



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

April 1st, 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

Tom Crisman: Present

Anthony Fitzgerald: Present

Kyle Frans: Present

Ashley Newmyer: Present

Dan Papik: Present

Dale Strehle: Present

Present: 6.

3. Consent Agenda

Approved the Consent Agenda Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Aye: 6, No: 0

3.A. February 26th, 2025 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

3.B. February 13th, 2025 Airport Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

3.C. Approve Meeting Minutes

3.C.1. March 18th, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes

3.C.2. March 18th, 2025 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

3.C.3. March 18th, 2025 Legislative & Economic Development Meeting Minutes

3.C.4. March 4th, 2025 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

3.D. Accept the City Treasurer's Report

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

4. Items of Business

4.A. Consider Ordinance 2241 After-hours reconnection fee

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that this reconnection fee is for after hours and is a charge to defray the additional overtime office and staff expense of restoring electric services previously disconnected for nonpayment between 5:01 p.m. and 7:59 a.m.

Introduced Ordinance 2241 and move 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, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

Enact Ordinance 2241 After-hours reconnection fee Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

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

Aye: 6, No: 0

4.B. Consider the in-kind parking services agreement with SCAT

Approved the in-kind parking services agreement with SCAT Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Dale Strehle.

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

Aye: 6, No: 0

4.C. Consider amendment 1 for adding the paving of the alley of Block 143 to the 2024 Street and Alley Improvements project.

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that this is to add the paving of the alley of Block 143 to the 2024 Street and Alley Improvement project.

Approved the amendment 1 for adding the paving of the alley of Block 143 to the 2024 Street and Alley Improvements project. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Aye: 6, No: 0

4.D. Consider Ordinance 2242 Sale of 1209 and 1211 Main Ave and setting the remonstrance period

There was discussion on the sale of the buildings. City Council member Anthony Fitzgerald asked about the price of the building being sold for and the loss of money to the City. City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that the money would go back into the LB840 fund. Ourada further explained that the building needs a lot of work and it was not listed for sale since they were still working on it. There have been multiple people who have seen the building and there were multiple offers but then those people decided against it. Ourada explained that there could be one, two or three readings but the remonstrance period would still be in effect.

Introduced Ordinance 2242 and approved the first reading. Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Kyle Frans.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.E. Consider amending the Master Fee Schedule

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

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.F. Consider the Crete Carrier Room Grant Application from Apace Choir Crete

Mayor Dave Bauer explained that Dr. Jay Gilbert with Apace Choir of Crete will be putting on a Spring Concert at the Crete Carrier Community Room on Wednesday, April 23rd, 2025.

Approved the Crete Carrier Room Grant Application from Apace Choir Crete Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.G. Consider the Dittmer Acres Administrative Subdivision

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this administrative subdivision conforms with state statute and city code.

Approved the Dittmer Acres Administrative Subdivision Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.H. Consider the LB840 Application from Crete Youth Cabin Association

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that the Crete Youth Cabin is outside of City limits but that is allowed in the LB840 program since it will be beneficial with tourism in the community.

Approved the LB840 Application from Crete Youth Cabin Association Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Kyle Frans.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.I. Consider the LB840 Application from Kathy's Cardinal Kids Learning Center

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this would help with a 50/50 cost share with a down payment for a vehicle to help transport children to and from the daycare.

Approved the LB840 Application from Kathy's Cardinal Kids Learning Center Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.J. Consider the LB840 Application from the City of Crete for local share for the Community Development Block Grant Program 20DTR002.

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that The City of Crete has been awarded 2 other another Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and LB840 helped with funds for the City match for both. This grant award is up to \$400,000 through the Department of Economic Development (DED). The City of Crete would like to request \$100,000 of LB840 funds for the local share costs.

Approved the LB840 Application from the City of Crete for local share for the Community Development Block Grant Program 20DTR002. Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Kyle Frans.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.K. Consider the LB840 Application from the City of Crete for match for housing grant application.

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that the City of Crete did not get the 2024 Rural Workforce Housing Fund Grant. This application is going to be for The Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund and is for up to \$750,000 and the City of Crete would like to ask for \$250,000 of LB840 funds to use as a match in the NAHTF application. Ourada explained that they would like to build 6 single-family homes in 3 years.

Approved the LB840 Application from the City of Crete for match for housing grant application. Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Dale Strehle.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.L. Consider the LB840 Application from Rotary International District 5650 Foundation

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that by state law the City of Crete cannot apply for funds through LB840 for the playground since it is on city property. Funds for this LB840 application would help purchase new playground equipment.

Approved the LB840 Application from Rotary International District 5650 Foundation Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Dale Strehle.

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

Aye: 6, No: 0

5. Petitions - Communications - Citizen Concerns

6. Officers' Reports

- Chief of Police Gary Young Stated the following:
 - Switched over to Saline County Communications. Thankful with the partnership with Saline County and with their personal's help with the records management systems.
 - Thanked IT Director Mike Kalkwarf and GIS Technician/IT Emerson Aschoff.
- Library Director Jessica Wilkinson passed out the March 2025 Statistics and highlighted the following:
 - There will be a Spanish Crochet class on Saturday, April 12th, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.
 - There will be an adult craft night on Wednesday, April 23rd, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.
- Parks and Recreation Director Liz Cody gave an update on programs and stated that numerous improvement projects are in progress. Cody addressed various council questions.
 - Council member Dan Papik complemented the quick response on maintenance needs.
 - Dale Strehle asked if a migratory bird survey will be necessary.
- City Council member Tom Crisman asked about annexations and City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that it is not financially feasible since water and sewer have to be served within one year of the annexation.
- City Council member Anthony Fitzgerald asked City Administrator and Public Works Director Tom Ourada about spring and summer street maintenance plans. Ourada stated that he will communicate with Street Department Supervisor Dillon Aksamit to provide the plans.
- City Administrator Tom Ourada stated the following:
 - The Legislative/Development Committee and City Council did great things by approving the LB840 projects which will be highly impactful in the community. LB840 will have to be renewed and will be voted on this fall. The City of Crete has been working on informational posts about the projects completed using LB840 funds.

- Sales tax is at a flat 4% and is below where it has been in past years.
- There have been \$1.6 million in sales tax in this fiscal year and we are already half way through.
- Will see electric rate percentages in May.
- There are some certificates of deposit (CD) that are coming due from Well's Fargo and they will no longer be doing municipal funds. The City will be transferring to the local banks here in town.
- Work is continuing to happen at the Community Center with concrete poured to fill the space in the east part of the building. There will be two powered operated doors installed which will help with more operational space for the senior programs and for rental opportunities.
- Did not get awarded the Civic and Community Center Financing Fund (CCCFF) to do the park pavilion and restrooms. We will continue to look for funding alternatives for the pavilion since that is a project that will cost about half a million dollars. The restrooms are an immediate need in City Park.
- The Water Department is working on a \$23,000 investment project that will extend a water main at Tuxedo Park and will help with the water pressure.
- Ourada reminded everyone that 10/11 News will in town at the end of the month to interview Mayor Bauer.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 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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