CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

October 20th, 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

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

Present: 6.

3. Consent Agenda

Approved the Consent Agenda Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan

Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

3.A. Approve Meeting Minutes
3.A.1. October 6th, 2026 City Council Minutes
3.A.2. October 6th, 2026 Public Works Committee Minutes
3.A.3. October 6th, 2026 Finance Committee Minutes
3.A.4. October 6th, 2026 Public Safety Committee Minutes
3.B. Accept the City Treasurer's Report
3.C. Approve the Payment of Claims Against the City
3.D. Approve Yahir Medrano Orozco as new volunteer member of the Fire Department
3.E. Approve Creston Wagner as new volunteer member of the Fire Department
3.F. Approve Tensei Thompson as new volunteer member of the Fire Department
3.G. Approve Jeremy McCue as new volunteer member of the Fire Department
3.H. Approve Jackson McNally as new volunteer member of the Fire Department

4. Items of Business
4.A. Proclamation retiring badge #108

Approved Proclamation retiring badge #108 Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.B. Presentation of the Fiat Justitia Award to Investigative Sergeant Lincoln Morehouse

4.C. Diamante Beauty Salon LLC LB840 Application

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this application is for some plumbing and a chair and this went to the Economic Legislative Committee. Legislative/Community Development Committee Chair Ashley Newmyer stated that this also went to the ED/LB840 Advisory Committee.

Approved the Diamante Beauty Salon LLC LB840 Application in the amount up to $2,223.90 Carried with a motion by Ashley Newmyer and a second by Tom Crisman.
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.D. Consider the claims from Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of $2,902.84

Approved the claims from Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of $2,902.84 Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Anthony Fitzgerald.
Dan Papik: Abstain (With Conflict), Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 5, No: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

4.E. Consider the Pay Application No. 1 for the New Well & Transmission Main Project SRF No. D311654

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that this is for the new water well project and this is for some mobilization and materials and it went to the Public Works Committee.

Approved the Pay Application No. 1 for the New Well & Transmission Main Project SRF No. D311654 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, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.F. 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

Public Safety Committee recommended to the City Council to approve.

Approved 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 Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Kyle Frans.
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.G. Consider The Saline County Rural Fire District Fire Protection Contract

The Public Safety Committee recommended to the City Council to approve.

Approved The Saline County Rural Fire District Fire Protection Contract Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Kyle Frans.
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.H. Consider the Henning Estates Administrative Subdivision

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that he and City Attorney Anna Burge worked with the surveyor Lancaster County and Saline County. It is in a form that it is good to go now. Ourada added that it is in Lancaster County, but it is in our zoning jurisdiction.

Approved the Henning Estates Administrative Subdivision 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, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.I. Consider the Application for Special Event Permit from Erika Newmyer to close off the west entrance into the neighborhood on corner of Iris Ave and St. Andrew's Drive

The Public Safety Committee met on it and after Chief of Police Jon Pucket explained that this would not be a good thing the committee recommends to the City Council to deny the application.

Denied the Application for Special Event Permit from Erika Newmyer to close off the west entrance into the neighborhood on corner of Iris Ave and St. Andrew's Drive Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Kyle Frans.
Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.J. Consider Resolution 2026-26 setting a place and time for public hearing for a variance for 1103 Main Ave

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this resolution is to set the place and time for a variance request.

Adopt Resolution 2026-26 setting a place and time for public hearing for a variance for 1103 Main Ave for November 3rd, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. 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, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.K. Consider Resolution 2026-27 setting place and time for public hearing for variance request for 105 Ivy Ave

Adopt Resolution 2026-27 setting place and time for public hearing for variance request for 105 Ivy Ave on November 3rd, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. 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, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

5. Petitions - Communications - Resident Concerns

6. Officers' Reports

- Human Resources Coordinator Jennfier Torres introduced Samuel Ramsey as the City of Crete's new electric grounds person.
- Chief of Police Jon Pucket stated that the process of applying for grants is being changed electronically.
- Parks and Recreation Director stated the following:

- Thanked Kane and Phillip with Apace who wrapped up on October 16th, 2026.
- FoodBank of Lincoln will be held Tuxedo Park on October 22nd, 2026.
- Kickin' it with ATA Gold Star Martial Arts program registration will close on Friday, October 23rd, 2026
- Winterizing city facilities will be completed by the end of the month.
- Anticipating closure of campgrounds by October 28th, 2026 due to cold weather. Final date for campgrounds will be announced next week.

- Building Inspector Trenton Griffin provided the September 2026 Permit Log and the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Permit Log.
- City Administrator Tom Ourada stated the following:

- Working on nuisance properties and there will be hearings lined up soon.
- Went to the Aeronautics Commission meeting in Kearney and the City of Crete received a $300,000 grant on a $336,000 airport taxiway project.
- As the appointing authority appointed and promoted Jon Pucket to Chief of Police in consultation with the Mayor. Ourada considered that Pucket had been interviewing for months, and he was the likely candidate and in doing that it creates opportunities for others. They were looking at the wellness of the whole department and community. Pucket is already doing a good job as does the whole department.

- Mayor Dave Bauer added that they discussed it and Pucket has proven himself and does a great job. Pucket has the respect of the department and will do a good job for us.
- Ourada stated that the City of Crete will be opening for a sergeant and a letter will be going to the Civil Service Commission next week.
- Mayor Bauer reminded everyone to vote.

6.A. Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Permit Log
6.B. September 2026 Permit Log

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 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)