



CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

August 18th, 2026 at 5:00 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

Anthony Fitzgerald: Present
Dan Papik: Present
Dale Strehle: Present
Present: 3.

3. Items of Business

3.A. Consider the Agreement Between City of Crete and JEO Consulting Group, Inc. for Professional Services Crete Water Main Project No: 231835.00

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, discussed how USDA has approved the water remediation.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to approve the agreement between City of Crete and JEO Consulting Group, Inc. for Professional Service Crete Water Main Project No. 231835.00. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dan Papik.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 3, No: 0

3.B. Consider the Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement Between the City of Crete and JEO Consulting Group, Inc. Project No. DPS-76(53) Control No. 13631 Crete Pedestrian Bridge Project

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, discussed how this is an engineering agreement between the City, JEO, and State to do the pedestrian crosswalk bridge in the Boswell area. This is how the City proceeds with feasibility and preliminary design.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to approve the Preliminary Engineering Service Agreement between the City of Crete and JEO Consulting Group, Inc. Project No. DPS-76(53) Control No. 13631 Crete Pedestrian Bridge Project. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dan Papik.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 3, No: 0

3.C. Amend Caselle Master Agreement

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, discussed how the City is going cloud-based on Caselle. City Attorney, Anna Burge, added that it is just a generic service agreement, but since the City is changing the system and Caselle is hosting, they need the City to sign a new agreement.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to approve to amend Caselle Master Agreement. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dan Papik.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 3, No: 0

3.D. Consider the Contractor's Pay Estimate No 3 Application for Payment From JEO Consulting Group, Inc for NLC, LLC for the 2024 Crete Street and Alley Improvements Engineer's Project No: 240578.00 in the amount of \$474,008.61

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, discussed that they are the ones who have done the alley work, a fair amount of paving, and the water lines work.

3.E. Discuss online payments with Caselle

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, discussed how the City now has an option to take payments through Caselle. Right now, it is \$0.74 per transaction and between 1.5 and 2.5 percent per transaction for online bill paying. The City is currently paying for the fees, which is about \$60 to \$70 thousand a year. Now the City can pass that to the customer and make it a customer obligation. Through Caselle, customers who pay with cash or check will have no fee. ACH payments will be \$0.74, and debit and credit cards will be 3 percent to pay online. No decision was made, as there was more discussion.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to approve the Contractor's pay estimate No. 3 Application for payment from JEO Consulting Group, Inc for NLC, LLC for the 2024 Crete Street and Alley Improvements Engineer's Project No. 240578.00 in the amount of \$474,008.61. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dan Papik.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 3, No: 0

4. Officers' Reports

5. Adjournment

