

Public Safety Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 20, 2026 5:00 PM
Crete City Hall
243 E 13th Street
Crete, NE 68333

1. Open Meeting

- In accordance with Nebraska law, a copy of the Open Meetings Act can be found in the back of the Council Chambers.
- Items listed on the agenda may be considered in any order.

2. Roll Call

- Attendance of members will be recorded to determine the presence of a quorum for official actions.

3. Items of Business

- The Committee may discuss or limit discussion on, hear testimony in favor of or in opposition to, or take action to provide a recommendation to the City Council on any matter presented under this title.

3.A. Consider Ordinance 2264 Amending 2-1204 authorizing the appointing authority to appoint members of the commission

3.B. Consider Ordinance 2265 Amending Section 5-402 of Bureau of violations process

3.C. Consider the Crete Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department By-law concerning EMT requirements.

4. Officers' Reports

- Reports may be given by the Mayor, Officers, Departments, or Councilmembers concerning the current operations of the City.
- No action can be taken on matters presented under this title except to answer any questions or to refer the matter for further action.

5. Adjournment

Disclaimers & Notices

- The Council may enter into closed session to discuss any matter on this agenda when it is determined that a closed session is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual (if such individual has not requested a public meeting) or as otherwise allowed by law. Any closed session shall be limited to the subject matter for which the closed session was called. If the motion to close passes, then immediately prior to the closed session the Mayor shall restate on the record the limitation of the subject matter of the closed session.
- The City of Crete assures that no person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, age, disability, handicap or sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity of the City receiving Federal financial assistance. To report discrimination, contact the City Clerk's office.
- The complete agenda with attachments is available at www.crete.ne.gov.

ORDINANCE NO. 2264

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CRETE, NEBRASKA RELATING TO COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS; TO AMEND SECTION 2-1204 OF THE CRETE MUNICIPAL CODE TO, IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW, CHANGE THE INDIVIDUAL APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION FROM THE MAYOR TO THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRETE, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. That Chapter 2, Article 12, Section 2-1204 of the Crete Municipal Code shall be amended as follows:

2-1204 Commission; Appointment of Members; Removal

(1) The Civil Service Commission shall consist of five members who shall be appointed by the ~~Mayor~~ Appointing Authority with the approval of the City Council. No person shall be appointed a member of the Commission who is not a citizen of the United States, a resident of the City of Crete for at least three years immediately preceding such appointment, and a registered elector of Saline County, Nebraska. At the time of appointment, no more than three members, including the one or ones to be appointed, shall be registered electors of the same political party.

(2) Any member of the Commission may be removed from office by the Mayor for incompetency, dereliction of duty, malfeasance in office, or other good cause. No member of the Commission shall be removed until written charges have been made and provided to the Commission, due notice has been given to such member, and a full hearing has been held before the Mayor and the City Council. Any member so removed shall have the right to appeal the decision to the District Court of Saline County, which shall hear and determine such appeal as provided for in the Civil Service Act.

Section 2. That the changes specified in the above sections shall be codified as part of the Crete Municipal Code as stated herein.

Section 3. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith shall be repealed and that any partial repeal shall not affect the other parts of ordinances or codified sections that can be given effect without the repealed parts.

Section 4. That if any section, part, or provision of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect the validity of any other section, part, or provision of this ordinance.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall be published in pamphlet or book form and shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication, as provided by law.

PASSED AND ENACTED the ____ day of _____ 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk



ORDINANCE NO. 2265

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CRETE, NEBRASKA RELATING TO TRAFFIC, PARKING, AND VEHICLES; TO AMEND SECTION 5-402 OF THE CRETE MUNICIPAL CODE TO COLLECT FINES AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FORWARD TICKETS NOT PAID AFTER SIXTY DAYS TO THE MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRETE, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. That Chapter 5, Article 4, Section 5-402 of the Crete Municipal Code shall be amended as follows:

5-402 Parking; Bureau Of Violations, Created; Fines; Prosecution

- (1) There is hereby created the Bureau of Violations within the powers and duties of the Municipal Police. A copy of each citation issued for nonmoving traffic violations shall be deposited with the Administrative Assistant at ~~City Hall~~ the police department, whose duty it shall be to collect all parking fines and to maintain appropriate and accurate records of all such fines.
- (2) Parking fines shall be payable at ~~City Hall~~ the police department. Such fines shall be in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each violation if paid within seventy-two hours from the date of issuance. After seventy-two hours the fine shall be thirty-five dollars (\$35.00). Fines pertained to handicapped parking shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) if paid within seventy-two hours and two hundred dollars (\$200) after seventy-two hours.
- (3) Should such fines not be paid within ~~thirty~~ sixty days from date of issuance, the Municipal Police shall forward all necessary information to the Municipal Attorney. The Municipal Attorney may file a complaint in the appropriate Court.
- (4) All money collected by the Municipal Police under this section shall be transferred to the Municipal Treasurer who shall, in turn, transfer said money to the school district in which the Municipality lies.

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Current bylaw:

All members must abide by all department policies and guidelines as established by the department. All members must acquire and maintain at least an EMT license within 2 years of becoming an active member. Failure to do so shall result in automatic expulsion from the department unless a waiver of such requirement is approved for such member by the officers of the department citing the reasons for failure to gain certification.

No limit

Option 1 for change:

All members must abide by all department policies and guidelines as established by the department. All members must acquire and maintain at least an EMT license within 2 years of becoming an active member. Failure to do so shall result in automatic expulsion from the department unless a vote from 2/3 of the department is approved to establish such member as a firefighter only by citing the reasons for failure to gain certification. Each member who obtains firefighter only status will be reviewed and voted on every January to maintain firefighter only status, and must receive 2/3 of the department vote yearly to maintain firefighter only status.