CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

September 22nd, 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

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

Present: 5, Absent: 1.

3. Consent Agenda

Approved Consent Agenda Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Tom Crisman.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

3.A. Approve Meeting Minutes
3.A.1. September 1st, 2026 City Council Minutes
3.A.2. September 1st, 2026 Public Works Committee Minutes
3.A.3. September 1st, 2026 Public Safety Committee Minutes
3.A.4. September 1st, 2026 Legislative Development 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. Swear in Christian Thompson as City of Crete Police Officer

4.B. Public Hearing to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and to answer questions in relation to the City of Crete applying for the Land and Water Conservation Fund through the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

Tabled Public Hearing to hear testimony in favor of and in opposition to and to answer questions in relation to the City of Crete applying for the Land and Water Conservation Fund through the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Tom Crisman.
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.C. Authorize the Crete Police Department to apply for the Car Seat mini grant

Chief of Police Jon Pucket stated that this grant is to help with the purchase of more car seats.

Authorized the Crete Police Department to apply for the Car Seat mini grant Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Ashley Newmyer.
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.D. Approve the claims from Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of $1,789.13

Approved the claims from Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of $1,789.13 Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.E. Consider the State Grant Agreement Project No. 3-31-0022-017/018/019/020-2026

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that this State Grant Agreement is for the construction of the 2-Bay Box Hangar.

Approved the State Grant Agreement Project No. 3-31-0022-017/018/019/020-2026 Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.F. Resolution 2026-22 Adopting and Approving The Execution Of A State Grant Agreement for Project No. 3-31-0022-017/018/019/020-2026

Adopted Resolution 2026-22 Adopting and Approving The Execution Of A State Grant Agreement for Project No. 3-31-0022-017/018/019/020-2026 Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.G. Consider the Progress Estimate for the AIP Project No: 3-31-0022-017/018 in the amount of $10,204.15 for Consultant Olsson

Approved the Progress Estimate for the AIP Project No: 3-31-0022-017/018 in the amount of $10,204.15 for Consultant Olsson Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.H. Summary of Project Cost from B-D Construction Project No 3-31-0022-019 in the amount of $123,400

Approved the Summary of Project Cost from B-D Construction Project No 3-31-0022-019 in the amount of $123,400 Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.I. Consider the Application for Special Event Permit SE2026-09 from Crete High School for the Homecoming Parade.

Approved the Application for Special Event Permit SE2026-09 from Crete High School for the Homecoming Parade. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.J. Consider the Special Event Application SE26-10 from the Crete Hometown Holiday Group

Jina McKeithen with the Crete Hometown Holiday Group explained that this application is to have a Hometown Holiday event at Crete City Park and for a parade on 9th & Main 12th & Main and 12th & Main through Kingwood Ave.

Approved the Special Event Application SE26-10 from the Crete Hometown Holiday Group Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Tom Crisman.
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.K. Consider authorizing the Friends of the Crete Public Library to serve catered alcohol at the Music Bingo Fundraiser on the evening of October 23rd, 2026 at the Crete Community Room

Library Director Jessica Wilkinson stated that the Friends of the Library plan to have a Music Bingo Fundraiser on the evening of October 23rd, 2026.

Authorized the Friends of the Crete Public Library to serve catered alcohol at the Music Bingo Fundraiser on the evening of October 23rd, 2026 at the Crete Community Room Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.L. Consider the Special Designated Liquor License from BJX Enterprises LLC DBA The Corner Liquor Store for the October 23rd, 2026 Crete Public Library fundraiser event at the Community Room.

Approved the Special Designated Liquor License from BJX Enterprises LLC DBA The Corner Liquor Store for the October 23rd, 2026 Crete Public Library fundraiser event at the Community Room. Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.M. Consider the FY2027 Saline County Area Transit Allocation

Scott Bartels with the Saline County Area Transit explained the funding chart that shows each town's share of the local matching funds for fiscal year 2027. Bartels also explained the Crete city surrey.

Approved the FY2027 Saline County Area Transit Allocation in the amount of $41,816.00 Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

4.N. Consider the Application for Prohibited Animal Exception PA26-06 from Wildlife Learning Encounters at the Crete Public Library

Library Director Jessica Wilkinson explained that Wildlife Learning Encounters will be having an event at the library on November 7th, 2026 at 10am. They will be doing an educational wildlife presentation with animals such as a kangaroo, an alligator, a boa constrictor, an armadillo, a parrot, a fennec fox, a tortoise, and a bearded dragon.

Approved the Application for Prohibited Animal Exception PA26-06 from Wildlife Learning Encounters at the Crete Public Library Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Ashley Newmyer.
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

5. Petitions - Communications - Resident Concerns

6. Officers' Reports

- Library Director Jessica Wilkinson stated that she is trying to find reindeer to bring to the Library in December. Wilkinson also stated that the Friends of the Library have just finalized their budgets and they are raising their budget by $14,000.
- Council President Dale Strehle thanked City Administrator Tom Ourada, Mayor Dave Bauer and all the Department Heads on their work with the budget.
- Finance Director Wendy Thomas introduced Jennifer Torres as the new HR Coordinator
- City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that the City of Crete had no knowledge of the Blue River Bridge having weight restrictions. Ourada stated that when they called the State to ask they told us that they had already spoken to the large industries and large farm operations to make them aware.
- Mayor Dave Bauer stated that farmers have called with concerns about the corner at Arizona Ave and W 13th Street. The Storage units there are right up to the street and vehicles cannot see oncoming traffic.
- Council member Anthony Fitzgerald asked City Administrator Tom Ourada if the City can ask for signage for a detour for bridge.
- Chief of Police Jon Pucket asked if parking spaces should be removed for trucks turning on Main Ave. Ourada stated that would be prudent to do.
- Mayor Dave Bauer stated that the City of Crete hosted 5 Hungarians who included Mayors, council members and a City Administrator for a tour of Crete in a bus provided by Crete Public Schools. They also provided a program of their own country.

7. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 6:50 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 (S E A L)