



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

January 21st, 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

Dan Papik:	Absent
Tom Crisman:	Present
Anthony Fitzgerald:	Present
Kyle Frans:	Present
Ashley Newmyer:	Present
Dale Strehle:	Present

Present: 5, Absent: 1.

3. Consent Agenda

3.A. Approve Meeting Minutes

3.A.1. January 7th, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes

3.A.2. January 7th, 2025 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

3.A.3. January 7th, 2025 Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

3.A.4. January 7th, 2025 Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes

3.A.5. January 7th, 2025 Legislative/Development Committee 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 Tom Sorensen to the Downtown Advisory Committee

3.E. Mayor's appointment of Adam Bauer to the Downtown Advisory Committee

3.F. Mayor's appointment of Paul Heath to the Downtown Advisory Committee

3.G. Mayor's appointment of Crystal Alarcon to the Downtown Advisory Committee

3.H. Mayor's appointment of Chris Linhart to the Downtown Advisory Committee

Approved the Consent Agenda 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, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4. Items of Business

4.A. Consider authorizing the Crete Police Department to apply for the LARM Grant for the purchase of a ballistic vest.

Chief of Police Gary Young stated that this is one of two grants the Police Department is going to be applying for the purchase of ballistic vests. The League Association of Risk Management (LARM) Grant application will help with the purchase of one ballistic vest. This grant application is online and there is no match required.

Approved to authorize the Crete Police Department to apply for the LARM Grant for the purchase of a ballistic vest. Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans and a second by Tom Crisman.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.B. Consider approving the claims from Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$872.27

Approved the claims from Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$872.27 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, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.C. Consider authorizing the Crete Police Department to apply for the Department of Justice vest grant

Chief of Police Gary Young stated that this is the other grant application the Police is going to be applying for the purchase of two ballistic vests. This application is through the Department of Justice and there is no match.

Approved to authorize the Crete Police Department to apply for the Department of Justice vest grant Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans and a second by Tom Crisman.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.D. Consider the amended FOP agreement regarding the Lieutenant position

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this is activating and not creating a position. City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that the amendment to the FOP agreement is for the lieutenant position. Ourada explained the job classifications of Lieutenant, Sergeant, Patrol Sergeant and Officer, at the City of Crete Police Department, excluding the positions of Chief, Captain, Code Enforcement Officer, and Administrative Assistant.

Approved the amended FOP agreement regarding the Lieutenant position Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans and a second by Tom Crisman.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.E. Consider the amended LB840 application for funds in the amount up to \$150,000 from PWR & DWD Rental Properties DBA Old Main Bar & Grill.

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that PWR & DWD Rental Properties DBA Old Main Bar & Grill have submitted an amended application asking for more funds and the LB840 Advisory Board recommended up to \$150,000 of LB840 funds. City Council member Anthony Fitzgerald asked if there would be a way to make sure that Old Main Bar & Grill submits proof that insurance funds have been used. Ourada stated that there will be a performance agreement and it could be included in there.

Approved the amended LB840 application for funds in the amount up to \$150,000 from PWR & DWD Rental Properties DBA Old Main Bar & Grill and for the performance agreement to include proof of spent insurance funds. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dale Strehle.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.F. Consider the Master Professional Services Agreement and Work Order 001-City of Crete from Speece Lewis a Bowman Company

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that this is the Master Professional Services Agreement and Work Order 001-City of Crete from Speece Lewis a Bowman Company. Ourada explained this is a typical agreement and it is reimbursable.

Approved the Master Professional Services Agreement and Work Order 001-City of Crete from Speece Lewis a Bowman Company 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, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.G. Consider Ordinance 2230 Vacating Alley

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that this property is in west Crete where there is a property and a portion is on a city alley and in order to comply, they either need to saw the house off or purchase property to align them with city zoning and planning. Ourada stated that this went to the City Council prior for discussion.

Introduce Ordinance 2230 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, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

Enact Ordinance 2230 Vacating Alley 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, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.H. Consider Ordinance 2231 Sale of Vacated Alley

Introduce Ordinance 2231 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, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

Enact Ordinance 2231 Sale of Vacated Alley 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, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.I. Consider the amended LB840 application from the Crete Housing and Community Development Corporation (CHCDC) in the amount of \$475,000.00

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that the Crete Housing and Community Development Corporation (CHCDC) submitted a grant application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for the Rural Workforce housing Fund. Ourada explained that they found out that this is a 4 to 1 match for funds.

Approved the amended LB840 application from the Crete Housing and Community Development Corporation (CHCDC) in the amount of \$475,000.00. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dale Strehle.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.J. Consider Resolution 2025-1 Establishing a time and place for the hearing to address C-2 special exception request for the property at 1575 Blue Acres Drive, Crete, NE

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this is to arrange a public hearing in a C-2 area where the primary uses do not include churches. However, a special exception could include churches. The prospective buyers of this property have voiced their intent in having a church. So the City Council is setting the public hearing so the prospective buyers can prove that they meet the requirements for the special exception conditions.

Adopt Resolution 2025-1 Establishing a time and place for the hearing to address C-2

special exception request for the property at 1575 Blue Acres Drive, Crete, NE 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, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.K. Consider the amended policy change to the City of Crete Personnel Rules and Regulations

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that the amendment to the policy is in Sec. 4.02 Paid Holidays to include pre-approved leave shall include vacation leave and sick leave approved as per policy.

Approved the amended policy change to the City of Crete Personnel Rules and Regulations Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.L. Consider the Paramedic Services Agreement between Crete Area Medical Center and the City of Crete

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained this is the Paramedic Services Agreement between Crete Area Medical Center and the City of Crete. Ourada explained that this is one of the two agreements. The second agreement will be brought to the City Council possibly at the next City Council meeting.

Approved the Paramedic Services Agreement between Crete Area Medical Center and the City of Crete Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans and a second by Tom Crisman.

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

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.M. Consider the Clevette Administrative Subdivision

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that this is a standard administrative subdivision, and it meets all the requirements.

Approved the Clevette Administrative Subdivision 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, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

5. Petitions - Communications - Citizen Concerns

6. Officers' Reports

Officers' Reports

- Chief of Police Gary Young stated the following:
 - The Nebraska State Patrol did an audit of the tracking from initial arrests through the jail and back to the state. They did great with that and Young stated he sees it being further enhanced with the records management.
 - The Police Department has hit a major milestone with completing a 300-task list for the records management system transition.
 - Officer Noah Zac is going to be working to supplement as a School Resource officer.
- Building Inspector Trent Griffin stated the following:
 - Senior Villas are about completed and just waiting on the elevator inspection.
 - The Crete Apartments that Joe Nerud is building are going to get done sooner than planned.
 - Attended a Flood Plain Administrator's Conference.
- City Administrator Tom Ourada stated the following:
 - Will be in Kearney Wednesday, January 22nd, 2025 for committee meetings and Thursday, January 23rd, 2025 for the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN) Board of Directors Meeting in which he is the Chair.
 - There will be a 9% whole sale power cost increase. The City of Crete is conducting a rate study. Possibly going to spread the rate increase by a couple years 4.5% each year.
- Council member Ashley Newmyer reminded the council of the Community Cafe on January 22, 2025. Council members Ashley Newmyer and Dale Strehle and Mayor Dave Bauer stated they were planning on attending.
- Ourada stated that the City of Crete has hired a new Human Resources Coordinator and she will be starting on Monday, February 3rd, 2025.
- Ourada stated that some of the bills being discussed in the legislature of being exempted on sales tax on electricity and waste water. That would be about \$100,000 to \$150,000 a year that would cost the City.
- Mayor Dave Bauer stated that there are openings on boards and committees in the City and think of recommendations of people who might be interested on serving on them.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 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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