



CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

May 6th, 2025 at 5:00 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

Anthony Fitzgerald: Present

Dan Papik: Present

Dale Strehle: Present

Present: 3.

3. Items of Business

3.A. Consider the proposed Ordinance 2244 setting municipal electric rates

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, introduced rate consultant John Krajewski, with JK Energy, to explain the electrical rates and what he looks at when doing a rate study. John stated that based on the financial results put together, he is recommending two 7% rate increases over the next two fiscal years. Start implementing the first step on October 1st, 2025, and the second step on October 1st, 2026. There was further discussion on how this rate will affect large companies, as well as residential and general services. Rate comparison was discussed as well.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to adopt the proposed Ordinance 2244 setting municipal electric rates. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dan Papik.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 3, No: 0

3.B. Consider Airport Rules and Regulations

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, stated that he had sent the rules and regulations with the changes to the council. Council agreed with the changes.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to approve Airport Rules and Regulations. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dan Papik.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 3, No: 0

3.C. Review and discuss Waste Connections proposal

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, introduced Waste Connection to discuss their proposal. They discussed what they would charge for bulk pick-up and recycling pickup. Further discussion will be held in two weeks.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to review and discuss Waste Connections proposal. Tabled with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 3, No: 0

3.D. Consider the Special Exception Application from Andrew Hardenburger for Northern Natural Gas.

Andrew Hardenburger discussed that there is a high-consequence area caused by the Crete High School gymnasium, and they do not have the ability to shut off the line for pressure tests. They plan to relocate the Crete #1 TBA station to the north side of Martell Road by the take-off.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to adopt the Special Exception Application from Andrew Hardenburger for Northern Natural Gas. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dan Papik.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 3, No: 0

3.E. Consider Resolution 2025-4 metering of solar generation facility

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, explained how this is required by NPPD. This is for NPPD to install metering on the solar generation facility for Sandhills. This is needed for Sandhills to do test runs, get certified, and operate moving forward.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to adopt Resolution 2025-4 metering of solar generation facility. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dan Papik.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 3, No: 0

3.F. Consider Resolution 2025-5 NPPD Agreement

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, explained that this is the operation of the solar farm, and we have obligations with NPPD for severe over fault conditions. We are to provide overvoltage protection on NPPD's system. This agreement gives the City 3 years to tie into the fiber and have the landing points to signal to drop the solar farm and the generators.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to adopt Resolution 2025-5 NPPD Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dan Papik.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 3, No: 0

4. Officers' Reports

5. Adjournment