for which the Depository holds Bonds as securities depository (each, a “**Bond Participant**”) or to any person who is an actual purchaser of a Bond from the Bond Participant while the Bonds are in book-entry form (each, a “**Beneficial Owner**”) with respect to the following:

(i) the accuracy of the records of the Depository, any nominees of the Depository or any Bond Participant with respect to any ownership interest in the Bonds,

(ii) the delivery to any Bond Participant, any Beneficial Owner or any other person, other than the Depository, of any notice with respect to the Bonds, including any notice of redemption, or

(iii) the payment to any Bond Participant, any Beneficial Owner or any other person, other than the Depository, of any amount with respect to the Bonds. The Registrar shall make payments with respect to the Bonds only to or upon the order of the Depository or its nominee, and all such payments shall be valid and effective fully to satisfy and discharge the obligations with respect to such Bonds to the extent of the sum or sums so paid. No person other than the Depository shall receive an authenticated Bond.

(b) Upon receipt by the Registrar of written notice from the Depository to the effect that the Depository is unable or unwilling to discharge its responsibilities, the Registrar shall issue, transfer and exchange Bonds requested by the Depository in appropriate amounts. Whenever the Depository requests the City and the Registrar to do so, the City and the Registrar will cooperate with the Depository in taking appropriate action after reasonable notice (i) to arrange, with the prior written consent of the City, for a substitute depository willing and able upon reasonable and customary terms to maintain custody of the Bonds or (ii) to make available Bonds registered in whatever name or names the Beneficial Owners transferring or exchanging such Bonds shall designate.

(c) If the City determines that it is desirable that certificates representing the Bonds be delivered to the Bond Participants and/or Beneficial Owners of the Bonds and so notifies the Registrar in writing, the Registrar shall so notify the Depository, whereupon the Depository will notify the Bond Participants of the availability through the Depository of certificates representing the Bonds. In such event, the City and the Registrar shall issue, transfer or exchange certificates representing the Bonds as requested by the Depository in appropriate amounts and in authorized denominations.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance to the contrary, so long as any Bond is registered in the name of the Depository or any nominee thereof, all payments with respect to such Bond and all notices with respect to such Bond shall be made and given, respectively, to the Depository as provided in the Representation Letter.

(e) Registered ownership of the Bonds may be transferred on the books of registration maintained by the Registrar, and the Bonds may be delivered in physical form to the following:

(i) any successor securities depository or its nominee;

(ii) any persons, upon (A) the resignation of the Depository from its functions as depository or (B) termination of the use of the Depository pursuant to this Section.

(f) In the event of any partial redemption of a Bond unless and until such partially redeemed Bond has been replaced in accordance with the provisions of Section 3(d) of this Ordinance, the books and records of the Registrar shall govern and establish the principal amount of such Bond as is then outstanding and all of the Bonds issued to the Depository or its nominee shall contain a legend to such effect.

If for any reason the Depository resigns and is not replaced, the City shall immediately provide a supply of printed bond certificates for issuance upon the transfers from the Depository and subsequent transfer or in the event of partial redemption. In the event that such supply of certificates shall be insufficient to meet the requirements of the Registrar for issuance of replacement Bonds upon transfer or partial redemption, the City agrees to order printed an additional supply of certificates and to direct their execution by manual or facsimile signature of its then duly qualified and acting Mayor and Clerk. In case any officer whose signature or facsimile thereof shall appear on any Bond shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of such Bond (including any bond certificates delivered to the Registrar for issuance upon transfer), such signature or such facsimile signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if such officer or officers had remained in office until the delivery of such Bond. The Bonds shall not be valid and binding on the City until authenticated by the Registrar. The Bonds shall be delivered to the Registrar for registration and authentication. Upon execution, registration and authentication of the Bonds, they shall be delivered to the City Treasurer, who is authorized to deliver them to the Underwriter, as the initial purchaser thereof, upon receipt of the full purchase price of the Bonds as set forth in the Bond Purchase Agreement hereinafter approved. Such initial purchaser shall have the right to direct the registration of the Bonds and the denomination thereof within each maturity, subject to the restrictions of this Ordinance. The Underwriter and its agents and representatives, the Paying Agent and Registrar, and the City's bond counsel, are all hereby authorized to take such actions on behalf of the City as are necessary to effectuate the closing of the issuance and sale of the Bonds, including, without limitation, authorizing the release of the Bonds by the Depository at closing. The Bond Purchase Agreement (the "Purchase Agreement") to be entered into between the City and the Underwriter with respect to the purchase of the Bonds from the City, in such form as the Authorized Officer executing the Purchase Agreement shall in the exercise of his or her own independent judgment and absolute discretion determine to be necessary, proper, appropriate, advisable, or desirable in order to effectuate the issuance, sale, and delivery of the Bonds, be and the same is hereby in all respects authorized, adopted, specified, accepted, ratified, approved and confirmed.

Section 7. An Authorized Officer, or one or more of them, shall designate the Bond Registrar and Paying Agent (the "**Registrar**") for the Bonds in the Designation. The Registrar shall keep the books for the registration and transfer of Bonds at its office. If the Registrar is a bank or trust company, the Registrar shall serve in such capacities under the terms of an agreement entitled "Paying Agent and Registrar's Agreement" between the City and the Registrar, the form of which shall be approved by an Authorized Officer. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said agreement in substantially the form presented but with such changes as they shall deem appropriate or necessary. The names and registered addresses of the registered owner or owners of the Bonds shall at all times be recorded in such books. The transfer of any Bond may be registered upon the books kept for the registration and registration of transfer of Bonds upon presentation and surrender thereof to the Registrar together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner or such registered owner's attorney or legal representative in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Registrar. Upon

any such registration of transfer, the City shall execute and the Registrar shall authenticate and deliver in exchange for such Bond, a new Bond or Bonds of any denomination or denominations authorized by this Ordinance of the same series and maturity and in the same aggregate principal amount and bearing interest at the same rate. Bonds may be exchanged at the principal office of the Registrar for a like aggregate principal amount of Bonds and the City shall execute and the Registrar shall authenticate and deliver Bonds which the owner making the exchange is entitled to receive, numbered consecutively beginning after the last number then outstanding and of the same maturity and bearing interest at the same rate as the Bonds surrendered for exchange. The Registrar may impose a charge sufficient to defray all costs and expenses incident to registrations of transfer and exchanges. In each case the Registrar shall require the payment by the owner requesting exchange or transfer of any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such exchange or transfer.

The Registrar shall not be required to transfer Bonds for a period of 16 days next preceding any interest or principal payment date or to transfer any Bonds for a period of 30 days next preceding any date fixed for redemption. The Registrar shall also be responsible for making the payments of principal and interest as the same fall due upon the Bonds from funds provided by the City for such purpose. Payments of interest due upon the Bonds prior to maturity or redemption shall be made by the Registrar by mailing a check in the amount due for such interest on each interest payment date to the registered owner of each Bond as of the close of business on the fifteenth day of the month immediately preceding the month in which interest on the Bonds is payable, addressed to such owner's registered address as shown on the books of registration as required to be maintained under this **Section 7**. Payments of principal due at maturity or at any date fixed for redemption prior to maturity, together with any accrued interest then due, shall be made by the Registrar upon presentation and surrender of such Bond at the office of the Registrar. The City and the Registrar may treat the registered owner of any Bond as the absolute owner of such Bond for purposes of making payment thereon and for all other purposes. All payments on account of interest or principal made to the registered owner of any Bond shall be valid and effectual and shall be a discharge of the City and the Registrar in respect of the liability upon the Bonds or claims for interest to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

Section 8. After the Bonds are executed by the City they shall be delivered to the Registrar for authentication and registration as to ownership, and in the denominations designated in writing by the initial purchaser thereof hereinafter identified. After execution, authentication and registration of the Bonds, the City Treasurer is authorized and directed to deliver them to the Underwriter upon receipt of the purchase price of the Bonds as set forth in the Bond Purchase Agreement hereinafter approved.

Section 9. The City warrants that the special assessments levied upon the real estate specifically benefited by the improvements financed or refinanced the proceeds of the Bonds and the Outstanding Obligations to have been lawfully levied and are valid liens on the respective lots and tracts of land upon which they have been levied and that such assessments and the interest thereon shall, when collected, constitute a sinking fund for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds. The City agrees that it will collect said special assessments and, in addition thereto, the City will cause to be levied and collected annually a tax by valuation on all the taxable property in the City, except intangible property, in addition to all other taxes, which with other funds of the City available therefor, shall be sufficient in rate and amount to fully pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same become due.

Section 10. The Clerk shall make and certify one or more complete transcripts of the proceedings had and done by the City precedent to the issuance of said Bonds, a copy of which transcript shall be delivered to the initial purchaser of the Bonds. After being executed by the Mayor and Clerk, said Bonds shall be delivered to Underwriter.

Section 11. The proceeds of the Bonds shall be applied to pay the costs of the improvements in the Districts as described in Section 1 hereof, including payment at or prior to maturity of the Outstanding

Obligations and any other related warrant or bond anticipation note indebtedness, and issuance expenses for the Bonds. Pending such application the City Treasurer may hold such proceeds.

Section 12. The City hereby covenants with the purchasers and holders of the Bonds herein authorized that it will make no use of the proceeds of said issue, including monies held in any sinking fund for the payment of principal and interest on said Bonds, which would cause said Bonds to be arbitrage bonds within the meaning of Sections 103 and 148 and other related sections of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), and further covenants to comply with said Sections 103 and 148 and related sections and all applicable regulations thereunder throughout the term of said issue. The City hereby covenants and agrees to take all actions necessary under the Code to maintain the tax exempt status (as to taxpayers generally) of interest payable on the Bonds. The City hereby authorizes the Authorized Officers, or any one or more of them, as and if appropriate, to designate the Bonds as its “qualified tax-exempt obligations” pursuant to Section 265(b)(3)(B)(i)(III) of the Code and covenant and warrant on behalf of the City that the City does not reasonably expect to issue tax-exempt bonds or other tax-exempt interest bearing obligations aggregating in principal amount more than \$10,000,000 during the calendar year in which the Bonds are issued (taking into consideration the exception for current refunding issues). The City agrees to take all further actions, if any, necessary to qualify the Bonds herein authorized as such “qualified tax-exempt obligations” as and to the extent permitted by law.

Section 13. The Mayor and City Council hereby authorize the Authorized Officers, or each individually, to approve and deem final, within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, a Preliminary Official Statement with respect to the Bonds and the information therein contained and to approve and deliver a final Official Statement for and on behalf of the City. The Authorized Officers, or any one or more of them, are hereby further authorized to take any and all actions and enter into any and all agreements and execute any documents deemed necessary or appropriate in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds, and any such actions previously taken are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 14. The City hereby (a) authorizes and directs that an Authorized Officer execute and deliver, on the date of issue of the Bonds, a continuing disclosure undertaking (the “**Continuing Disclosure Undertaking**”) in such form as shall be satisfactory to the City and in compliance with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, to the extent required by the Underwriter; and (b) covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking. Notwithstanding any other provision of this ordinance, failure of the City to comply with the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking shall not be considered an event of default hereunder; however, any Participating Underwriter (as such term is defined in the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking) or any Beneficial Owner or any Registered Owner of a Bond (as such terms are defined in the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking) may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandamus or specific performance by court order, to cause the City to comply with its obligations under this section.

Section 15. The City’s obligation under this Ordinance shall be fully discharged and satisfied as to the Bonds authorized and issued hereunder, and said Bonds shall no longer be deemed outstanding hereunder when payment of the principal of such Bonds plus interest thereon to the date of maturity or redemption thereof (a) shall have been made or caused to be made in accordance with the terms thereof; or (b) shall have been provided by depositing with the Registrar or in escrow with a national or state bank having trust powers, in trust solely for such payment (i) sufficient moneys to make such payment or (ii) direct general obligations of, or obligations the principal and interest of which are unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States of America or obligations of an agency of the United States of America (herein referred to as “**Government Obligations**”), in such amount and maturing as to principal and interest at such times, as will insure the availability of sufficient moneys to make such payment, and such Bonds shall cease to draw interest from the

date of their redemption or maturity and, except for the purposes of such payment, shall no longer be entitled to the benefits of this Ordinance; provided that, with respect to any Bonds called or to be called for redemption prior to the stated maturity thereof, notice of redemption shall have been duly given. If moneys shall have been deposited in accordance with the terms hereof with the Registrar as escrow agent in trust for that purpose sufficient to pay the principal of such Bonds, together with all interest due thereon to the due date thereof or to the date fixed for the redemption thereof, as the case may be, all liability of the City for such payment shall forthwith cease, determine and be completely discharged, and such Bonds shall no longer be considered outstanding.

Section 16. Without in any way limiting the power, authority or discretion elsewhere herein granted or delegated, the Council hereby (a) authorizes and directs the Mayor, Treasurer, Clerk, City Attorney and all other officers, officials, employees and agents of the City to carry out or cause to be carried out, and to perform such obligations of the City and such other actions as they, or any of them, in consultation with bond counsel, the initial purchaser of the bonds and its counsel, shall consider necessary, advisable, desirable or appropriate in connection with this Ordinance and issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds, and payment at or prior to maturity of the Outstanding Obligations and any other interim financing issued to pay costs of improvements in the Districts, including, without limitation, and whenever appropriate the execution and delivery thereof and of all other related documents, instruments, certifications and opinions, and (b) delegates, authorizes and directs the Mayor the right, power and authority to exercise his own independent judgment and absolute discretion in (i) determining and finalizing the terms, provisions, form and contents of any official statement utilized in offering the Bonds for sale to the public, (ii) determining and finalizing all other terms and provisions to be carried by the Bonds not specifically set forth in this Ordinance, and (iii) the taking of all actions and the making of all arrangements necessary, proper, appropriate, advisable or desirable in order to effectuate the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds and redemption or payment at or prior to maturity of the Outstanding Obligations and any other interim financing issued to pay costs of improvements in the Districts. The execution and delivery by the Mayor or by any such other officers, officials, employees or agents of the City of any such documents, instruments, certifications and opinions, or the doing by them of any act in connection with any of the matters which are the subject of this Ordinance, shall constitute conclusive evidence of both the City's and their approval of the terms, provisions and contents thereof and all changes, modifications, amendments, revisions and alterations made therein and shall conclusively establish their absolute, unconditional and irrevocable authority with respect thereto from the City and the authorization, approval and ratification by the City of the documents, instruments, certifications and opinions so executed and the actions so taken.

Section 17. If any one or more of the provisions of this Ordinance should be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to law, then such provisions shall be deemed severable from the remaining provisions of this Ordinance and the invalidity thereof shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this Ordinance or of the Bonds and the owners of the Bonds shall retain all the rights and benefits accorded to them under this Ordinance and under any applicable provisions of law.

If any provisions of this Ordinance shall be held or deemed to be or shall, in fact, be inoperative or unenforceable or invalid in any particular case in any jurisdiction or jurisdictions, or in all cases because it conflicts with any constitution or statute or rule of public policy, or for any other reason, such circumstances shall not have the effect of rendering the provision in question inoperative or unenforceable or invalid in any other case or circumstances, or of rendering any other provision or provisions herein contained inoperative or unenforceable or invalid to any extent whatever.

Section 18. All documents, agreements, certificates, and instruments related to the Bonds shall be valid, binding, and enforceable against the City when executed and delivered by means of (i) an original manual signature; (ii) a faxed, scanned, or photocopied manual signature, or (iii) any other electronic signature

permitted by electronic signatures laws, including any relevant provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, in each case to the extent applicable. Each faxed, scanned, or photocopied manual signature, or other electronic signature, shall for all purposes have the same validity, legal effect, and admissibility in evidence as an original manual signature. Each document, agreement, certificate, and instrument related to the Bonds may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but such counterparts shall, together, constitute one and the same document, agreement, certificate, or instrument, as applicable.

Section 19. This ordinance shall be published in pamphlet or electronic form and shall be in force and take effect from and after its adoption as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED: _____, 2025.

CITY OF CRETE, NEBRASKA

ATTEST:

By: _____
Mayor

By: _____
Clerk

[S E A L]

ORDINANCE NO. 2253

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF TAX SUPPORTED MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF THE CITY OF CRETE, NEBRASKA, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING, ACQUIRING, IMPROVING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT FOR MAINTAINING PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE CITY; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF SAID BONDS; PLEDGING FUNDS TO BE RECEIVED BY A SALES AND USE TAX AND OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF SAID TAXES TO PAY THE SAME; PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE DELIVERY OF THE BONDS TO THE PURCHASER; PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF BOND PROCEEDS; AND ORDERING THE ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRETE, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. The Mayor and City Council (the “**City Council**”) of the City of Crete, Nebraska, (the “**City**”) hereby find and determine that:

- (a) The City imposes a sales and use tax in the amount of 1.50% (the “**1.50% Sales Tax**”) upon the same transactions within the City on which the State of Nebraska is authorized to impose a tax pursuant to the Local Option Revenue Act (Sections 77-27,142 to 77-27,148, inclusive, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended, the “**Act**”).
- (b) An election (the “**Election**”) was duly called and held in conjunction with the Statewide General Election on November 8, 2016, pursuant to the Act, to impose an additional one-half of one percent (0.50%) sales and use tax to pay the costs to fund the costs of public infrastructure projects within the City of Crete, which shall include a community building containing a storm shelter and library with a related park and playground (collectively, the “**Original Project**”), at which Election a majority of all the qualified electors voting on said proposition voted in favor of the levy and collection of the additional 0.50% sales and use tax (the “**Additional Tax**”; and together with the portion of the 1.50% Sales Tax which may be expended on the Project and costs of the same nature as the Project, the “**Tax**”). The Original Project approved at the Election has been constructed by the City, and additional public infrastructure improvements and equipment for maintaining public infrastructure of the City are necessary and appropriate to be acquired and constructed (the “**Project**”).
- (c) Pursuant to Ordinance No. 1992 passed and approved on November 29, 2016, the Mayor and Council imposed the Additional Tax applicable to all taxable transactions within the City on and after April 1, 2017 and continuing for a period of ten years, unless bonds are issued and some or all of the revenues from the Tax are pledged for payment of the bonds, in which case the Additional Tax shall remain in effect until payment in full of said bonds and any refunding bonds, whichever date is later.

- (d) The City is authorized to issue bonds pursuant to the Act to pay and reimburse the costs of the Project and to pledge receipts of the Tax and dedicate a portion of its property tax levy authority as provided in Section 77-3442, R.R.S. Neb., as amended, for payment of such bonds.
- (e) That it is necessary, desirable, advisable and in the best interest of the City that tax supported municipal improvement bonds be issued to provide financing for the Project, including payment of and reimbursement of costs of the Project.
- (f) All conditions, acts and things required to exist or to be done precedent to the issuance of Tax Supported Municipal Improvement Bonds, Series 2025, (or such other title as determined in a Designation as described below, the “**Bonds**”) of the City of Crete, Nebraska, in one or more series in the aggregate stated principal amount of not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) pursuant to the Act to provide financing for a portion of the cost of the Project do exist and have been done as required by law.

Section 2. (a) To provide funds for the purpose of paying and reimbursing the costs of the Project as set forth in Section 1 hereof, there shall be and there are hereby ordered issued the Tax Supported Municipal Improvement Bonds of the City, in the aggregate stated principal amount of not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000).

(b) The Bonds or any portion thereof are hereby authorized to be sold pursuant to a negotiated sale with Piper Sandler & Co., as initial purchaser (the “**Underwriter**”). In connection with such sale, the Mayor, City Administrator, or City Finance Director (each, an “**Authorized Officer**”) are hereby authorized to specify, determine, designate, establish and appoint, as the case may be, in one or more written designations which may be included in a bond purchase agreement (each, a “**Designation**”), (i) the aggregate purchase price of the Bonds and the underwriting discount which shall not exceed 1.0% of the aggregate stated principal amount thereof, (ii) the form and contents of any bond purchase agreement in connection with such sale, (iii) the title, dated date, aggregate principal amount (including the aggregate principal amounts of serial Bonds and term Bonds, if any), which aggregate stated principal amount shall not exceed \$1,000,000, and the final maturity date, which shall not be later than December 31, 2035, (iv) the principal amounts maturing in each year, (v) the rate or rates of interest to be borne by each principal maturity, and any original issue premium or original issue discount, provided that the true interest cost of the Bonds shall not exceed 5.00%, (vi) the principal payment dates and interest payment dates, (vii) whether the Bonds will be subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity, and if subject to such optional redemption, the provisions governing such redemption, including a redemption price not to exceed 104% of the principal amount then being redeemed plus accrued interest to the date of redemption, (viii) the amount and due date of each sinking fund installment for any of the Bonds issued as term Bonds, (ix) the designation of the Paying Agent and Registrar and the form and content of any agreement between the City and such entity and (x) all other terms and provisions of the Bonds not otherwise specified or fixed by this Ordinance.

(c) The Bonds shall be issued in fully registered form in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. The date of original issue for the Bonds shall be date of original delivery. Interest on the Bonds, at the respective rates for each maturity, shall be payable semi-annually on such dates as determined in the Designation, (each an “**Interest Payment Date**”), and the Bonds shall bear interest from the date of original issue or the most recent Interest Payment Date, whichever is later. The interest due on each Interest Payment Date shall be payable to the registered owners of record as of the fifteenth day immediately preceding the Interest Payment Date (the “**Record Date**”), subject to the provisions of Section 4 hereof. The Bonds shall be numbered from 1 upwards in the order of their issuance. No Bond shall be issued originally or upon transfer or partial redemption having more than one principal maturity. The initial bond numbering and principal amounts for each of the Bonds issued shall be as directed by the initial

purchaser thereof. Payments of interest due on the Bonds prior to maturity or earlier redemption shall be made by the Paying Agent and Registrar, as designated pursuant to Section 3 hereof, by mailing a check or draft in the amount due for such interest on each Interest Payment Date to the registered owner of each Bond, as of the Record Date for such Interest Payment Date, to such owner's registered address as shown on the books of registration as required to be maintained in Section 3 hereof. Payments of principal due at maturity or at any date fixed for redemption prior to maturity, together with unpaid accrued interest thereon, shall be made by said Paying Agent and Registrar to the registered owners upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds to said Paying Agent and Registrar. The City and said Paying Agent and Registrar may treat the registered owner of any Bond as the absolute owner of such Bond for the purpose of making payments thereon and for all other purposes and neither the City nor the Paying Agent and Registrar shall be affected by any notice or knowledge to the contrary, whether such Bond or any installment of interest due thereon shall be overdue or not. All payments on account of interest or principal made to the registered owner of any Bond in accordance with the terms of this Ordinance shall be valid and effectual and shall be a discharge of the City and said Paying Agent and Registrar, in respect of the liability upon the Bonds or claims for interest to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

Section 3. One or more of the Authorized Officers shall designate a bank or trust company to serve as Paying Agent and Registrar for the Bonds and upon such agreed terms as may be determined in the Designation by an Authorized Officer, or at any time by the Mayor at the Mayor's discretion. Such bank or trust company shall serve as Paying Agent and Registrar in such capacities under the terms of an agreement entitled "Paying Agent and Registrar's Agreement" between the City and said Paying Agent and Registrar, the form of which may be approved by an Authorized Officer. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the City in the form as an Authorized Officer shall deem appropriate on behalf of the City. The Paying Agent and Registrar shall keep and maintain for the City books for the registration and transfer of the Bonds at its office. The names and registered addresses of registered owner or owners of the Bonds shall at all times be recorded in such books. Any Bond may be transferred pursuant to its provisions at the office of said Paying Agent and Registrar by surrender of such bond for cancellation, accompanied by a written instrument of transfer, in form satisfactory to said Paying Agent and Registrar, duly executed by the registered owner in person or by such owner's duly authorized agent, and thereupon the Paying Agent and Registrar on behalf of the City will deliver at its office (or send by registered mail to the transferee owner or owners thereof at such transferee owner's or owners' risk and expense), registered in the name of such transferee owner or owners, a new Bond or Bonds of the same interest rate, aggregate principal amount and maturity. To the extent of the denominations authorized for the Bonds by this ordinance, one such bond may be transferred for several such bonds of the same interest rate and maturity, and for a like aggregate principal amount, and several such bonds may be transferred for one or several such bonds, respectively, of the same interest rate and maturity and for a like aggregate principal amount. In every case of transfer of a Bond, the surrendered Bond shall be canceled and destroyed. All Bonds issued upon transfer of the Bonds so surrendered shall be valid obligations of the City evidencing the same obligation as the Bonds surrendered and shall be entitled to all the benefits and protection of this ordinance to the same extent as the Bonds upon transfer of which they were delivered. The City as said Paying Agent and Registrar shall not be required to transfer any Bond during any period from any Record Date until its immediately following Interest Payment Date or to transfer any Bond called for redemption for a period of 30 days next preceding the date fixed for redemption.

Section 4. In the event that payments of interest due on the Bonds on an Interest Payment Date are not timely made, such interest shall cease to be payable to the registered owners as of the Record Date for such Interest Payment Date and shall be payable to the registered owners of the Bonds as of a special date of record for payment of such defaulted interest as shall be designated by the Paying Agent and Registrar whenever monies for the purpose of paying such defaulted interest become available.

Section 5. Bonds shall be subject to redemption, in whole or in part, prior to maturity at any time on or after the fifth anniversary of the date of original issue thereof at par plus accrued interest on the principal amount redeemed to the date fixed for redemption (or such other date as may be determined in the Designation). The City may select the Bonds to be redeemed for optional redemption in its sole discretion. Bonds for mandatory redemption shall be selected by the Paying Agent and Registrar using any random method of selection determined appropriate by the Paying Agent and Registrar. Bonds redeemed pursuant to the requirements for mandatory redemption shall be redeemed at par plus accrued interest on the principal amount redeemed. The Bonds shall be redeemed only in amounts of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof. Bonds redeemed in part only shall be surrendered to said Paying Agent and Registrar in exchange for a new Bond evidencing the unredeemed principal thereof. Notice of redemption of any Bond called for redemption shall be given, at the direction of the City in the case of optional redemption and without further direction in the case of mandatory redemption, by said Paying Agent and Registrar by mail not less than 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption, first class, postage prepaid, sent to the registered owner of such Bond at said owner's registered address. Such notice shall designate the Bond or Bonds to be redeemed by maturity or otherwise, the date of original issue, series and the date fixed for redemption and shall state that such Bond or Bonds are to be presented for prepayment at the office of said Paying Agent and Registrar. In case of any Bond partially redeemed, such notice shall specify the portion of the principal amount of such Bond to be redeemed. No defect in the mailing of notice for any Bond shall affect the sufficiency of the proceedings of the City designating the Bonds called for redemption or the effectiveness of such call for Bonds for which notice by mail has been properly given and the City shall have the right to further direct notice of redemption for any such Bond for which defective notice has been given.

Section 6. If the date for payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds shall be a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions in Crete, Nebraska, are authorized by law or executive order to close, then the date for such payment shall be the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which such banking institutions are authorized to close, and payment on such day shall have the same force and effect as if made on the nominal date of payment.

Section 7. The Bonds shall be in substantially the following form:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STATE OF NEBRASKA
COUNTY OF SALINE
CITY OF CRETE

TAX SUPPORTED MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT BOND
SERIES 2025

No. R-__

<u>Interest Rate</u> %	<u>Maturity Date</u> _____, 20__	<u>Date of Original Issue</u> _____, 2025	<u>CUSIP</u>
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Registered Owner: Cede & Co.
13-2555119

Principal Amount:

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: That the City of Crete, Nebraska, hereby acknowledges itself to owe and for value received promises to pay to the registered owner specified above, or registered assigns, the principal amount specified above in lawful money of the United States of America on the date of maturity specified above with interest thereon to maturity (or earlier redemption) from the date of original issue or most recent Interest Payment Date, whichever is later, at the rate per annum specified above, payable on _____ 15, 20__, and semiannually thereafter on June 15 and December 15 of each year (each of said dates an "Interest Payment Date"). Said interest shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. The principal of this bond is payable upon presentation and surrender of the bond at the office of _____, _____, Nebraska, as Paying Agent and Registrar. Interest on this bond due prior to maturity or earlier redemption will be paid on each Interest Payment Date by a check or draft mailed by the Paying Agent and Registrar to the registered owner of this bond, as shown on the books of record maintained by the Paying Agent and Registrar, at the close of business on the fifteenth day immediately preceding the Interest Payment Date, to such owner's registered address as shown on such books and records. Any interest not so timely paid shall cease to be payable to the person entitled thereto as of the record date such interest was payable, and shall be payable to the person who is the registered owner of this bond (or of one or more predecessor bonds hereto) on such special record date for payment of such defaulted interest as shall be fixed by the Paying Agent and Registrar whenever monies for such purposes become available.

This bond is one of an issue of fully registered bonds of the total principal amount of _____ Dollars (\$_____), of even date and like tenor except as to date of maturity, rate of interest and denomination which were issued by the City to fund the costs of public infrastructure improvements and equipment to maintain public infrastructure improvements within the City of Crete as more fully described in Ordinance No. ____ (the "Ordinance") legally passed and approved by the Mayor and City Council of said City on _____, 2025. The issuance of this bond and the bonds of this issue has been authorized by proceedings duly had and the Ordinance.

All Bonds of this issue are subject to redemption at the option of the City, in whole or in part, at any time on or after five years after the date of delivery, at par plus interest accrued on the principal amount redeemed to the date fixed for redemption.

Notice of redemption shall be given by mail to the registered owner of any bond to be redeemed at said registered owner's address in the manner specified in the Ordinance authorizing said issue of bonds. Individual bonds may be redeemed in part but only in \$5,000 amounts or integral multiples thereof.

This bond is transferable by the registered owner or such owner's attorney duly authorizing in writing at the office of the Paying Agent and Registrar upon surrender and cancellation of this bond, and thereupon a new bond or bonds of the same aggregate principal amount, interest rate and maturity will be issued to the transferee as provided in the Ordinance authorizing said issue of bonds, subject to the limitations therein prescribed. The City, the Paying Agent and Registrar and any other person may treat the person in whose name this bond is registered as the absolute owner hereof for the purpose of receiving payment due hereunder and for all purposes and shall not be affected by any notice to the contrary, whether this bond be overdue or not.

If the date for payment of the principal of or interest on this bond shall be a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions in the City of Crete, Nebraska, are authorized by law or executive order to close, then the date for such payment shall be the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which such banking institutions are authorized to close, and payment on such day shall have the same force and effect as if made on the nominal date of payment.

For the prompt payment of the principal and interest on this bond and the other bonds of the same issue, the City of Crete, Nebraska, has pledged funds received and to be received from certain sales tax revenues as defined and described in the Ordinance as the "Tax", with receipts from such tax to be allocated by the City to payment of principal and interest as the same fall due, all as more specifically described in the Ordinance. In addition, the City has covenanted and agreed in the Ordinance that it shall designate a portion of its property tax authority pursuant to Section 77-3442, R.R.S. Neb., as amended, in such amount as will provide funds which, together with receipts from the Tax as pledged to the payment of such principal and interest and any other money made available and used for such purpose, will be sufficient to make payment of the principal of and interest on this bond and the other bonds of the same issue as the same fall due.

AS PROVIDED IN THE ORDINANCE REFERRED TO HEREIN, UNTIL THE TERMINATION OF THE SYSTEM OF BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY TRANSFERS THROUGH THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY, NEW YORK, NEW YORK (TOGETHER WITH ANY SUCCESSOR SECURITIES DEPOSITORY APPOINTED PURSUANT TO THE ORDINANCE, "DTC"), AND NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE TO THE CONTRARY, A PORTION OF THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF THIS BOND MAY BE PAID OR REDEEMED WITHOUT SURRENDER HEREOF TO THE REGISTRAR. DTC OR A NOMINEE, TRANSFEREE OR ASSIGNEE OF DTC OF THIS BOND MAY NOT RELY UPON THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT INDICATED HEREON AS THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT HEREOF OUTSTANDING AND UNPAID. THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT HEREOF OUTSTANDING AND UNPAID SHALL FOR ALL PURPOSES BE THE AMOUNT DETERMINED IN THE MANNER PROVIDED IN THE ORDINANCE.

UNLESS THIS BOND IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED OFFICER OF DTC (A) TO THE REGISTRAR FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER OR EXCHANGE OR (B) TO THE REGISTRAR FOR PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL, AND ANY BOND ISSUED IN REPLACEMENT HEREOF OR SUBSTITUTION HEREFOR IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF DTC AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO DTC OR ITS NOMINEE, ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL BECAUSE ONLY THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, DTC OR ITS NOMINEE, HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED AND WARRANTED that all conditions, acts and things required by law to exist or to be done precedent to and in the issuance of this bond did exist, did happen and were done and performed in regular and due form and time as required by law and that the indebtedness of said City, including this bond, does not exceed any limitation imposed by law.

This bond shall not be valid and binding on the City until authenticated by the Paying Agent and Registrar.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Crete, Nebraska, have caused this bond to be executed on behalf of the City with the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the City Clerk and by causing the official seal of the City to be impressed or imprinted hereon, all as of the date of original issue specified above.

THE CITY OF CRETE, NEBRASKA

(facsimile signature)
Mayor

ATTEST:

(facsimile signature) (SEAL)
City Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This bond is one of the bonds authorized by Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Crete, Nebraska, described in the foregoing bond.

_____, _____, Nebraska,
as Paying Agent and Registrar

By: _____
Authorized Signature

(Form of Assignment)

For value received _____ hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto _____ (Social Security or Taxpayer I.D. No. _____) the within bond and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints _____, attorney, to transfer the same on the books of registration in the office of the within-mentioned Paying Agent and Registrar with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

Registered Owner(s)

Signature Guaranteed

By _____

Authorized Officer(s)

Note: The signature(s) on this assignment **MUST CORRESPOND** with the name(s) as written on the face of the within bond in every particular, without alteration, enlargement or any change whatsoever, and must be guaranteed by a commercial bank or a trust company or by a firm having membership on the New York, Midwest or other stock exchange.

Section 8. Each of the Bonds shall be executed on behalf of the City with the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and City Clerk of the City. The Bonds shall be issued initially as “book-entry-only” bonds using the services of The Depository Trust Company (the “Depository”), with one typewritten bond per maturity being issued to the Depository. In such connection said officers are authorized to execute and deliver a letter of representations (the “Letter of Representations”) in the form required by the Depository, for and on behalf of the City, which shall thereafter govern matters with respect to registration, transfer, payment and redemption of the Bonds. Upon the issuance of the Bonds as “book-entry-only” bonds, the following provisions shall apply:

(a) The City and the Paying Agent and Registrar shall have no responsibility or obligation to any broker-dealer, bank or other financial institution for which the Depository holds Bonds as securities depository (each, a “Bond Participant”) or to any person who is an actual purchaser of a Bond from a Bond Participant while the Bonds are in book-entry form (each, a “Beneficial Owner”) with respect to the following:

(i) the accuracy of the records of the Depository, any nominees of the Depository or any Bond Participant with respect to any ownership interest in the Bonds,

(ii) the delivery to any Bond Participant, any Beneficial Owner or any other person, other than the Depository, of any notice with respect to the Bonds, including any notice of redemption, or

(iii) the payment to any Bond Participant, any Beneficial Owner or any other person, other than the Depository, of any amount with respect to the Bonds.

The Paying Agent and Registrar shall make payments with respect to the Bonds only to or upon the order of the Depository or its nominee, and all such payments shall be valid and effective fully to satisfy and discharge the obligations with respect to such Bonds to the extent of the sum or sums so paid. No person other than the Depository shall receive an authenticated Bond, except as provided in (e) below.

(b) Upon receipt by the Paying Agent and Registrar of written notice from the Depository to the effect that the Depository is unable or unwilling to discharge its responsibilities, the Paying Agent and Registrar shall issue, transfer and exchange Bonds requested by the Depository in appropriate amounts. Whenever the Depository requests the Paying Agent and Registrar to do so, the Paying Agent and Registrar will cooperate with the Depository in taking appropriate action after reasonable notice (i) to arrange, with the prior written consent of the City, for a substitute depository willing and able upon reasonable and customary terms to maintain custody of the Bonds or (ii) to make available Bonds registered in whatever name or names the Beneficial Owners transferring or exchanging such Bonds shall designate.

(c) If the City determines that it is desirable that certificates representing the Bonds be delivered to the Bond Participants and/or Beneficial Owners of the Bonds and so notifies the Paying Agent and Registrar in writing, the Paying Agent and Registrar shall so notify the Depository, whereupon the Depository will notify the Bond Participants of the availability through the Depository of bond certificates representing the Bonds. In such event, the Paying Agent and Registrar shall issue, transfer and exchange bond certificates

representing the Bonds as requested by the Depository in appropriate amounts and in authorized denominations.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance to the contrary, so long as any Bond is registered in the name of the Depository or any nominee thereof, all payments with respect to such Bond and all notices with respect to such Bond shall be made and given, respectively, to the Depository as provided in the Letter of Representations.

(e) Registered ownership of the Bonds may be transferred on the books of registration maintained by the Paying Agent and Registrar, and the Bonds may be delivered in physical form to the following:

(i) any successor securities depository or its nominee;

(ii) any person, upon (A) the resignation of the Depository from its functions as depository or (B) termination of the use of the Depository pursuant to this Section.

(f) In the event of any partial redemption of a Bond unless and until such partially redeemed Bond has been replaced in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance, the books and records of the Paying Agent and Registrar shall govern and establish the principal amount of such Bond as is then outstanding and all of the Bonds issued to the Depository or its nominee shall contain a legend to such effect.

If for any reason the Depository resigns and is not replaced or upon termination by the City of book-entry-only form, the City shall immediately provide a supply of bond certificates for issuance upon subsequent transfers or in the event of partial redemption. In the event that such supply of certificates shall be insufficient to meet the requirements of the Paying Agent and Registrar for issuance of replacement bond certificates upon transfer or partial redemption, the City agrees to order printed an additional supply of bond certificates and to direct their execution by manual or facsimile signature of its then duly qualified and acting officers. In case any officer whose signature or facsimile thereof shall appear on any Bond shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of such Bond (including any bond certificates delivered to the Paying Agent and Registrar for issuance upon transfer or partial redemption) such signature or such facsimile signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if such officer or officers had remained in office until the delivery of such Bond. After being executed by the Mayor and City Clerk, said Bonds shall be delivered to the Treasurer of the City who shall be responsible therefor under his/her official bond and such Treasurer shall maintain a record of information with respect to said Bonds in accordance with the requirements of Section 10-140, R.R.S. Neb, as amended, and shall cause the same to be filed with the Auditor of Public Accounts of the State of Nebraska. The Bonds shall not be valid and binding on the City until authenticated by the Paying Agent and Registrar. The Bonds shall be delivered to the Paying Agent and Registrar for registration and authentication. Upon execution, registration and authentication of the Bonds, they shall be delivered to the City Treasurer, who is authorized to deliver them to the Underwriter, as initial purchaser thereof, upon receipt of the purchase price thereof plus accrued interest thereon to date of payment of the Bonds. Such initial purchaser shall have the right to direct the registration of the Bonds and the denominations thereof within each maturity, subject to the restrictions of this Ordinance. The Underwriter and its agents, representatives and counsel (including the City's bond counsel) are hereby authorized to take such actions on behalf of the City as are necessary to effectuate the closing of the issuance and sale of the Bonds, including, without limitation, authorizing the release of the Bonds by the Depository at closing. The Bond Purchase Agreement (the "Purchase Agreement") to be entered into between the City and the Underwriter with respect to the purchase of the Bonds from the City, in such form as the Authorized Officer executing the Purchase Agreement shall in

the exercise of his or her own independent judgment and absolute discretion determine to be necessary, proper, appropriate, advisable, or desirable in order to effectuate the issuance, sale, and delivery of the Bonds, be and the same is hereby in all respects authorized, adopted, specified, accepted, ratified, approved and confirmed.

Section 9. The City Clerk is directed to make and certify a transcript or transcripts of the proceedings of the Mayor and City Council precedent to the issuance of said Bonds, a copy of which shall be delivered to the Underwriter.

Section 10. The proceeds of the Bonds shall be applied to pay or reimburse the costs of the Project as described in Section 1 hereof. Pending such application the City Treasurer shall hold such proceeds.

Section 11. The Bonds are special obligations of the City payable from, and secured as to the payment of principal and interest by a pledge of the Tax, as described in Section 1 of this Ordinance. The City hereby pledges the Tax to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds. The City hereby further agrees that it shall dedicate such portion of its property tax levy authority (as provided in Section 77-3442, R.R.S. Neb., as amended) as is necessary to provide funds which, together with receipts from the Tax as pledged to the payment of the Bonds, and any other monies made available and used for such purpose, will be sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same fall due (including mandatory sinking fund redemptions). The pledge of the Tax provided for in this Section 11 for the Bonds shall not prevent the City from otherwise applying receipts from the Tax in any year so long as sufficient funds of the City have been set aside for the payment of principal and interest falling due in such year on the Bonds. In addition, the City further reserves the right to issue additional bonds payable on par with the Bonds and equally and ratably secured by a pledge of receipts from the Tax.

Section 12. The City hereby covenants with the purchasers and holders of the Bonds herein authorized that it will make no use of the proceeds of said issue, including monies held in any sinking fund for the payment of principal and interest on said Bonds, which would cause said Bonds to be arbitrage bonds within the meaning of Sections 103 and 148 and other related sections of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and further covenants to comply with said Sections 103 and 148 and related sections and all applicable regulations thereunder throughout the term of said issue. The City hereby covenants and agrees to take all actions necessary under the Code to maintain the tax exempt status (as to taxpayers generally) of interest payable on the Bonds. The City hereby authorizes the Authorized Officers, or any one or more of them, as and if appropriate, to designate the Bonds as its "qualified tax-exempt obligations" pursuant to Section 265(b)(3)(B)(i)(III) of the Code and covenant and warrant on behalf of the City that the City does not reasonably expect to issue tax-exempt bonds or other tax-exempt interest bearing obligations aggregating in principal amount more than \$10,000,000 during the calendar year in which the Bonds are issued (taking into consideration the exception for current refunding issues). The City agrees to take all further actions, if any, necessary to qualify the Bonds herein authorized as such "qualified tax-exempt obligations" as and to the extent permitted by law.

Section 13. The Mayor and City Council hereby authorize the Authorized Officers, or each individually, to approve and deem final, within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, a Preliminary Official Statement or preliminary offering circular with respect to the Bonds and the information therein contained and to approve and deliver a final Official Statement or offering circular for and on behalf of the City. The Authorized Officers, or any one or more of them, are hereby further authorized to take any and all actions and enter into any and all agreements and execute any documents deemed necessary or appropriate in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds, and any such actions previously taken are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 14. The City hereby (a) authorizes and directs that an Authorized Officer execute and deliver, on the date of issue of the Bonds, a continuing disclosure undertaking (the “**Continuing Disclosure Undertaking**”) in such form as shall be satisfactory to the City and in compliance with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, to the extent required by the Underwriter; and (b) covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of any such Continuing Disclosure Undertaking. Notwithstanding any other provision of this resolution, failure of the City to comply with any such Continuing Disclosure Undertaking shall not be considered an event of default hereunder; however, any Participating Underwriter (as such term is defined in the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking) or any Beneficial Owner or any Registered Owner of a Bond (as such terms are defined in the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking) may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandamus or specific performance by court order, to cause the City to comply with its obligations under this section.

Section 15. The City’s obligations under this Ordinance with respect to any or all of the Bonds herein authorized shall be fully discharged and satisfied as to any or all of such Bonds and any such Bond shall no longer be deemed to be outstanding hereunder if such Bond has been purchased by the City and canceled or when the payment of principal of and interest thereon to the respective date of maturity or redemption (a) shall have been made or caused to be made in accordance with the terms thereof, (b) shall have been provided for by depositing with a national or state bank having trust powers, or trust company, in trust, solely for such payment (i) sufficient money to make such payment and/or (ii) direct general obligations (including obligations issued or held in book entry form on the books of the Department of Treasury of the United States of America) of or obligations the principal and interest of which are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America (herein referred to as “U.S. Government Obligations”) in such amount and bearing interest payable and maturing or redeemable at stated fixed prices at the option of the holder as to principal, at such time or times, as will ensure the availability of sufficient money to make such payments; provided, however, that with respect to any Bond to be paid prior to maturity, the City shall have duly called such Bond for redemption and given notice of such redemption as provided by law or made irrevocable provision for the giving of such notice. Any money so deposited with such bank or trust company in excess of the amount required to pay principal of and interest on the Bonds for which such monies or U.S. Government Obligations were deposited shall be paid over to the City as and when collected.

Section 16. Without in any way limiting the power, authority or discretion elsewhere herein granted or delegated, the Council hereby (a) authorizes and directs the Mayor, Treasurer, Clerk, City Attorney and all other officers, officials, employees and agents of the City to carry out or cause to be carried out, and to perform such obligations of the City and such other actions as they, or any of them, in consultation with bond counsel, the initial purchaser of the bonds and its counsel, shall consider necessary, advisable, desirable or appropriate in connection with this Ordinance and issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds, and payment at or prior to maturity of the Outstanding Obligations and any other interim financing issued to pay costs of improvements in the Districts, including, without limitation, and whenever appropriate the execution and delivery thereof and of all other related documents, instruments, certifications and opinions, and (b) delegates, authorizes and directs the Mayor the right, power and authority to exercise his own independent judgment and absolute discretion in (i) determining and finalizing the terms, provisions, form and contents of any official statement utilized in offering the Bonds for sale to the public, (ii) determining and finalizing all other terms and provisions to be carried by the Bonds not specifically set forth in this Ordinance, and (iii) the taking of all actions and the making of all arrangements necessary, proper, appropriate, advisable or desirable in order to effectuate the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds and redemption or payment at or prior to maturity of the Outstanding Obligations and any other interim financing issued to pay costs of improvements in the Districts. The execution and delivery by the Mayor or by any such other officers, officials, employees or agents of the City of any such documents, instruments, certifications and opinions, or the doing by them of any act in connection with any of the matters which are

the subject of this Ordinance, shall constitute conclusive evidence of both the City's and their approval of the terms, provisions and contents thereof and all changes, modifications, amendments, revisions and alterations made therein and shall conclusively establish their absolute, unconditional and irrevocable authority with respect thereto from the City and the authorization, approval and ratification by the City of the documents, instruments, certifications and opinions so executed and the actions so taken.

Section 17. If any one or more of the provisions of this Ordinance should be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to law, then such provisions shall be deemed severable from the remaining provisions of this Ordinance and the invalidity thereof shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this Ordinance or of the Bonds and the owners of the Bonds shall retain all the rights and benefits accorded to them under this Ordinance and under any applicable provisions of law.

If any provisions of this Ordinance shall be held or deemed to be or shall, in fact, be inoperative or unenforceable or invalid in any particular case in any jurisdiction or jurisdictions, or in all cases because it conflicts with any constitution or statute or rule of public policy, or for any other reason, such circumstances shall not have the effect of rendering the provision in question inoperative or unenforceable or invalid in any other case or circumstances, or of rendering any other provision or provisions herein contained inoperative or unenforceable or invalid to any extent whatever.

Section 18. All documents, agreements, certificates, and instruments related to the Bonds shall be valid, binding, and enforceable against the City when executed and delivered by means of (i) an original manual signature; (ii) a faxed, scanned, or photocopied manual signature, or (iii) any other electronic signature permitted by electronic signatures laws, including any relevant provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, in each case to the extent applicable. Each faxed, scanned, or photocopied manual signature, or other electronic signature, shall for all purposes have the same validity, legal effect, and admissibility in evidence as an original manual signature. Each document, agreement, certificate, and instrument related to the Bonds may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but such counterparts shall, together, constitute one and the same document, agreement, certificate, or instrument, as applicable.

Section 19. This Ordinance shall be published in pamphlet or electronic form and shall be in force and take effect from and after its adoption as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED: _____, 2025.

CITY OF CRETE, NEBRASKA

ATTEST:

By: _____
Mayor

By: _____
Clerk

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