



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

September 16th, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Crete City Hall, 243 East 13th Street

MINUTES

Notice of the meeting was given by posting, the appointed method for giving notice as shown by the attached notice, at the following locations:

City Hall, 243 East 13th Street
Post Office, 1242 Linden Avenue
City Bank and Trust, 1135 Main Avenue

Advance notice of the meeting was also given to committee members. Pursuant to Section 84-1412(8) of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, the City has posted a current copy of the Open meetings Act, Laws of the State of Nebraska, in the back of the council chambers. All proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

1. Open Meeting

2. Roll Call

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

Present: 4, Absent: 2.

3. Consent Agenda

3.A. Approve Meeting Minutes

3.A.1. September 2nd, 2025 City Council Budget Hearing Minutes

3.A.2. September 2nd, 2025 City Council Minutes

3.A.3. September 2nd, 2025 Public Works Committee Minutes

3.A.4. September 2nd, 2025 Finance Committee Minutes

3.A.5. September 2nd, 2025 Legislative & Economic Development Committee Minutes

3.B. Accept the City Treasurer's Report

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

4. Items of Business

4.A. Consider the Application for the Crete Carrier Room Grant from Abby Rogers with the Girl Scout Troop 20770

Approved the Application for the Crete Carrier Room Grant from Abby Rogers with the Girl Scout Troop 20770 Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Dale Strehle.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

4.B. Consider the Application for the Crete Carrier Room Grant for the Guatemalan Consulate

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that the Guatemalan Consulate will be in Crete for two days to help issue ID cards, passports and birth certificates.

Approved the Application for the Crete Carrier Room Grant for the Guatemalan Consulate Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Dale Strehle.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

4.C. 2025 Welcoming Week Proclamation

Mayor Bauer read the 2025 Welcoming Week Proclamation Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

4.D. Public Hearing to hear testimony for or against the amendment to the PWR & DWD Rental Properties LLC Liquor License.

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that PWR & DWD Rental Properties LLC DBA Old Main Bar & Grill is applying for an amendment to their Liquor License. They are adding space for a new bar and creating an area upstairs for a bar and venue space. They are also going to be using the basement.

Opened the Public Hearing at 6:07 p.m. to hear testimony for or against the amendment to the PWR & DWD Rental Properties LLC Liquor License. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

Closed the Public Hearing at 6:08 p.m. to hear testimony for or against the amendment to the PWR & DWD Rental Properties LLC Liquor License. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

4.E. Consider a recommendation to the Liquor Control Commission on the amendment to the PWR & DWD Rental Properties LLC Liquor License.

Approved a recommendation to the Liquor Control Commission on the amendment to the PWR & DWD Rental Properties LLC Liquor License. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and

a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

4.F. Consider Ordinance 2254 amending Food Truck regulations

Introduced Ordinance 2254 and moved that the statutory rule requiring three separate readings be suspended Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Dale Strehle.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

Enact Ordinance 2254 amending Food Truck regulations Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Dale Strehle.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

4.G. Consider Resolution 2025-16: A resolution setting the amount of property tax request for fiscal year 2025-2026

Adopt Resolution 2025-16: A resolution setting the amount of property tax request for fiscal year 2025-2026 Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

Adopt Resolution 2025-16: A resolution setting the amount of property tax request for fiscal year 2025-2026 Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

4.H. Consider Ordinance 2259 adopting the budget statement as the annual appropriation bill

Introduced Ordinance 2259 and moved that the statutory rule requiring three separate readings be suspended Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

Enact Ordinance 2259 adopting the budget statement as the annual appropriation bill Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

4.I. Consider the Application for Special Event Permit SE25-09 for Crete's Great Pumpkin Festival

Approved the Application for Special Event Permit SE25-09 for Crete's Great Pumpkin Festival Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

4.J. Consider the Application for Prohibited Animal Exception PA-03 for the Pumpkin Festival Petting Zoo.

Approved the Application for Prohibited Animal Exception PA-03 for the Pumpkin Festival Petting Zoo. Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

4.K. Consider authorizing the Crete Police Department to apply for the Highway Safety Step Grant application.

Chief of Police Gary Young stated that funds from this grant would help with overtime so that officers can engage in community events and outreach on traffic enforcement. They are applying for \$140,000.

Approved to authorize the Crete Police Department to apply for the Highway Safety Step Grant application. Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

4.L. Consider the claims from Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$3,077.56

Mayor Dave Bauer voted on this item since Council member Dan Papik abstained. Approved the claims from Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$3,077.56 Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Ashley Newmyer.

Dan Papik: Abstain (With Conflict), Tom Crisman: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye, Dave Bauer: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

4.M. Consider the Pumpkin Festival right-of-way painting downtown

Mayor Dave Bauer voted on this item since Council member Dale Strehle abstained.

Approved the Pumpkin Festival right-of-way painting downtown Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Tom Crisman.

Dale Strehle: Abstain (With Conflict), Tom Crisman: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dave Bauer: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

4.N. Consider Ordinance 2257 Setting Salaries and Wages for FY25-26

Introduced Ordinance 2257 and moved that the statutory rule requiring three separate readings be suspended Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

Enact Ordinance 2257 Setting Salaries and Wages for FY25-26 Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

4.O. Consider Ordinance 2258 amending Ordinance 2250 increasing camping days at Tuxedo Park to 10 days

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained this is an amendment to correct a clerical error.

Introduced Ordinance 2258 and moved that the statutory rule requiring three separate readings be suspended Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Ashley Newmyer.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

Enact Ordinance 2258 amending Ordinance 2250 increasing camping days at Tuxedo Park to 10 days Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Ashley Newmyer.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

4.P. Consider amending the Master Fee Schedule

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that the amendment to the Master Fee schedule is to the connection charges. Connections or reconnections made during normal working hours from \$35.00 to \$40.00 and removing the \$5.000 collection charge.

Approved amending the Master Fee Schedule Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Ashley Newmyer.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

4.Q. Consider Resolution 2025-20 Hwy 33 Havlat Memorial Hwy

Approved Resolution 2025-20 Hwy 33 Havlat Memorial Hwy Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

4.R. Consider the 2025-2026 FOP agreement

Approved the 2025-2026 FOP agreement Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

4.S. Consider the Cline Williams Engagement Agreement for Legal Services

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that the Cline Williams Engagement Agreement for Legal Services will be for the time that City Attorney Anna Burge is out on maternity leave.

Approved the Cline Williams Engagement Agreement for Legal Services Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

4.T. Consider authorizing the City of Crete to apply for the Innovative Finance and Asset Concession Grant Program.

City Clerk Nancy Tellez explained that there are two different grants available under this program. One is an asset scan that can be used to conduct assessments of multiple existing assets. The other grant is a program of existing assets that can be used to fund tasks related to advancing a program project by conducting pre-construction tasks. City Administrator Tom Ourada added that up to \$1 million is offered at 100% federal share (no required non-Federal match). Amounts in excess of \$1 million are offered at 50% Federal share. Ourada explained that they are looking at applying for the south Crete property for a Sports and Activity Complex for traffic studies and other transportation-related activities.

Approved to authorize the City of Crete to apply for the Innovative Finance and Asset Concession Grant Program. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

4.U. Consider advertising for Bids for City of Crete Municipal Airport farm land.

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that they do this every five years.
Approved advertising for Bids for City of Crete Municipal Airport farm land. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.
Tom Crisman: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

4.V. Consider Resolution 2025-21 prohibiting parking on the south side of 11th Street between Forest and Boswell Ave

Approved Resolution 2025-21 prohibiting parking on the south side of 11th Street between Forest and Boswell Ave Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.
Tom Crisman: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

4.W. Consider the Crete, NE Zoning Proposal from Marvin Planning Consultants

Approved the Crete, NE Zoning Proposal from Marvin Planning Consultants Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.
Tom Crisman: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

4.X. Consider Resolution 2025-22 all way stop at the intersection of West 13th Street and Tuxedo Park Road

Approved Resolution 2025-22 all way stop at the intersection of West 13th Street and Tuxedo Park Road Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.
Tom Crisman: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0

5. Petitions - Communications - Citizen Concerns

6. Officers' Reports

- Chief of Police Gary Young stated the following:
 - Lieutenant Jonas participated in a highway safety panel with other law enforcement officers from across the country. They mentioned that they have heard the work that the Crete Police Department has been doing. Young credited Lieutenant Dawn Jonas as the driving force for the work they are doing.
- Parks and Recreation Director Liz Cody stated the following:
 - They are doing some renovation work at Northward Park that includes surfacing and drop zones by the slides.
 - Cody thanked Street Supervisor Dillon Aksamit for his help and also stated that neighbors have been supportive of renovation work.
 - The Registration for Martial Arts: Kickin' It with ATA will be opening.
 - The Celebrate Crete Event will be taking place on Wednesday, September 17th, 2025.

- Received the League Association of Risk Management (LARM) Grant to update life-saving rescue equipment at Crete Wildwood Pool.
- Council member Tom Crisman stated that he has noticed movement with repairs to the railroad.
- Council member Ashley Newmyer asked about the Innovative Finance and Asset concession Grant Program and City Administrator Tom Ourada stated it is through the Department of Transportation's Build America Bureau.
- City Administrator Tom Ourada thanked Media Specialist Jenn Lampila and GIS Technician/IT Emerson Aschoff for their help with the surplus auction. Ourada added that they got rid of most of the things and came out on the plus side with \$13,000 to \$14,000.
- Representatives from AECOM and COMTO for the Thriving Communities Grant were in Crete to observe Iris Ave, 13th Street and Highway 33 at the intersections of Boswell Ave and Hawthorne Ave. They will be sending their recommendations in about three weeks and a plan for what grants to apply to help with the construction of those projects.
- The City Park sign will be installed on Wednesday, September 17th, 2025.
- News 21 from Arizona state had come to Crete months ago to do some interviews and now the Lincoln Journal Star had an article on the things the City of Crete has been doing.
- The Blue River Raceway will be having their annual Brian Carnes Memorial event on Saturday, September 20th, 2025. This will be a positive impact on economic development with over 140 karts being expected to participate. This year the track will host "The Zaner," honoring 11-year-old racer Zane VanArsdall.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Mayor

(SEAL)

City Clerk

I, Nancy Tellez, City Clerk for the City of Crete, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council. I hereby certify that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted in the back of the Council Chambers. I certify that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public

inspection at the office of the City Clerk. I certify that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting and that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public. I certify that the minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of the City Council. I certify that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of the City Council were provided with advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed.

City Clerk

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