



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

March 4th, 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

Approved the Consent Agenda 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

3.A. Approve Meeting Minutes

March 4th, 2025

- 3.A.1. February 18th, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes**
- 3.A.2. February 18th, 2025 Public Works Committee Minutes**
- 3.A.3. February 18th, 2025 Public Safety Committee Minutes**
- 3.A.4. February 18th, 2025 Legislative/Economic Development Meeting Minutes**
- 3.B. Accept the City Treasurer's Report**
- 3.C. Approve the Payment of Claims Against the City**
- 3.D. Accept Paul Heath' s resignation from the Downtown Advisory Committee**
- 3.E. Mayor's appointment of Sherri Heath to the Downtown Advisory Committee**

4. Items of Business

4.A. Consider accepting the City Audit Report

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that Marcy Luth with AMGL virtually joined the Finance Committee meeting to discuss the audit report. Ourada stated that the Audit Report was complimentary on the City's financial position.

Accepted the City Audit Report Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans 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.B. Consider accepting the KENO Audit Report

Accepted the KENO Audit Report Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans 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.C. Consider the revised Olsson Consultant Agreement with the City of Crete for the Airport Improvement Program Project No. 024-03141

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that this is the revised Olsson Consultant Agreement with the City of Crete for the Airport Improvement Program for the design and construction project administration.

Approved the revised Olsson Consultant Agreement with the City of Crete for the Airport Improvement Program Project No. 024-03141 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.D. Consider Ordinance 2236 amending building code to allow specific lockable pool covers without fencing

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that Brent Cole addressed the Planning Commission and after discussing the research and what other communities are doing. The Planning Commission was comfortable with it and voted to recommend it to the City Council. Brent Cole addressed the City Council and stated that it would be specific lockable pool covers that would have to be inspected. Council member Tom Crisman stated that he was not in favor of

allowing lockable pool covers instead of requiring fencing.

Introduce Ordinance 2236 and move that the statutory rule requiring three separate readings be suspended. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Ashley Newmyer.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye, Tom Crisman: No

Aye: 4, No: 1

Tom Crisman: No

Enact Ordinance 2236 amending building code to allow specific lockable pool covers without fencing Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Ashley Newmyer.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye, Tom Crisman: No

Aye: 4, No: 1

Tom Crisman: No

4.E. Consider Ordinance 2237 amending subdivision applicability removing the ten-acre limit.

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this ordinance amends that any plat made for each subdivision will have to do an administrative subdivision. The ordinance removes the language except that the division of land when the smallest parcel created is more than ten acres in area shall be exempt from these regulations.

Introduce Ordinance 2237 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 2237 amending subdivision applicability removing the ten-acre limit. 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.F. Consider Ordinance 2238 Vacating the north 34 feet of 21st Street west of Oak Ave.

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this ordinance is for the vacation of streets or alleys vacating the north 34 feet of Twenty First Street west of Oak Avenue abutting Lot 6, Block 55, Original Town, Crete, Saline County, Nebraska and reserving title and the utility easement to the vacated property.

Introduce Ordinance 2238 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 2238 Vacating the north 34 feet of 21st Street west of Oak Ave. 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 2239 Sale of vacated street portion of 21st Street west of Oak Ave

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this ordinance is for the sale of the north 34 feet of 21st street west of Oak Avenue, abutting lot 6, block 55, original town, Crete, Saline County, Nebraska.

Introduce Ordinance 2239 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 2239 Sale of vacated street portion of 21st Street west of Oak Ave 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 2240 Amending Salaries and Wages

Introduce Ordinance 2240 and move that the statutory rule requiring three separate readings be suspended. Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Kyle Frans.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

Enact Ordinance 2240 Amending Salaries and Wages Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Kyle Frans.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.I. Consider Resolution No. 2025-02 Authorizing the Mayor to sign the Statistic Display Loan Agreement with the National Museum of the United States Airforce.

Adapt Resolution No. 2025-02 Authorizing the Mayor to sign the Statistic Display Loan Agreement with the National Museum of the United States Airforce. 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.J. Consider Resolution 2025-3 Adopting and approving the execution of an agency agreement with Nebraska Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics for Project No. 3-31-0022-017/18-2025

Adapt Resolution 2025-3 Adopting and approving the execution of an agency agreement with Nebraska Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics for Project No. 3-31-0022-017/18-2025 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 Crete Municipal Airport Hanger Lease Agreement

Tabled the Crete Municipal Airport Hanger Lease Agreement Tabled 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.L. Consider the Crete Municipal Airport End Unit Lease Agreement

Tabled the Crete Municipal Airport End Unit Lease Agreement Tabled 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.M. Consider the Crete Municipal Airport Rules and Regulations

Tabled the Crete Municipal Airport Rules and Regulations Tabled 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.N. Consider the Master Fee Schedule amendments

Approved the Master Fee Schedule amendments Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans 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.O. Consider amendment to Employee Personnel Manual

Approved the amendment to Employee Personnel Manual Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Kyle Frans.

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

Chief of Police Gary Young stated the following:

- The Crete Police Department transition to Saline County Dispatch will take place on March 19th, 2025. There will be training for officers, the Saline County Attorney's office, and Seward County office on the transition.

- The Police Department had a great time with the Celebrate Crete Welcoming Certification event. The City of Crete is the first city in Nebraska to be certified Welcoming and the smallest community in the nation.

Council member Anthony Fitzgerald asked when 10/11 Our Town Crete would be. Mayor Dave Bauer stated that on March 17th, 2025 10/11 will be in Crete to record advertisements and it will air in April

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated the following:

- There will be a meeting with the Downtown Improvement District Committee and they will discuss snow removal and how frequently it will take place.
- Will be attending the Nebraska Planning and Zoning Association Conference on Wednesday, March 5th, 2025 through Friday, March 7th, 2025 in Kearney, Nebraska with City Attorney Anna Burge, Building Inspector Trent Griffin, and Planning Commission Chair Dave Jurena
- The City Audit was complimentary on the City's financial position.
- There are changes happening at the legislature some of what is being discussed is removing tax on utilities and that would be over \$100,000 a year and over \$800,000 with municipal equalization losses to us.
- Sales tax has been averaging about \$100,000 a month, short of projections and budget.
- Dr. Brown submitted the AARP Grant. Brown stated she appreciates the help from City Administrator Tom Ourada, the Fire Department and Parks and Recreation Director Liz Cody.
- The airport will be receiving \$1.4 million in federal funds to accomplish the construction of the hangar, and thanks to the City council for approving those items.

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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