



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

June 2nd, 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: 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. Approve Meeting Minutes

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- 3.A.1. May 19th, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes**
- 3.A.2. May 19th, 2026 Public Works Meeting Minutes**
- 3.A.3. May 19th, 2026 Finance Meeting Minutes**
- 3.A.4. May 19th, 2026 Personnel Meeting Minutes**
- 3.A.5. May 19th, 2026 Legislative Development Meeting 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 Dave Jurena to the Planning Commission**
- 3.E. Mayor's appointment of Justin Kozisek to the Planning Commission**

4. Items of Business

4.A. Resolution 2026-08 Resolution establishing a time and place for the hearing to levy assessments against certain real property at 1230 and 1236 Main Ave for money owed to the City of Crete for Business Improvement District

Adopted Resolution 2026-08 Resolution establishing a time and place for the hearing to levy assessments against certain real property at 1230 and 1236 Main Ave for money owed to the City of Crete for Business Improvement District on June 16th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. 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.B. Resolution 2026-09 Resolution establishing a time and place for the hearing to levy assessments against certain real property at 1114 Main Ave for money owed to the City of Crete for Business Improvement District

Approved Resolution 2026-09 Resolution establishing a time and place for the hearing to levy assessments against certain real property at 1114 Main Ave for money owed to the City of Crete for Business Improvement District on June 16th, 2026 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. Public Hearing to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and to answer questions in relation to section 11-306.03 of the Crete Municipal Code Ordinance 2273 to amend administrative subdivision procedure to include lot combinations.

Opened the Public Hearing at 6:07 p.m. to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and to answer questions in relation to section 11-306.03 of the Crete Municipal Code Ordinance 2273 to amend administrative subdivision procedure to include lot combinations. 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

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this is something that has started being worked on a couple years ago and it didn't move forward. Spoke with two planners about doing lot combinations as part of the Administrative Subdivision Ordinance. There had not been a

mechanism for combining lots and normally it's not an issue because usually a person that owns two lots will combine them through the county's process. However, there is occasion where there is an easement that divides the lot. The Planning Commission voted and made a recommendation to the City Council.

Closed the Public Hearing at 6:08 p.m. to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and to answer questions in relation to section 11-306.03 of the Crete Municipal Code Ordinance 2273 to amend administrative subdivision procedure to include lot combinations. 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 the section 11-306.03 of the Crete Municipal Code Ordinance 2273 to amend administrative subdivision procedure to include lot combinations.

Introduced Ordinance 2273 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, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 6, No: 0

Approved the section 11-306.03 of the Crete Municipal Code Ordinance 2273 to amend administrative subdivision procedure to include lot combinations. 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.E. Public Hearing to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and to answer questions in relation to the review of the Special Exception request for Lothrop Lake Estates Lot 2 3.02 Acres in R2 Lothrop Lake Circle Shouse home

Opened the Public Hearing at 6:11 p.m. to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and to answer questions in relation to the review of the Special Exception request for Lothrop Lake Estates Lot 2 3.02 Acres in R2 Lothrop Lake Circle Shouse home 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

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that this is a result of the Ordinance that was passed related to Shouses or shed houses. This was a long time in coming first in finding planners that believed in doing these types of construction and then planners helping in crafting the ordinance. The ordinance that was passed had Shouses as an allowable use in agricultural use and in R1 and R2 they would be done through special exception. This is special exception in R2 and it follows the Ordinance process. Property owner Andrew Beck addressed the Council and stated they live at 951 Fairway Ct and they are building a Shouse. He works for Astro Buildings, and they have been building them in different states and they just complete one by Denton.

Closed the Public Hearing at 6:13 p.m. to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and to answer questions in relation to the review of the Special Exception request for Lothrop Lake Estates Lot 2 3.02 Acres in R2 Lothrop Lake Circle Shouse home 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.F. Consider the Special Exception request for Lothrop Lake Estates Lot 2 3.02 Acres in R2 Lothrop Lake Circle Shouse home

Approved the Special Exception request for Lothrop Lake Estates Lot 2 3.02 Acres in R2 Lothrop Lake Circle Shouse home 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.G. 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: 760015422, Parcel ID: 760009325, Parcel ID: 760009392, Parcel ID: 760015414, Parcel ID: 760009376, Parcel ID: 760145770, Parcel ID: 760009317, Parcel ID: 760145849 I1 to C2

Opened the Public Hearing at 6:15 a.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: 760015422, Parcel ID: 760009325, Parcel ID: 760009392, Parcel ID: 760015414, Parcel ID: 760009376, Parcel ID: 760145770, Parcel ID: 760009317, Parcel ID: 760145849 I1 to C2 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

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that this was a request from the property owner that has transferred properties back and forth with another entity and did deed some right of way to the City of Crete. This went to the Planning Commission and Ourada explained some the rezoning maps to the Council. The Planning Commission recommended that this go to the City Council.

Closed the Public Hearing at 6:19 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: 760015422, Parcel ID: 760009325, Parcel ID: 760009392, Parcel ID: 760015414, Parcel ID: 760009376, Parcel ID: 760145770, Parcel ID: 760009317, Parcel ID: 760145849 I1 to C2 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 proposed Zoning Change Request. Parcel ID: 760015422, Parcel ID: 760009325, Parcel ID: 760009392, Parcel ID: 760015414, Parcel ID: 760009376, Parcel ID: 760145770, Parcel ID: 760009317, Parcel ID: 760145849 I1 to C2

Approved the proposed Zoning Change Request. Parcel ID: 760015422, Parcel ID: 760009325, Parcel ID: 760009392, Parcel ID: 760015414, Parcel ID: 760009376, Parcel ID: 760145770, Parcel ID: 760009317, Parcel ID: 760145849 I1 to C2 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.I. Consider the Application for a Permit to Occupy City of Crete Right-of-Way from Windstream Nebraska PR# 55621 at E 1st St, E 2nd St, Forest Ave, Grove Ave, Goldenrod Ln

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that when there are multiple properties on the application it takes Council approval.

Approved the Application for a Permit to Occupy City of Crete Right-of-Way from Windstream Nebraska PR# 55621 at E 1st St, E 2nd St, Forest Ave, Grove Ave, Goldenrod Ln 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.J. Consider the Application for a Permit to Occupy City of Crete Right-of-way from Windstream at 320 E 24th St, Crete, NE 68333

Approved the Application for a Permit to Occupy City of Crete Right-of-way from Windstream at 320 E 24th St, Crete, NE 68333 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.K. Consider the Application for a Permit to Occupy City of Crete Right-of-way from Windstream at Valleyview Dr, Boswell Ave, Longwood Dr. E 18th St, E 20th St, Hilltop Ct, Parklane St, and Code Ave

Approved the Application for a Permit to Occupy City of Crete Right-of-way from Windstream at Valleyview Dr, Boswell Ave, Longwood Dr. E 18th St, E 20th St, Hilltop Ct, Parklane St, and Code Ave 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.L. Crete City Park Intern Project Scope and Fee Agreement

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this is a project that JEO has some interns for the summer. As a City government, we have been talking about a park pavilion and restrooms. This is a good way to get some of the engineering and survey work done at no cost.

Approved the Crete City Park Intern Project Scope and Fee Agreement Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald 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.M. Request to have carry out parking designation Old Main

The Public Works Committee had a lengthy discussion and this has been denied. Mayor Dave Bauer added that the discussion the committee had was not because of the individual business as a whole but other business that could make other requests.

Denied the request to have carry out parking designation Old Main 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.N. Consider the Denton water/wastewater Interlocal Agreement

The Community of Denton approached the City of Crete since they lost their Water/Wastewater Operator. Crete has provided some services in the past. The last time it was through a Mutual Aid Agreement, and this would be through a Interlocal Agreement.

Approved the Denton water/wastewater Interlocal Agreement Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle 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.O. Revisit the Brownfield grant for the south park complex

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that all of the activities that were in the proposal are covered 100% by the grant. The Parks and Rec committee reconsidered this.

Approved the additional alternate options for the Brownfield grant for the south park complex Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald 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.P. Consider authorizing the City of Crete to apply for the Safe Streets and Roads for All SS4A Grant

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that the City of Crete is applying for the Safety Action Plan that is required to apply for the full grant. This is an 80/20 grant.

Approved to authorize the City of Crete to apply for the Safe Streets and Roads for All SS4A Grant 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.Q. Consider authorizing the City of Crete to apply for the Public Water System Security Grant

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that this is a \$10,000 grant that normally comes out every year. We have applied and have received it in the past. We are asking to be able to apply for it again and focus on water system security for the well houses.

Approved to authorize the City of Crete to apply for the Public Water System Security Grant 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.R. Consider authorizing the City of Crete to apply for the Community Development Block Grant for a portion of 15th Street

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that the City originally looked at 15th street before we had an LMI (low moderate income) designation based on having over 50% of the community in the LMI category. Once we had that designation we can apply for the north side paving project which paid for paving assessments for private individuals. The year prior to that we talked to the property owners along 15th st and what the assessments would look like and the majority of the owners disagreed with moving forward. Ourada has looked at the possibility of doing the worst portion of it and applying for a block grant. Ourada spoke to the committee about applying to do the worst part of the street and extending sidewalk at grant cost two more blocks. Considering if there is good bid numbers doing the next wide block going to the school. Ourada explained that the sidewalk portion was about \$130,000 the majority portion was about a little over \$1 million, and the other wide block was about \$400,00 the grant is about \$600,000

Approved to authorize the City of Crete to apply for the Community Development Block Grant for a portion of 15th Street 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

5. Petitions - Communications - Resident Concerns

6. Officers' Reports

- Parks and Recreation Director Liz Cody stated the following:
 - Thanked Nestle Purina for helping
 - Cleaned up the pool for the swim meet on Saturday, June 6th, 2026
 - The Crete Diamonds will be having tournaments this weekend at Tuxedo Park
 - T-Ball and Micro T-Ball have started
 - Swim Lessons will be starting this month
 - There is a set of replacement steps ordered for the diving board
 - Council member Anthony Fitzgerald asked about the mowing around the Crete Welcome signs. City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that the FOP used to help take care of that and now the Street Department will be helping.
- Library Director Jessica Wilkinson stated the following:
 - Raptors: Birds of Prey program took place earlier in the day as part of the Summer Reading Program.
- Building Inspector Trent Griffin provided the May 2026 Permit Log and stated that he anticipates that reroofing permit applications will be coming in.
- There were 23 weed letters that were mailed out only 2 properties had to be mowed.

- Council member Anthony Fitzgerald asked if Right of Way Permit Applications can be approved without having to come to City Council. City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that is in place and can be done but in the past the City Council had asked to see the permits.
- Fitzgerald asked if the new airport beacon would be installed later this summer and if the Airport Manager could give plenty of notice to Air Methods.
- City Administrator Tom Ourada stated the following:
 - Has been working with Engineering and Physics Associate Professor Cale Stolle and one of his engineering classes on a Crete Pedestrian Bridge project. This is the same location that the City of Crete is working with NDOT and JEO. Ourada recognized the work the Professor and students put into this project. The students used AI to create an image of how the pedestrian bridge could possibly look.
 - Ourada also worked with Associate Professor Engineering Joel TerMatt and his students on their capstone project which was equally exciting. Students had the opportunity to get real life experience while the City gained a different perspective from the students and professor.
 - The contractor started on the alley between 12th Street and 13th Street and Norman Ave and Oak Ave. There already will be a couple change orders.
 - JEO has started working at the City Park and when the finished project is complete it will be brought to the City Council.
 - Ourada received a call from DED asking if the City would like to include some additional items being done to be included in the Opportunity Zone submission. If the City of Crete gets selected for the Opportunity Zone that would be a large boost for housing and business development.
 - A number of people have called and met with Ourada about the budget cost cutting situation and no one has gone away saying the City should have done something different. He felt that people left enlightened and stated they didn't realize the complication of all that has to be considered, while some have shared their own experiences with this type of challenge.

6.A. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

6.B. Airport Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

6.C. May 2026 Permit Log

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 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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