



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

June 3rd, 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: 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

- 3.A.1. May 20th, 2025 City Council Minutes**
- 3.A.2. May 20th, 2025 Public Works Committee Minutes**
- 3.A.3. May 20th, 2025 Legislative & Economic Development Committee Minutes**
- 3.A.4. May 20th, 2025 Park and Rec Committee Minutes**
- 3.A.5. May 20th, 2025 Public Safety Committee 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. Public Hearing on the proposed Zoning Change Request for CRETE PRCT PART SW 1/4 NE 1/4 SEC. 33-8-4 36.34 ACRES R-3 to C-2

The Public Hearing opened at 6:02 p.m. City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that the proposed change request went to the planning commission and a public hearing was also held. The Public Hearing Closed at 6:04 p.m.

Opened the Public Hearing on the proposed Zoning Change Request for CRETE PRCT PART SW 1/4 NE 1/4 SEC. 33-8-4 36.34 ACRES R-3 to C-2 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

Closed the Public Hearing on the proposed Zoning Change Request for CRETE PRCT PART SW 1/4 NE 1/4 SEC. 33-8-4 36.34 ACRES R-3 to C-2 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.B. Public Hearing on the proposed future land use Zoning Map Amendment for CRETE PRCT PART SW 1/4 NE 1/4 SEC. 33-8-4 36.34 ACRES R-3 to C-2

The Public Hearing opened at 6:05 p.m. and City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this is for the future land use Zoning Map Amendment that goes along with the comprehensive plan. The Public Hearing closed at 6:06 p.m.

Opened the Public Hearing on the proposed future land use Zoning Map Amendment for CRETE PRCT PART SW 1/4 NE 1/4 SEC. 33-8-4 36.34 ACRES R-3 to C-2 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

Closed the Public Hearing on the proposed future land use Zoning Map Amendment for CRETE PRCT PART SW 1/4 NE 1/4 SEC. 33-8-4 36.34 ACRES R-3 to C-2 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.C. Consider the proposed Zoning Change Request for CRETE PRCT PART SW 1/4 NE 1/4 SEC. 33-8-4 36.34 ACRES R-3 to C-2

Approved the proposed Zoning Change Request for CRETE PRCT PART SW 1/4 NE 1/4 SEC. 33-8-4 36.34 ACRES R-3 to C-2 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 proposed future land use Zoning Map Amendment for CRETE PRCT PART SW 1/4 NE 1/4 SEC. 33-8-4 36.34 ACRES R-3 to C-2

Approved the proposed future land use Zoning Map Amendment for CRETE PRCT PART SW 1/4 NE 1/4 SEC. 33-8-4 36.34 ACRES R-3 to C-2 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 on the proposed Zoning Change Request. CRETE CITY LOT 19 BLK.102, PT BLK. 105 & VAC. ALLEY & 15TH AVE, & PT BLK 106 & VAC. ALLEY & PINE AVE BETWEEN BLK. 105-106 Commonly Known AS 1530 Pine Ave from I-2 to I-1

The Public Hearing opened at 6:08 p.m. City Administrator Tom Ourada stated this is where EnerLux Windows is located. Ourada mentioned this also went to the Planning Commission.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:11 p.m.

Opened the on the proposed Zoning Change Request. CRETE CITY LOT 19 BLK.102, PT BLK. 105 & VAC. ALLEY & 15TH AVE, & PT BLK 106 & VAC. ALLEY & PINE AVE BETWEEN BLK. 105-106 Commonly Known AS 1530 Pine Ave from I-2 to I-1 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

Closed the Public Hearing on the proposed Zoning Change Request. CRETE CITY LOT 19 BLK.102, PT BLK. 105 & VAC. ALLEY & 15TH AVE, & PT BLK 106 & VAC. ALLEY & PINE AVE BETWEEN BLK. 105-106 Commonly Known AS 1530 Pine Ave from I-2 to I-1 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. Public Hearing on the proposed future land use Zoning Map Amendment. CRETE CITY LOT 19 BLK.102, PT BLK. 105 & VAC. ALLEY & 15TH AVE, & PT BLK 106 & VAC. ALLEY & PINE AVE BETWEEN BLK. 105-106 Commonly Known AS 1530 Pine Ave from I-2 to I-1

The Public Hearing opened at 6:11 p.m.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:12 p.m.

Opened the Public Hearing on the proposed future land use Zoning Map Amendment. CRETE CITY LOT 19 BLK.102, PT BLK. 105 & VAC. ALLEY & 15TH AVE, & PT BLK 106 & VAC. ALLEY & PINE AVE BETWEEN BLK. 105-106 Commonly Known AS 1530 Pine

Ave from I-2 to I-1 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

Closed Public Hearing on the proposed future land use Zoning Map Amendment. CRETE CITY LOT 19 BLK.102, PT BLK. 105 &VAC. ALLEY & 15TH AVE, & PT BLK 106 & VAC. ALLEY & PINE AVE BETWEEN BLK. 105-106 Commonly Known AS 1530 Pine Ave from I-2 to I-1 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. Consider the proposed Zoning Change Request. CRETE CITY LOT 19 BLK.102, PT BLK. 105 &VAC. ALLEY & 15TH AVE, & PT BLK 106 & VAC. ALLEY & PINE AVE BETWEEN BLK. 105-106 Commonly Known AS 1530 Pine Ave from I-2 to I-1

Approved the proposed Zoning Change Request. CRETE CITY LOT 19 BLK.102, PT BLK. 105 &VAC. ALLEY & 15TH AVE, & PT BLK 106 & VAC. ALLEY & PINE AVE BETWEEN BLK. 105-106 Commonly Known AS 1530 Pine Ave from I-2 to I-1 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 future land use Zoning Map Amendment. CRETE CITY LOT 19 BLK.102, PT BLK. 105 &VAC. ALLEY & 15TH AVE, & PT BLK 106 & VAC. ALLEY & PINE AVE BETWEEN BLK. 105-106 Commonly Known AS 1530 Pine Ave from I-2 to I-1

Approved the proposed future land use Zoning Map Amendment. CRETE CITY LOT 19 BLK.102, PT BLK. 105 &VAC. ALLEY & 15TH AVE, & PT BLK 106 & VAC. ALLEY & PINE AVE BETWEEN BLK. 105-106 Commonly Known AS 1530 Pine Ave from I-2 to I-1 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.I. Consider Ordinance 2244 electrical rates

Enacted Ordinance 2244 electrical rates on its third reading. 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, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.J. Consider the health insurance provider and premiums for 2025/2026 enrollment

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained this went to the Finance Committee
Approved the health insurance provider and premiums for 2025/2026 enrollment with Medica and provide notice to the League Insurance Government Health Team (LIGHT). Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans and a second by Ashley Newmyer.

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 forwarding claim to the League Association of Risk Management (LARM) regarding a tree that fell on a vehicle on Redwood Ave

Approved to forward claim to the League Association of Risk Management (LARM) regarding a tree that fell on a vehicle on Redwood Ave Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans and a second by Ashley Newmyer.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye,
Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.L. Consider the Crete Housing Study Proposed Scope of Services from JEO Consulting

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that the City of Crete will be working with JEO Consulting Group, Inc. to complete a housing study and applying through the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA) for assistance to pay for the study.

Approved the Crete Housing Study Proposed Scope of Services from JEO Consulting Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans and a second by Ashley Newmyer.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye,
Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.M. Consider Resolution 2025-07 authorizing the mayor and city attorney to esign agreement for 2025 FAA grant for Crete Municipal Airport

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained this is for \$1.4 million grant and for Mayor Dave Bauer and City Attorney Anna Burge to Esign the agreement.

Adopted Resolution 2025-07 authorizing the mayor and city attorney to esign agreement for 2025 FAA grant for Crete Municipal Airport 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,
Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.N. Consider Resolution 2025-08 authorizing the mayor to sign agreement waiving receipt of non-primary entitlement funds for Crete Municipal Airport

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained this is for the unused funds.

Adopt Resolution 2025-08 authorizing the mayor to sign agreement waiving receipt of non-primary entitlement funds for Crete Municipal Airport 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,
Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.O. Consider Ordinance 2245 Amending irrigation service season and removing unused electric rate classifications

Introduce Ordinance 2245 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, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

Enact Ordinance 2245 Amending irrigation service season and removing unused electric rate classifications 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, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.P. Consider amending the master fee schedule

Approved to amend the master fee schedule Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans and a second by Ashley Newmyer.

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 Ordinance 2246 Deeding a minority share of the Isis Theater to BRAC

Introduced Ordinance 2246 and moved that the statutory rule requiring three separate readings be suspended. Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer 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

Enact Ordinance 2246 Deeding a minority share of the Isis Theater to BRAC Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer 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.R. . Consider forwarding claim to the League Association of Risk Management (LARM) regarding damaged asphalt lane on County Road 2400.

Approved to forward claim to the League Association of Risk Management (LARM) regarding damaged asphalt lane on County Road 2400. 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, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

5. Petitions - Communications - Citizen Concerns

6. Officers' Reports

- Chief of Police Gary Young stated the following:
 - Out of 43 nuisance cases 38 have complied.
 - The Code Enforcement Officer position is currently open. The Crete Police department has been helping with the nuisance cases until the position is filled.
 - An inspection warrant was served downtown and there were numerous building code violations.

- It was great getting multiple departments working together.
- Parks and Recreation Director Liz Cody stated the following:
 - A total of 30 seasonal staff onboarded at the end of May.
 - Nestle-Purina volunteers and pool staff participated in a park cleanup day.
 - Registration is open for aquatics programs, including group lessons, infant/toddler lessons, and individualized swim lessons.
 - Due to rainy weather they completed lifeguard trainings at Beatrice YMCA. They were unable to open the pool on time and completed bathhouse improvements and upgraded sinks/fixtures, installed donated soap dispensers.
 - There was discussion on the pool boiler which can impact water temperatures and pool chemicals.
- Building Inspector Trent Griffin stated the following:
 - Thanked the Crete Police Department for their help with the downtown inspection warrant.
 - Working on updates to MyGov regarding code enforcement.
- Human Resources Coordinator Jody Fiehtner introduced Race Krasser as a new Street Operator.
- Council member Tom Crisman asked about the new street sweeper and City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that the City has made the first payment and it will be here in about a month. The City is also working on getting a new grader and it could cost a third of a million dollars.
- Council member Anthony Fitzgerald asked for a street project list update.
- City Administrator Tom Ourada stated the following:
 - There has been a wave of businesses doing more with less utilizing grants.
 - Last week received notice of City of Crete being awarded \$55,148.00 for the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program.
 - Received a release of \$50,000 out of the \$300,000 grant from the Thriving Communities Program. The City of Crete will be doing a pilot demonstration and get stakeholder support and find future funding solutions. Dr. McDowell and Dr. Frans have been very helpful with these efforts.
 - This week will be having a staff meeting and start discussion on the budget.
 - Sales tax is down \$53,000 from April.
 - Sand Hills Energy Solar Farm should be producing this month. The City of Crete is the sole beneficiary of the output of that. It is about 1.6 megawatts.
 - There were 5 to 6 nuisance properties for nuisance hearings and there will only be 1 property. People have been complying and removing the nuisances. Will be going through the motions to dismiss the cases during the hearings.
- Mayor Dave Bauer stated that City departments working together has always been one of his goals and it's great to see that happening. Thanked Chief Young and his crew for helping with nuisance properties until a Code Enforcement Officer is hired.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 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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