



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

July 7th, 2026 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:	Absent
Anthony Fitzgerald:	Present
Kyle Frans:	Present
Ashley Newmyer:	Present
Dan Papik:	Present
Dale Strehle:	Present

Present: 5, Absent: 1.

3. Consent Agenda

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

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

3.A. Approve Meeting Minutes

- 3.A.1. June 16, 2026 City Council Minutes**
- 3.A.2. June 16th, 2026 Public Works Committee Minutes**
- 3.A.3. June 16th, 2026 Finance Committee Minutes**
- 3.A.4. June 16th, 2026 Legislative Development Committee Minutes**
- 3.A.5. June 16th, 2026 Parks & Recreation Committee Minutes**
- 3.B. Accept the City Treasurer's Report**
- 3.C. Approve the Payment of Claims Against the City**
- 3.D. Mayor's appointment of Jennifer Robison to the Planning Commission**
- 3.E. Mayor's appointment of Adam Bauer to the Business Improvement District Board**
- 3.F. Mayor's appointment of Jim Crouse to the Library Advisory Board**
- 3.G. Mayor's appointment of Amanda Lopez to the Library Advisory Board**
- 3.H. Mayor's appointment of Ken Marvin to the Economic Development Advisory Committee**
- 3.I. Mayor's appointment of Manuel Dimas to the Economic Development Advisory Committee**
- 3.J. Mayor's appointment of Liz Umana to the Economic Development Advisory Committee**

4. Items of Business

4.A. Public Hearing to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and to answer questions in relation to the following proposed Zoning Change Request. Parcel ID: 760144138 I1 to C2.

Opened the Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m. to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and to answer questions in relation to the following proposed Zoning Change Request. Parcel ID: 760144138 I1 to C2. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik. Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this is a continuation of the action the City Council took and this is the lot that was inadvertently omitted. This did go to the Planning Commission at their last meeting, and they accepted and recommenced it to the City Council for consideration.

Closed the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m. to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and to answer questions in relation to the following proposed Zoning Change Request. Parcel ID: 760144138 I1 to C2. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik. Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.B. Consider the proposed Zoning Change Request. Parcel ID: 760144138 I1 to C2.

Approved the proposed Zoning Change Request. Parcel ID: 760144138 I1 to C2. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.C. Public Hearing to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and to answer questions in relation to the following proposed Zoning Change Request A Tract of Land Being Part of Outlot "A", Dittmer Estates Addition Located In The Northeast Quarter Of Section 26, Township 8 North, Range 4 East Of The 6th P.M., City of Crete, Saline County, Nebraska, C1 to R3

Opened the Public Hearing at 6:04 p.m. to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and to answer questions in relation to the following proposed Zoning Change Request A Tract of Land Being Part of Outlot "A", Dittmer Estates Addition Located In The Northeast Quarter Of Section 26, Township 8 North, Range 4 East Of The 6th P.M., City of Crete, Saline County, Nebraska, C1 to R3 Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that the Developer Ron Ditter who is present for the meeting has submitted a preliminary plat and final plat and zoning change request. This was taken to the Planning Commission because the developer isn't allowed to do the plats under the current zoning. The process is to reconsider the zoning at the Planning Commission and then Council level. Once the zoning is changed then if the plats conform which they would to R3 then he would proceed with that.

Council member Anthony Fitzgerald stated he had a question about in the past the council approving properties abutting like zoning and if this would create any issues in the future. Ourada stated that they typically try to have like zoning but state law allows principal zoning uses that are similar to abut each other.

Closed the Public Hearing at 6:06 p.m. to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and to answer questions in relation to the following proposed Zoning Change Request A Tract of Land Being Part of Outlot "A", Dittmer Estates Addition Located In The Northeast Quarter Of Section 26, Township 8 North, Range 4 East Of The 6th P.M., City of Crete, Saline County, Nebraska, C1 to R3 Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.D. Consider the proposed Zoning Change Request A Tract of Land Being Part of Outlot "A", Dittmer Estates Addition Located In The Northeast Quarter Of Section 26, Township 8 North, Range 4 East Of The 6th P.M., City of Crete, Saline County, Nebraska, C1 to R3

Approved the proposed Zoning Change Request A Tract of Land Being Part of Outlot "A", Dittmer Estates Addition Located In The Northeast Quarter Of Section 26, Township 8 North, Range 4 East Of The 6th P.M., City of Crete, Saline County, Nebraska, C1 to R3 Carried

with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.E. Public Hearing to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and answer questions in relation to amending the Future Land Use Map

Opened the Public Hearing at 6:07 p.m. to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and answer questions in relation to amending the Future Land Use Map Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that by state law towns that adopt a comprehensive plan are required when they amend their zoning to amend their Future Land Use Map to reflect the zoning changes.

Closed the Public Hearing at 6:08 p.m. to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and answer questions in relation to amending the Future Land Use Map Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.F. Consider amending the Future Land Use Map

Approved to amend the Future Land Use Map Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.G. Public Works utility account write- off

Mayor Dave Bauer stated that these were uncollectible fees from the last five years. Bauer explained that during those five years the City has done everything possible to collect those fees. City Administrator Tom Oruada explained that is correct, including attorney involvement and involving a collection agency.

Approved the public Works utility account write- off Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.H. Public Works unclaimed property

Mayor Dave Bauer stated that this will go to the state, and it gets published in the newspaper for unclaimed property

Approved the Public Works unclaimed property Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0.

4.I. Consider declaring surplus bricks for sale

Approved to declare surplus bricks for sale at \$0.25 a piece on the surplus website. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.
Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.J. Updated Scope and Fee Crete Park Concept Services

Mayor Dave Bauer stated that this planning work for the new park project that is being paid in full by grant funds.
Approved the updated Scope and Fee Crete Park Concept Services Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dan Papik.
Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.K. Ordinance 2278 renumbering codes created in Ordinance 2277

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that we got out of sequence and this is just a correction on the numbering.
Introduced Ordinance 2278 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.
Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0
Enact Ordinance 2278 renumbering codes created in Ordinance 2277 Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.
Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.L. Ordinance 2279 regulate bicycle, E-bikes, minibikes and other motorized recreational transportation and create penalties for violation of these sections

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that a lot of this ordinance is already in state law. The City Attorney borrowed portions from other municipalities to come up with an ordinance that would work. This went to Public Safety Committee. Mayor Dave Bauer added that what brought all of this up was and is important for the public to know is that there are a lot of concerns in Crete on these bikes and it is important to handle this properly. The City Council is approving this on the first reading and there will be two more meetings where the public can come and voice their concerns.

Approved the first reading for Ordinance 2279 regulate bicycle, E-bikes, minibikes and other motorized recreational transportation and create penalties for violation of these sections Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Kyle Frans.
Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale

Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.M. Southeast Nebraska Development District FY27 Membership

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that this is something that the City considers annually and Council member Ashley Newmyer stated the Legislative/Development Committee reviewed this and the biggest benefit we get from this membership is they write and find grants.

Approved the Southeast Nebraska Development District FY27 Membership Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Kyle Frans.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.N. Resolution 2026-16 authorizing mayor to sign Crete Area Medical Center MOU

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that we enter into MOUs from time to time. We believe he had entered into this agreement over a decade ago but we have not found any written proof by either party. This was brought to us to reaffirm. Crete Area Medical Center CEO Julie Lacy stated that is the story behind it and in addition this is a requirement for the program. The legal team suggested that they do a refresh of the MOU and bring it to the City Council for consideration. Mayor Dave Bauer stated that this program was started back in 2013.

Adopted Resolution 2026-16 authorizing mayor to sign Crete Area Medical Center MOU Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.O. Consider the Memorandum of Understanding Between The City of Crete and Crete Area Medical Center to the commitment to provide health care services to all patients regardless of financial ability

Approved the Memorandum of Understanding Between The City of Crete and Crete Area Medical Center to the commitment to provide health care services to all patients regardless of financial ability Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

5. Petitions - Communications - Resident Concerns

6. Officers' Reports

- Chief of Police Gary Young stated the following:
 - Noah Zach was awarded the Nebraska American Legion Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and he is a excellent representative of the City of Crete.

- Zach has been helping with the car seat initiative and in June there were 9 car seats given out and 14 car seat checks with Sixpence and McKinney-Vento. There will be another car seat event in September.
 - Young provided a summary of the event that took place at Tuxedo Park with an individual that had a camper made from an armored car and was threatening to kill an officer.
 - Young thanked the collaboration of assistance with this event of the Nebraska SWAT, State Patrol, Saline County Sheriffs Office, Lancaster County, and the Crete Volunteer Fire Department.
- Parks and Recreation Director Liz Cody stated the following:
- Staff are performing daily checks (M-F) on campground areas.
 - Working park and facility maintenance issues
 - Additional signage is being posted for dumping, parking, etc.
 - Thanked the Council for the Ordinance on the e-bikes and mini bikes.
 - Mayor's Day at the Wildwood Pool will be Sunday July 12th, 2026 - free admission during open hours.
 - End of season pooch party on Aug. 2nd 3-4pm.
 - We thank Coach Martin for her 4 years as head swim coach and are seeking a new swim coach for next season.
 - Adult Co-Ed Softball registration until July 24th.
 - IRA UCF Grant coordinator visits Crete on Wed. July 8th to review sites for upcoming grant funded tree work.
- City Administrator Tom Ourada stated the following:
- The warning stickers for the Ordinance on cryptocurrency are in and will be distributed to the businesses in town that have crypto ATM or Bitcoin ATM. Dr. Sarah Brown and possibly Crete News will be going as well.
 - The City of Crete did not get the BUILD grant which an application had been submitted or an overpass.
 - The City has submitted multiple other grants including the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Grant.
 - Working with Nebraska Department of Transportation Infrastructure HUB on the Reconnecting Community grant that the City of Crete was awarded for a planning grant for a pedestrian bridge.
 - Ourada and Mayor Bauer received a letter from Dr. Tom King who is the President of the Library Advisory Board and Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission. He is resigning from that board and commission since he is moving out of Crete.
 - The City of Crete is working on the recertification for the Economic Development Community certification. The city does that every five years.
 - Keno has been strong the last couple months.
 - Sales tax is steady. Year to date the City has refunded about \$24,000 as part of the State's incentive program.

- We are about 3.86% below what we were last year but 2% ahead of budget and we are stable.
 - We are working on the new street dedication. 11th street is going through and then there will be a street in front of Blue River Meats dedicated by the various owners. Ourada stated to the Council that they can ponder a street name that starts with the letter x or y. It would be tree name to keep it consistent. Ourada stated that some name options would be presented to the council to vote on.
 - A new Human Resources Director has been hired, and she will be starting on August 3rd, 2026.
 - Council member Anthony Fitzgerald asked about the next nuisance hearing on Wednesday, July 29th, 2026 and if there will be meetings on a more regular basis. Ourada stated that has been addressed and hearings will be held if there are enough nuisances.
- Mayor Dave Bauer stated that the Crete Fireworks show was great. Bauer added that it has been great to see all the departments helping each other and working together.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 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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