# CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

October 6th, 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**

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| Tom Crisman: | Absent |
| Anthony Fitzgerald: | Present |
| Kyle Frans: | Present |
| Ashley Newmyer: | Present |
| Dan Papik: | 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 Dan Papik.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye

Aye: 5, No: 0

**3.A. Approve Meeting Minutes**

**3.A.1. September 28th, 2026 City Council Special Meeting 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. Consider the Crete S&A Pay Estimate No. 4 from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for NLC LLC 2024 Crete Street and Alley Improvements**

This is for the streets, the two alleys back behind Crete News and Napa.

Approved the Crete S&A Pay Estimate No. 4 from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for NLC LLC 2024 Crete Street and Alley Improvements Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.
Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

**4.B. Consider the Special Event Permit (Street Closure)**

Tabled until next committee meeting the Special Event Permit (Street Closure) Tabled with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Kyle Frans.
Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

**4.C. Ordinance 2283 Setting Salaries and Wages for FY26-27**

Introduced Ordinance 2283 and moved that the statutory rule requiring three separate readings be suspended Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans and a second by Dale Strehle.
Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

Enact Ordinance 2283 Setting Salaries and Wages for FY26-27 Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans and a second by Dale Strehle.
Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

**4.D. Ordinance 2284 Amending 3-1102 ambulance service rate schedule adjustment**

Introduced Ordinance 2284 and moved that the statutory rule requiring three separate readings be suspended Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.
Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

Enact Ordinance 2284 Amending 3-1102 ambulance service rate schedule adjustment Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Dale Strehle.
Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

**4.E. Consider Resolution 2026-25 Master Fee Schedule**

Adopt Resolution 2026-25 Master Fee Schedule Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.
Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

**4.F. Consider the CentralSquare (Zuercher) Interlocal Agreement**

The Public Safety Committee recommended this item to the City Council.

Approved the CentralSquare (Zuercher) Interlocal Agreement Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Kyle Frans.
Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

**4.G. Consider approving the DANKO Bid for Emergency Equipment Apparatus Medix AL 171 mounted on a Ford F-550 4x4 Diesel in the amount of $361,015.20**

Tabled the DANKO Bid for Emergency Equipment Apparatus Medix AL 171 mounted on a Ford F-550 4x4 Diesel in the amount of $361,015.20 Tabled with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Kyle Frans.
Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0

**5. Petitions - Communications - Resident Concerns**

**6. Officers' Reports**

- Human Resources Coordinator Jennifer Torres introduced Sonia Ochoa as the City of Crete's new Bookkeeper.
- Chief of Police Jon Pucket stated the following:

- Explained that he has been in communication with Emergency Manager John McKee.
- The Crete Police Department did not get the overtime grant for the FY26-27.
- Waiting to hear on the Taskforce grant for DUI that the Nebraska State Patrol applied for.
- Library Director Jessica Wilkinson stated that the Crete Public Library has received a Silver Accreditation
- Parks and Recreation Director Liz Cody stated the following:

- Assessing the flood damage at Tuxedo Park and brief closures
- Campgrounds are now open
- Co-ed softball games will be played this Sunday, October 11th, 2026.
- FoodBank of Lincoln will be at Tuxedo Park Thursday, October 22nd, 2026.
- The "Kickin' It" Martial Arts program registration is now open until October 23rd, 2026.
- Girl Scouts helped with weeding at the Crete Public Library

- Council member Anthony Fitzgerlad asked City Administrator Tom Ourada if there would be a possibility to advocate for FEMA funds to help with new restrooms at Tuxedo Park due to the flooding.

- Building Inspector Trent Griffin provided the August 2026 Building Permit Log.
- Council members Kyle Frans, Ashley Newmyer, and Dale Strehle thanked everyone who helped with the Great Pumpkin Festival.
- Council member Anthony Fitzgerald thanked the Public Works Department for all their work after the flooding.
- City Administrator Tom Ourada stated the following:

- The walk bridge at Tuxedo Park is damaged.
- The cemetery bridge is all cleared up.
- The Tuxedo Park bridge has some large debris that need to be cleared up.
- Saline County Emergency Manager John McKee informed us that he has made a Disaster declaration.
- There will be a City of Crete staff meeting on Wednesday, October 7th, 2026 to cover the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and what each person's responsibility and role is, making sure to clean that up and work on proficiency going forward.

- Mayor Dave Bauer thanked all the departments for working together during the Great Pumpkin Festival and helping with the flooding.

**6.A. August 2026 Permit Log**

**7. Adjournment**
The meeting adjourned at 6:24 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)