



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

April 21st, 2026 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

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

Present: 5, Absent: 1.

3. Consent Agenda

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

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

3.A. Approve Meeting Minutes

3.B. Accept the City Treasurer's Report

3.C. Approve the Payment of Claims Against the City

3.D. April 7th, 2026 City Council Minutes

3.E. April 7th, 2026 Public Works Committee Minutes

3.F. April 7th, 2026 Finance Committee Minutes

3.G. April 7th, 2026 Legislative Development Committee Minutes

3.H. Approve Noah Slevin as new volunteer member of the Fire Department

3.I. Approve Jasmine Seckman as new volunteer member of the Fire Department

3.J. Mayor's appointment of Sarah Brown to the Civil Service Commission

4. Items of Business

4.A. Consider the Crete Chamber of Commerce Special Event Permit application SE26-02 for the Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Approved the Crete Chamber of Commerce Special Event Permit application SE26-02 for the Cinco de Mayo Celebration Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.B. Consider the Application for Prohibited Animal Exception PA26-03 from Wranglers 4H Club

Approved the Application for Prohibited Animal Exception PA26-03 from Wranglers 4H Club Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.C. Consider Olsson's bid recommendation of Casper Construction Co. for the AIP Project No. 3-31-0022-017/018/019/020

Approved Olsson's bid recommendation of Casper Construction Co. for the AIP Project No. 3-31-0022-017/018/019/020 in the amount of \$1,141,814.12 Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Ashley Newmyer.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.D. Consider authorizing to apply for the Opportunity Zone Program

Authorized to apply for the Opportunity Zone Program Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.E. Consider forwarding Crystal Alarcon's claim to the League Association of Risk Management (LARM)

Approved to forward Crystal Alarcon's claim to the League Association of Risk Management (LARM) Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Tom Crisman.
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.F. Consider the claims from Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$1,929.16

Approved the claims from Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$1,929.16 Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Tom Crisman.
Dan Papik: Abstain (With Conflict), Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 4, No: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

4.G. Consider the approval for the Chamber's fireworks display on July 5th, 2026

Approved the Chamber's fireworks display on July 5th, 2026 Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.H. Consider authorizing the Crete Public Library to apply for The Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation

Library Director Jessica Wilkinson stated that this grant they would apply for is in the amount of \$2,024 and they would use the funds for 6 sewing machines and supplies.
Authorized the Crete Public Library to apply for The Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation Carried with a motion by Tom Crisman and a second by Ashley Newmyer.
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.I. Consider applying for the Seward/Saline County Solid Waste Management Agency Recycle Grant

This would be for bench seating.
Approved to apply for the Seward/Saline County Solid Waste Management Agency Recycle Grant Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dan Papik.
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.J. Consider Cristina's amended LB840 application

Approved the Cristina's amended LB840 application Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Tom Crisman.
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.K. Consider the LB840 application from Pinnacle Bank for Business Infrastructure Improvements

This application for business infrastructure improvements is in the amount of \$2,884.50

Approved the LB840 application from Pinnacle Bank for Business Infrastructure Improvements in the amount up to \$2,884.50 Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.L. Consider the LB840 application from Heath Properties, LLC for Business Infrastructure Improvements

This application for business infrastructure improvements is in the amount of \$4,251.84

Approved the LB840 application from Heath Properties, LLC for Business Infrastructure Improvements in the amount up to \$4,251.84 Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.M. Consider the LB840 application from Ruby Mendez for Business Infrastructure Improvements

This application for business infrastructure improvements is in the amount of \$1,417.28

Approved the LB840 application from Ruby Mendez for Business Infrastructure Improvements in the amount up to \$1,417.28 Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.N. Consider the LB840 application from Pallett Real Estate Properties, LLC for Business Infrastructure Improvements

This application for business infrastructure improvements is in the amount of \$1,785.00

Approved the LB840 application from Pallett Real Estate Properties, LLC for Business Infrastructure Improvements in the amount up to \$1,785.00 Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.O. Consider the LB840 application from Rosa Ortega for Business Infrastructure Improvements

This application for business infrastructure improvements is in the amount of \$644.22

Approved the LB840 application from Rosa Ortega for Business Infrastructure Improvements in the amount up to \$644.22 Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.P. Consider the LB840 application from Raul Lopez for Business Infrastructure Improvements

This application for business infrastructure improvements is in the amount of \$2,046.07
Approved the LB840 application from Raul Lopez for Business Infrastructure Improvements in the amount up to \$2,046.07 Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.Q. Consider the LB840 application from Roundabout Energy LLC for Business Infrastructure Improvements

This application for business infrastructure improvements is in the amount of \$4,251.84
Approved the LB840 application from Roundabout Energy LLC for Business Infrastructure Improvements in the amount up to \$4,251.84 Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.R. Consider the LB840 application from Maria Del Carmen Lemus Murillo for Business Infrastructure Improvements

This application for business infrastructure improvements is in the amount of \$1,417.28
Approved the LB840 application from Maria Del Carmen Lemus Murillo for Business Infrastructure Improvements in the amount up to \$1,417.28 Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.S. Consider the LB840 application from F & I Properties LLC for Business Infrastructure Improvements

This application for business infrastructure improvements is in the amount of \$1,417.28
Approved the LB840 application from F & I Properties LLC for Business Infrastructure Improvements in the amount up to \$1,417.28 Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

4.T. Consider Resolution No. 2026-05 authorizing the prohibition of parking along the north half of Main Ave between 12th and 13th Street for the duration of the state of Nebraska detour.

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-05 authorizing the prohibition of parking along the north half of Main Ave between 12th and 13th Street for the duration of the state of Nebraska detour. Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.U. Consider Resolution No. 2026-06 authorizing the City to change street parking along the east side of Main Ave between 10th and 11th Street to angled parking stalls at 30 degrees

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-06 authorizing the City to change street parking along the east side of Main Ave between 10th and 11th Street to angled parking stalls at 30 degrees Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.V. Consider Resolution No. 2026-07 authorizing the City to restrict street parking along the north half of the east side of Norman Ave between 13th and 14th Street between 8am and 5pm

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-07 authorizing the City to restrict street parking along the north half of the east side of Norman Ave between 13th and 14th Street between 8am and 5pm Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.W. Council vote supporting request from NDOT to removing the turn lane a block east and west of 13th and Main Ave

Approved Council vote supporting request from NDOT to removing the turn lane a block east and west of 13th and Main Ave Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.X. Consider the CALEA contract

Approved the CALEA contract Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.Y. Consider the Central Square interlocal amendment for Filmore County

Approved the Central Square interlocal amendment for Filmore County Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.Z. Consider the Department of Motor Vehicle Crash Records Confidentiality Agreements

Approved the Department of Motor Vehicle Crash Records Confidentiality Agreements Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

5. Petitions - Communications - Resident Concerns

6. Officers' Reports

- Chief of Police Gary Young introduced Christian Thompson as new Police Officer. He has been working at the Nebraska State Penitentiary, and he will be going to the Academy at the beginning of May.
- Parks and Recreation Director Liz Cody stated the following:
 - lights fixed in tuxedo park
 - 110 events scheduled in tuxedo park in April
 - 226 youth participants in our rec soccer and micro soccer programs
 - Thanked volunteer coaches - welcome t-ball and micro t-ball coaches
 - Thanked Doane Football volunteers for their help at Tuxedo Park in March and April
 - Bringing on 30 summer seasonal staff & a full time groundskeeper
 - Attending Cardinal Career Expo and Touch a Truck events this week
 - Happy administrative professional day to our colleagues at city hall who are helping with hiring and help us work with community groups
 - Arbor Day will be celebrated this Friday, April 24th
- Assistant Director & Outreach Services Librarian Laura Renker stated that the Touch-A-Truck event at the library will be on Saturday, April 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- City Administrator Tom Ourada stated the following:
 - April 21st, 2026 was the first day of the two day detour that the State and Burlington put together.
 - Reminder that the actions the City Council took at this meeting will help the other detour that will take place during the first week in May and will last about 60 days or less. The City of Crete is compelled to do that by contract when you take federal aid dollars through the state you agree to do these types of things. We have received millions of dollars through the State.
 - Ourada explained that he has spoken about the Municipal Equalization fund and what the City is facing there. There will be more information in the first meeting in May and some things will be done the second meeting in May. There will be more discussion on this topic.
 - Council member Ashley Newmyer asked about the crosswalk equipment by the high school. Ourada explained that the City of Crete was awarded a planning grant through the Thriving Communities Program. Ourada further added that the City suggested doing two roundabouts and a pedestrian underpass on Iris Ave. The process starts with no build options or talking about simple solutions. One of the recommendations was trying lighted

crosswalks. We had already done that with the rapid flashers. As part of this process, they identified two places where this will be evaluated. We need this to look at the more efficient options that might be less expensive.

6.A. March 2026 Permit Log

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 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 (S E A L)