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## **CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:00 PM  
Crete City Hall, 243 East 13<sup>th</sup> Street

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### **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**

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

Present: 5, Absent: 1.

##### **3. Consent Agenda**

###### **3.A. Approve Meeting Minutes**

Approved Meeting Minutes Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

- 3.A.1. June 3rd, 2025 City Council Minutes**
- 3.A.2. June 3rd, 2025 Finance Committee Minutes**
- 3.A.3. June 3rd, 2025 Public Works Committee Minutes**
- 3.A.4. June 3rd, 2025 Public Safety Committee Minutes**
- 3.A.5. June 3rd, 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 HRA renewal**

Human Resources Coordinator Jody Fiehtner explained that this is for the change to Medica.

Approved the HRA renewal Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

##### **4.B. Consider Assurity group application**

Human Resources Coordinator Jody Fiehtner explained that this is for the Assurity group application.

Approved the Assurity group application Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Ashley Newmyer.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

##### **4.C. Consider the Principal Dental and Vision renewal application**

Human Resources Coordinator Jody Fiehtner explained this is for the Principal Dental and Vision renewal application.

Approved the Principal Dental and Vision renewal application Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Ashley Newmyer.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

##### **4.D. Consider the National Functional Classification (NFC) Urban Area Map**

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained this defines the roadways in the boundaries of Crete, and it used to be for federal funding, but now it defines the roadways.

Approved the National Functional Classification (NFC) Urban Area Map Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

##### **4.E. Consider approving the claims from Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$2,424.05**

Approved the claims from Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$2,424.05 Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

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

#### **4.F. Consider the purchase of a new bucket truck**

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that there is a brand-new truck in Lincoln, and they will be getting a new motor and have it ready within 30 days.

Approved the purchase of a new bucket truck Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 5, No: 0

#### **4.G. Consider the paramedic back up services agreement with CAMC**

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that negotiations with Crete Area Medical Center's Chief Executive Officer Julie Lacey and Chief of Nursing April Gaines took place. Mayor Dave Bauer added that after some changes everyone was happy with the agreement.

Approved the paramedic back up services agreement with CAMC Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 5, No: 0

#### **4.H. Consider the LB840 Application from Julieta Lozano for Majo Jewelry**

Legislative and Economic Development Committee Chair Ashley Newmyer explained that the LB840 Application from Julieta Lozano for Majo Jewelry had been approved for up to \$27,351.

Approved the LB840 Application from Julieta Lozano for Majo Jewelry up to the amount of \$27,351.00 Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Dale Strehle.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 5, No: 0

#### **4.I. Consider the LB840 Application from Shaylene Smith for the Blue River Arts Council.**

Legislative and Economic Development Committee Chair Ashley Newmyer explained that in the future they would need to review a sustainability plan and this application was approved for a loan guarantee in the amount of \$310,000

Approved the LB840 Application from Shaylene Smith for the Blue River Arts Council for a loan guarantee of \$310,000 Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Dale Strehle.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 5, No: 0

**4.J. Consider the LB840 Application from Samuel Nixon for Nixon Restaurant and Property, Inc.**

Approved the LB840 Application from Samuel Nixon for Nixon Restaurant and Property, Inc. in the amount up to \$47,000 Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 5, No: 0

**4.K. Consider Ordinance 2247 Revoking Amusement Devices**

Introduced Ordinance 2247 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, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 5, No: 0

Enact Ordinance 2247 Revoking Amusement Devices Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Dale Strehle.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 5, No: 0

**4.L. Consider Ordinance 2248 Adding dwelling garage separation**

Introduced Ordinance 2248 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, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 5, No: 0

Enact Ordinance 2248 Adding dwelling garage separation Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 5, No: 0

**4.M. Consider Ordinance 2249 prohibiting the alteration of vehicles to create excessive noise**

Chief of Police Gary Young stated that this ordinance will not only help with reducing excessive noise but also with overall safety.

Introduced Ordinance 2249 and moved that the statutory rule requiring three separate readings be suspended. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 5, No: 0

Enact Ordinance 2249 prohibiting the alteration of vehicles to create excessive noise Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale

Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 5, No: 0

**4.N. Consider the Invoice from the Lincoln Partnership For Economic Development in the amount of \$2,500.00**

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that every year the City of Crete pays this invoice. The Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development helps to promote the City of Crete and there have been inquiries from companies about possible economic development projects in the community.

Approved the Invoice from the Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development in the amount of \$2,500.00 Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Dale Strehle. Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 5, No: 0

**4.O. Consider amending the master fee schedule**

Approved to amend the master fee schedule Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 5, No: 0

**5. Petitions - Communications - Citizen Concerns**

**5.A. Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska January and May Unapproved Minutes Board of Directors Annual Meeting**

**6. Officers' Reports**

- Chief of Police Gary Young stated the following:
  - The Ordinance 2249 prohibiting the alteration of vehicles to create excessive noise will not only help with the noise but also with reckless driving and overall safety.
  - Attended a panel of Federal Highway Police Association and discussed how to attract more funding dollars for traffic and safety.
- Parks and Recreation Director Liz Cody state the following:
  - Provided update on programs and special events. There was a Diamonds softball tournament at Tuxedo Park, NE-KS swim meet at Wildwood Pool and the fire department's rib fest also took place.
  - Working on grounds maintenance issues.
  - Passed the boiler inspection and will be starting landscaping improvements.
- Building Inspector Trent Griffin stated the following:

- Thanked the Mayor and Council for enacting Ordinance 2248 Adding dwelling garage separation and for approving to amend the master fee schedule.
- Provided the May permit log and stated that there are permits for 9 single family houses and potentially one for multifamily.
- Continuing to work on nuisances.
- City Administrator Tom Ourada stated the following:
  - Will be attending the 2025 Municipal Accounting & Finance Conference in Lincoln with City Attorney Anna Burge and Finance Director Wendy Thomas.
  - There will be one class on the budget and the new budget forms are out.
- The date to file the budget is different this year. A work session will be taking place sometime in late August or in September.

**6.A. May 8th, 2025 Airport Advisory Board Minutes**

**6.B. April 28th, 2025 Planning Commission Minutes**

**6.C. May 2025 permit log**

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

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Mayor

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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.

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City Clerk

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