



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

November 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

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

Present: 5, Absent: 1.

Council President Dale Strehle called the meeting of the City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

3. Consent Agenda

Approved Consent Agenda Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

3.A. Approve Meeting Minutes

3.A.1. October 7th, 2025 City Council Minutes

3.A.2. October 7th, 2025 Legislative & Economic Development Minutes

3.A.3. October 7th, 2025 Finance Committee Minutes

3.A.4. October 7th, 2025 Public Works Committee Minutes

3.A.5. October 23rd, 2025 City Council Special Meeting Minutes

3.A.6. October 21st, 2025 Legislative & Economic Development Minutes

3.A.7. October 21st, 2025 Public Works 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 to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to the review of the R-3 Special Exception request from TML Properties at 307 E 12th St for a sign.

The Public Hearing opened at 6:03 p.m.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:03 p.m.

Opened Public Hearing to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to the review of the R-3 Special Exception request from TML Properties at 307 E 12th St for a sign. Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.B. Consider the application from TML Properties for a R-3 Special Exception permit request at 307 E 12th St for a sign

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that there are 8 different findings that they would be going through, and each one would be voted on separately.

(i) Ingress and egress to property and proposed structures thereon with particular reference to automotive and pedestrian safety and convenience, traffic flow and in case of fire or catastrophe;

(ii) Off-street parking and loading areas where required, with particular attention to the items in (2)(e)(i) above and the economic, noise, glare or odor effects of the special exception on adjoining properties and properties generally in the district;

(iii) Refuse and service areas, with particular reference to the items in (2)(e)(i) above;

(iv) Utilities, with reference to locations, availability and compatibility;

(v) Screening and buffering with reference to type, dimensions and character;

(vi) Sign, if any, and proposed exterior lighting with reference to glare, traffic safety, economic effect, and compatibility and harmony with properties in the district;

(vii) Required yards and other open space; and,

(viii) General compatibility with adjacent properties and other property in the district.

N/A Ingress and egress to property and proposed structures thereon with particular reference to automotive and pedestrian safety and convenience, traffic flow and in case of fire or catastrophe; Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

Applies and conforms Off-street parking and loading areas where required, with particular attention to the items in (2)(e)(i) above and the economic, noise, glare or odor effects of the special exception on adjoining properties and properties generally in the district; Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

N/A Refuse and service areas, with particular reference to the items in (2)(e)(i) above; Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

N/A Utilities, with reference to locations, availability and compatibility; Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

Not in this case the Screening and buffering with reference to type, dimensions and character; Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

Sign, if any, and proposed exterior lighting with reference to glare, traffic safety, economic effect, and compatibility and harmony with properties in the district; Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

N/A Required yards and other open space Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

Complies with the General compatibility with adjacent properties and other property in the district Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.C. Ordinance 2260 Amending Ordinance 2255

Tabled until next City Council meeting the Ordinance 2260 Amending Ordinance 2255 Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.D. Consider Resolution 2025-26 Crete DBE Program FY 25-26-27

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this is a federal requirement. Adopt Resolution 2025-26 Crete DBE Program FY 25-26-27 Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Kyle Frans.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.E. Resolution 2025-27 Signing of the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent 2025

Adopt Resolution 2025-27 Signing of the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent 2025 Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.F. Consider the LB840 Application from Dollarama Remodeling and Solutions LLC in the amount up to \$27,000.00

Council member Tom Crisman stated that there will be more information on the company's plans.

Tabled until the next City Council the LB840 Application from Dollarama Remodeling and Solutions LLC in the amount up to \$27,000.00 Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Kyle Frans.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.G. Consider the LB840 Application from Tom and Vicki Sorensen in the amount up to \$250,000.00

Approved the LB840 Application from Tom and Vicki Sorensen in the amount up to \$250,000.00 Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.H. Consider the LB840 Application from Cristina's Family Restaurant in the amount up to \$20,000.00

Approved the LB840 Application from Cristina's Family Restaurant in the amount up to \$20,000.00 Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Kyle Frans.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.I. Consider the MEAN Master Services Agreement

Approved the MEAN Master Services Agreement Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.J. Consider the Crete Carrier Community Room Grant Application from Jay Gilbert for Apace Concert on Wednesday, December 3rd, 2025.

Approved the Crete Carrier Community Room Grant Application from Jay Gilbert for Apace Concert on Wednesday, December 3rd, 2025. Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Kyle Frans.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.K. Consider the Drevo Addition Administrative Subdivision

Approved the Drevo Addition Administrative Subdivision Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.L. Consider the SACK 1st Addition Administrative Subdivision

Approved the SACK 1st Addition Administrative Subdivision Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.M. consider replacement of tar kettle

Approved replacement of tar kettle Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.N. Consider the grant donation for the Crete Volunteer Fire Department.

Fire Chief Tod Allen stated that the Walter Scott Family Foundation is providing them with a \$5,000 donation so that the Crete Volunteer Fire Department can give back to the community. Allen stated that the fire department is going to be giving \$2,000 to Crete Cares, \$1,000 for hygiene stockings, \$1,000 for coats and warm weather gear that will be coordinated with the schools, and \$1,000 for Operation Under a Tree.

Allen explained that the reason they came to the department with this donation is because they are 90% volunteer fire department and they have too big of a population to get the Jack Lewis Safety Fund.

Approved the grant donation for the Crete Volunteer Fire Department. Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Kyle Frans.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.O. Consider the serving of catered alcohol with a Special Designated Liquor License at the Community Room for the Rotary Club holiday dinner on December 18th, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Approved the serving of catered alcohol with a Special Designated Liquor License at the Community Room for the Rotary Club holiday dinner on December 18th, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Kyle Frans.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.P. Consider the Downtown Business District Snow Removal and Weed Management Service Agreement

Approved the Downtown Business District Snow Removal and Weed Management Service Agreement Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

5. Petitions - Communications - Resident Concerns

- Cindy Wanek addressed the City Council with a question about parking restriction on 9th and 10th Street and Forest Ave. Wanek stated that she would like to know how to initiate a request for the consideration of changing the parking restrictions on that street. City Administrator Tom Ourada stated they would look at it and then send it to the Public Works committee. Wanek stated she would prepare something in writing and get that to Ourada.

6. Officers' Reports

- Chief of Police Gary Young stated that Code Enforcement Officer Hermes Trujillo has hit the ground running in the month that he has been here. He is working on parking issues, making sure there are hard surfaces rather than grass, and he is doing a great job. The Police Department officers have been busy with investigations.
- Fire Chief Tod Allen stated the following:

- The fire department is down to 30 members. They will be bringing a bylaw change in front of the City Council sometime in the beginning of the year to allow non EMT firefighters. City Administrator Tom Ourada asked if other departments are looking at this. Allen stated that yes and they are looking at limiting the number and starting with 5. They are a rescue department and can't be taken over by non-EMTs. They have had very good firefighters but they haven't been able to pass the EMT National Registry test.
- Parks and Recreation Director Liz Cody stated the following:
 - Camp grounds are closed for the season. All of the building facilities have been winterized.
 - Continuing with parks facilities inspections.
 - Martial arts program has started and is the last recreation program for the year.
- Building Inspector Trent Griffin went through and explained the permitted logs. Griffin explained that the year totals for fiscal year 2024-2025 they had a total of 362 permits and of those 21 new single-family homes and 12 units between two buildings an eight plex and a fourplex. There might be more housing being built in the next couple months.
- Council member Tom Crisman asked if the food truck letter have been mailed out and City Administrator Tom Ourada stated they have been mailed. Ourada explained that there was discussion with the owner of the food truck on Hawthorne Ave and they have a plan with them moving forward.
- City Administrator Tom Ourada explained the following:
 - that he spoke to Mayor Bauer about a part time position to assist the Community Assistance Office and he agreed to that. It is a part time position with no benefits and it will be structured three days a week or five afternoons a week. They went through the interview process and Ourada stated they have a really good candidate that will fit well in the City and perhaps they can utilize this person in other areas as well.
 - Had a teleconference with Burlington Northern and their management company and Council member Strehle was there. They are putting together a scope of services study and they think that up to preliminary engineering will be about \$3 million. Then when preliminary engineering and final engineering start that will be much more and the project could approach \$50 million. Burlington Northern is pushing forward with grants and they are going to be writing the grants. The main street tracks are the primary topic of conversation and quiet zone would be a part of that and possible closure of one crossing. However, that has been a little less prominent than previous conversations. Strehle added that one of the grants they are looking at has \$5 billion of funding available.
 - Received the solid waste agreement late and it went to the Public Works committee to have time to review and it will be on the next City Council agenda.

6.A. Permitted Logs

6.B. Planning Commission Minutes

6.C. Airport Advisory Board Minutes

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 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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