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## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6:00 PM  
Crete City Hall, 243 East 13<sup>th</sup> Street

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### 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

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

Present: 4, Absent: 2.

#### 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, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 4, No: 0

#### 3.A. Approve Meeting Minutes

- 3.A.1. June 2nd, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes**
- 3.A.2. June 2nd, 2026 Public Works Meeting Minutes**
- 3.A.3. June 2nd, 2026 Legislative Development Meeting Minutes**
- 3.A.4. June 2nd, 2026 Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes**
- 3.A.5. June 2nd, 2026 Public Safety Meeting 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. Adjourn to the Board of Equalization**

Adjourned to the Board of Equalization Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 4, No: 0

##### **4.B. Public Hearing to hear testimony in favor or in opposition 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**

Opened the Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m. to hear testimony in favor or in opposition 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 Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 4, No: 0

City Attorney Anna Burge stated that in 2024 the City of Crete passed the Main Ave Business Improvement District which was requested by a majority of the business owners. The purpose for this district is to maintain sidewalks in winter with removing snow and in the summer removing weeds. The majority of people have paid but there is one business owner who owns technically three addresses on Main Ave and has not paid. Becker Industries, LLC owes the 2024-2025 Business Improvement District fee after receiving multiple notices of the need to pay.

Closed the Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m. to hear testimony in favor or in opposition 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 Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 4, No: 0

##### **4.C. Resolution No. 2026-12 Levy Special Assessments Against Real Property Described as Crete City Lots 10 and 11, Block 143, Original Township, City of Crete, Saline County, Nebraska**

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-12 Levy Special Assessments Against Real Property Described as Crete City Lots 10 and 11, Block 143, Original Township, City of Crete, Saline County, Nebraska Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 4, No: 0

**4.D. Public Hearing to hear testimony to in favor or in opposition to levy assessments against certain real property at 1114 Main Ave for money owed to the City of Crete for Business Improvement District**

The money owed was paid to the City of Crete.

**4.E. Resolution No. 2026-13 Levy Special Assessments Against Certain Real Property Described As Crete City Lot 17, Block 144, Original Township, City of Crete, Saline County, Nebraska**

The money owed was paid to the City of Crete.

**4.F. Adjourn to the City Council**

Adjourned to the City Council Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 4, No: 0

**4.G. Resolution 2026-11 Renumbering Resolution number 2026-08 Authorizing the City of Crete to enter int the Interlocal Agreement with the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council**

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that this is a renumbering for Resolution 2026-08 that had already been approved by the City Council.

Adopted Resolution 2026-11 Renumbering Resolution number 2026-08 Authorizing the City of Crete to enter int the Interlocal Agreement with the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.  
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 4, No: 0

**4.H. Consider the Crete Fire & Rescue Work Comp Supplement Renewal, Year 1/3 \$4,777.00**

Council member Anthony Fitzgerald asked if this is a conflict of interest. City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this could be approved for one year and then the council can require that there be an RFP for bids.

Approved the Crete Fire & Rescue Work Comp Supplement Renewal, Year 1/3 \$4,777.00 Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dan Papik.  
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 4, No: 0

**4.I. Consider the Crete Ace Hardware claims in the amount of \$3,384.92**

Approved the Crete Ace Hardware claims in the amount of \$3,384.92 Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Tom Crisman.

Dan Papik: Abstain (With Conflict), Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 3, No: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

**4.J. Authorize the City of Crete to apply for the League Association of Risk Management safety grant**

Approved to authorize the City of Crete to apply for the League Association of Risk Management safety grant Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony

Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 4, No: 0

**4.K. State Grant Resolution 2026-14 Adopting and Approving The Execution Of A State Grant Agreement for Project No. SA-10 To Be Submitted To The Nebraska Department Of Transportation**

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this is for the Airport grant.

Approved the State Grant Resolution 2026-14 Adopting and Approving The Execution Of A State Grant Agreement for Project No. SA-10 To Be Submitted To The Nebraska Department Of Transportation Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 4, No: 0

**4.L. Crete S&A Work Change Directive No 2 for NLC Signature JEO Project Number 240578**

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this is for a change order for additional work that needs to be done on the alley between Oak and Norman Ave.

Approved the Crete S&A Work Change Directive No 2 for NLC Signature JEO Project Number 240578 Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 4, No: 0

**4.M. Consider the Krupicka 3rd Administrative Subdivision of Lot 1 of Krupicka Administrative Subdivision**

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this is on 24th Street. Ron Dittmer is the developer and this can be done with an administrative subdivision, with no more than three lots and no road or utilities will be involved.

Approved the Krupicka 3rd Administrative Subdivision of Lot 1 of Krupicka Administrative Subdivision Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 4, No: 0

**4.N. Consider Ordinance 2277 Creating Cryptocurrency ATM warning**

Mayor Dave Bauer stated that Sarah Brown has done a lot of work with this.

Introduced Ordinance 2277 and moved that the statutory rule requiring three separate readings be suspended Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 4, No: 0

Enacted Ordinance 2277 Creating Cryptocurrency ATM warning Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 4, No: 0

**4.O. Resolution 2026-15 Increase salaries by 1% to include the retirement match**

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City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that the Finance Committee did not have quorum and this is something that had already been talked about in the past.

Adopted Resolution 2026-15 Increase salaries by 1% to include the retirement match Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 4, No: 0

#### **4.P. Consider the Wanek Subdivision An Administrative Subdivision of Parcel of Land Located in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 26 T8N R4E Of The 6th P.M., City of Crete, Saline County, Nebraska**

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that the Public Works committee discussed this and agreed to approve contingent on the setbacks being met.

Approved the Wanek Subdivision An Administrative Subdivision of Parcel of Land Located in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 26 T8N R4E Of The 6th P.M., City of Crete, Saline County, Nebraska contingent on the setbacks being correct Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 4, No: 0

#### **4.Q. Blue River Arts Council requesting permission for mural**

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this was discussed in the Legislative Development Committee. This will be approved as a mural contingent on the materials used being approved and will need the wording removed of Isis Theatre Crete, Nebraska.

Approved the Blue River Arts Council requesting permission for mural contingent on approved materials and will need to remove the wording Isis Theatre Crete, Nebraska. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye  
Aye: 4, No: 0

#### **5. Petitions - Communications - Resident Concerns**

Sarah Brown thanked the City Council for approving the Ordinance 2277 Creating Cryptocurrency ATM warning.

#### **6. Officers' Reports**

- Chief of Police Gary Young stated the following:
  - Provided a summary on the arrest that took place at Walmart on the early morning of June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Young added that the Police Officers and Deputies did an exceptional job.
  - Officer Arbuckle and Police K9 Hunk in partnership with the Sheriff's office arrested an individual who had drug paraphernalia and intent to distribute.
  - Officer Noah Zach will be awarded the Nebraska American Legion Law Enforcement Officer of the Year in Columbus, NE. Zach's name will be forwarded for regional consideration, if chosen then national consideration. Officer Arbuckle was awarded at the national level and Lieutenant Jonas at the regional level.
- Parks and Recreation Director Liz Cody stated the following:

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- Thanked the City Council for authorizing to apply for the LARM safety grant.
  - The Kansas/Nebraska swim meet took place on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at the Wildwood Pool.
  - Swimming lessons and water aerobics have started at the pool
- Council member Tom Crisman stated that during the pool breaks older children have been going to the splashpad. Crisman asked Cody if she could please look into that.
  - City Administrator Tom Ourada stated the following:
    - Ourada received an email from the State of Nebraska that there will be an overlay project that will take place in 2029 starting in west of Crete and will go to Quince Ave. The email stated that if the City of Crete has the authority to request sidewalks if they would like. Ourada added that he would like to see if sidewalks can be put in on Blue River Bridge and between Westwood's and Crete.
    - Ourada stated that he sent the City Council information on the Saturday outage and the incident is still being investigated. The aftermath was very clear. The semitrailer took out power lines and broke off half a dozen poles. It took most of Saturday to get the power back on the north side of Crete. There were three customers that got the power back on around 8:30pm that night. Ourada stated that they did a very good job. Officer Acevedo did a good job and he was the first one on scene and kept everyone away from the danger. The power lines were hanging on the trailer and were live. Ourada explained that there were 13,800 volts running through those lines.
    - Ourada asked City Attorney Anna Burge and Chief of Police Gary Young to look into rewriting the Ordinance on e-bikes and motorcycles and to take this to the public safety committee.
    - Ourada stated that he and Finance Director Wendy Thomas got an email about assessments being altered. It lists Crete commercial property and it doesn't do a wholesale increase like 6% which they are doing with another town. City of Crete's properties were reviewed and will go up per market.
    - Later this month the City of Crete will be getting the full valuation.
    - Received a letter stating that the State of Nebraska is taking back \$9,000 of sales tax in a sales tax refund. The state will not tell you who the refund goes to. Ourada stated that is why the City is careful with LB840 and making sure businesses are not under Nebraska tax incentives that exempt that and then have to pay out.
    - Ourada stated that mosquito spraying happens twice a week. Ourada also added that to his knowledge Crete is the only municipality that sprays twice a week. Spraying started on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June and didn't do the one Thursday because you can't spray when there are high winds or rain. At Tuxedo park spraying takes place on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Ourada added that employees in the Street Department have to complete the pesticide applicator certification and licensing training and pass two exams to become licensed.
    - Ourada added that the City of Crete also does larvicides on public property and on select private property. They put out larvicide donuts which are devices that which kill insect larvae before they mature.

## 7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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Mayor

(SEAL)

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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.

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City Clerk

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