



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

January 7th, 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

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

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. Approve Meeting Minutes

- 3.A.1. December 17th, 2024 City Council Minutes
- 3.A.2. December 17th, 2024 Public Works Minutes
- 3.A.3. December 17th, 2024 Finance Minutes
- 3.A.4. December 17th, 2024 Public Safety 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 Maintenance Agreement No. 57 between the Nebraska Department of Transportation and the Municipality of Crete.

Approved the Maintenance Agreement No. 57 between the Nebraska Department of Transportation and the Municipality of Crete. 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.B. Consider the Special Conditions documents for Crete 24PWI004

Approved the Special Conditions documents for Crete 24PWI004 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.C. Consider the Special Conditions documents for Crete 24DTR001

Approved the Special Conditions documents for Crete 24DTR001 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.D. Consider Ordinance 2232 amending telecommunications occupation tax

Introduce Ordinance 2232 and move that the statutory rule requiring three separate readings be suspended 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

Enact Ordinance 2232 amending telecommunications occupation tax 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.E. Consider Ordinance 2233 amending new deposit rate once deposit is returned

Introduce Ordinance 2233 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, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

Enact Ordinance 2233 amending new deposit rate once deposit is returned 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.F. Consider authorizing the Crete Police Department to apply for the Law Enforcement Hiring Bonus Grant

Chief of Police Gary Young stated that this is a one time grant that is up to \$7,500 and is for a newly hired officer who is able to be certified. Police Officer Jaden Acevedo would be a candidate once he has passed field training.

Approved to authorize the Crete Police Department to apply for the Law Enforcement Hiring Bonus Grant 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.G. Consider approving the claims from Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$1,102.91.

Approved the claims from Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$1,102.91. 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.H. Consider the Airport Manager Contract

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that Justin Haack has experience working as a fixed based operator and will be bringing mechanic business with him. Justin Haack's wife Samantha Haack will be working with him as well.

Approved the Airport Manager Contract 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

5. Petitions - Communications - Citizen Concerns

6. Officers' Reports

- Chief of Police Gary Young stated the following:

- The League Association of Risk Management did a review and nothing came up that needs to be done urgent.
 - Working on new records management system.
 - On the Crete Community Chat someone stated that the Crete Police Department didn't help unlock their vehicle that was parked at Walmart. Young explained that the Crete Police Department is not trained to unlock vehicles. It can become liability and can be very expensive to try to unlock vehicles.
 - City Administrator Tom Ourada asked Young to talk about the good police work that has been done. Young explained that Officer Jeff Kramer helped investigate a case where a vehicle hit three other vehicles. Kramer was able to find the vehicle that had caused the damage and spoke to the owner and was able to solve the three cases.
 - Council member Tom Crisman asked Young about the change in dispatch. Young explained that they have been working with IT Director Mike Kalkwarf and GIS Technician/IT Emerson Aschoff.
 - The contract with Beatrice will end in September.
- Library Director Jessica Wilkinson stated the following:
- Provided the December 2024 Director's Report
 - Introduced the new Library Dog mascot named Sodapop Curtis
 - \$1,200 in winter book sales
 - A total of 969 people attended the December programming events.
 - Breakfast with Santa had an attendance of 550 people.
 - The Polar Express movie in collaboration with the Isis Theatre was attended by 116 people.
 - 15 teens attended the After-Hours Teen Night.
 - Switched to a new meeting room software
 - Lego Day will be on January 18th, 2025 from 10am-12 pm
 - Puppy Palooza will be on March 22nd, 2025 at 10am
 - The 100 book Reading Challenge began on January 1st, 2025
 - Received \$800 from the Nebraska Library Commission for box books.
 - Youth Services Librarian Maridza Vasquez is going to be going to Arizona for a conference.
- City Administrator Tom Ourada stated the following:
- Working on Police Lieutenant position and the City Council will act on the amended FOP agreement.
 - The Crete Housing Community Development Corporation will be submitting an application for a 3 to 1 match workforce housing grant. LB840 will be providing \$250,000 and there was a \$10,000 donation for a total of \$1,030,000.00. There are still going to be some partner conversations.
 - At the last leadership meeting department heads and leaders were asked to attend other city board and commission meetings to see all the things the city is doing.

- The downtown City buildings may have sold and that money will be going back into the LB840 fund and will discuss with Mayor Bauer.
- LB840 sunsets in 2025 and the council would authorize to put it on the ballot possibly the Spring Ballot this would have to be done 90 days in advance.
- The Blue River Arts Council has a governing board and one of the seats is a city representative and that seat still needs to be filled.
- Going through the Airport Hangar Grant to see if heat can be included. This will be a \$1.6 million double box hangar. The design will be in 2025 and the construction in 2026.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 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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