



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

May 20th, 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: Absent
Anthony Fitzgerald: Present
Kyle Frans: Present
Ashley Newmyer: Present
Dan Papik: Present
Dale Strehle: Present

Present: 5, Absent: 1.

3. Consent Agenda

Approved 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. May 6th, 2025 City Council Minutes

- 3.A.2. May 6th, 2025 Finance Committee Minutes**
- 3.A.3. May 6th, 2025 Public Works Minutes**
- 3.A.4. May 6th, 2025 Park and Rec Minutes**
- 3.A.5. May 9th, 2025 City Council 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 Prohibited Animal Exception PA25-02 for the Saline County Fair.

Approved the Application for Prohibited Animal Exception PA25-02 for the Saline County Fair. 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.B. Consider the Application for Special Event Permit SE25-05 for the 4-H and Open Archery Contest.

Approved the Application for Special Event Permit SE25-05 for the 4-H and Open Archery Contest. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle 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.C. Consider Ordinance 2244 electrical rates

Introduced Ordinance 2244 and approved the second reading. 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.D. Consider the Walnut Creek Sewer Crossing Final Closeout Documents

Approved the Walnut Creek Sewer Crossing Final Closeout Documents 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. Consider the Contractor's Application for Payment from JEO Consulting Group, Inc. for Judd Bros Construction Co. for the Walnut Creek Sewer Repair in the amount of \$180,522.00

Approved the Contractor's Application for Payment from JEO Consulting Group, Inc. for Judd Bros Construction Co. for the Walnut Creek Sewer Repair in the amount of \$180,522.00 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 the LB840 Application from Crystal Alarcon for Crystal's Bakery

Approved the LB840 Application from Crystal Alarcon for Crystal's Bakery in the amount up to \$4,500. Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Dale Strehle.
Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.G. Consider the LB840 Application from Valerie Cochnar for Uneta Boutique

Approved the LB840 Application from Valerie Cochnar for Uneta Boutique in the amount up to \$6,194.28. Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Dale Strehle.
Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.H. Resolution 2025-06 authorizing Mayor Dave Bauer to execute a Lease/Purchase Agreement with TYMCO, INC for Street Sweeper

Adopt Resolution 2025-06 authorizing Mayor Dave Bauer to execute a Lease/Purchase Agreement with TYMCO, INC for Street Sweeper 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 approving the claims from Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$2,622.92

Approved the claims from Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$2,622.92 Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.
Dan Papik: Abstain (With Conflict), Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

4.J. Consider the Application for Special Event Permit SE25-04 Rooted Movement Bounce Party

Approved the Application for Special Event Permit SE25-04 Rooted Movement Bounce Party with the changes noted in the follow up email. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald 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

5. Petitions - Communications - Citizen Concerns

6. Officers' Reports

- Chief of Police Gary Young stated the following:

- The Police Department has the new patrol car. The old car will be used at the Crete Municipal Airport.
- Code Enforcement Officer Kylie Nicewonger's last day will be May 30th, 2025.
- Library Director Jessica Wilkinson stated the following:
 - Completed the Nebraska Library Commission's Annual Survey and they come up with a report with how much money they saved the community.
 - Jim and Sharon Crouse donated a dog water fountain to the Crete Public Library.

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that the City of Crete's Water Department donated their time to install the dog water fountain.

- Nestle Purina employees will be helping at the library with pulling weeds and mulching around the trees.
- Parks and Recreation Director Liz Cody stated the following:
 - Due to the weekend's forecasted high temperatures being below 70 degrees, an opening date for the Wildwood Pool will be determined with a return of warmer temperatures.
 - Seasonal staff have been training.
 - Ethan Placzek and Ambrees Schefdore are the two new park seasonal staff.
 - Has been in communication with Nestle Purina out about donating additional park amenities.
 - Council member Anthony Fitzgerald asked about the playground equipment at Rotary Park and City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that the City of Crete is tax exempt they are doing the purchases. The LB840 program will reimburse half of the costs.
- Building Inspector Trent Griffin stated the following:
 - There are 140 open permits and three of those are for 3 single family homes.
 - Some of the other permits are for the Crete Berean Church and the Crete Public Schools sports complex expansion.
 - Domino's projected opening date is June 1st, 2025
- Council member Anthony Fitzgerald asked if they can address some concerns with Food Trucks in the community. City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that if this is something the council would like to have conversations on it can be on the agenda for discussion to see what direction the council would like to take.
- Council member Dale Strehle stated that he along with Mayor Bauer and council member Dan Papik had the opportunity to help with the employee picnic and were blessed to be able to help provide that service.
- City Administrator Tom Ourada stated the following:

- The Downtown Revitalization Open House will be on Wednesday, May 28th from 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. at the Crete Carrier Community Room. This will be the third round of the program with well over \$1 million of funds for the community of Crete.
- The next nuisance property hearings are going to be on June 4th, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Ourada stated that he and IT Director Mike Kalkwarf are going to be in Kearney on Wednesday, May 21st and Thursday, May 22nd 2025 for the Power Pool meetings

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 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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