



CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

March 17th, 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

Dan Papik: Absent
Anthony Fitzgerald: Present
Dale Strehle: Present
Present: 2, Absent: 1.

3. Items of Business

3.A. NLC, LLC Contractor's Application for Payment in the Amount of \$71,645.44 for the 2024 Crete Street and Alley Improvements

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, discussed this is the payment for NLC, LLC mobilization and tree removal for the Street and Alley Improvement.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to approve NLC, LLC Contractor's Application for Payment in the Amount of \$71,645.44 for the 2024 Crete Street and Alley Improvements. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dale Strehle.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 2, No: 0

3.B. FY2026 Grant Application for Project No. 3-31-0022-019/020-2026 at Crete Municipal Airport

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, discussed how re-approval is needed because the conditions have changed. This would be for the double-box hanger.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to approve FY2026 Grant Application for Project No. 3-31-0022-019/020-2026 at Crete Municipal Airport. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dale Strehle.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 2, No: 0

3.C. Consider Resolution 2026-04 Approving the Execution of An Agency Agreement With Nebraska Department of Transportation Division of Aeronautics for Project No. 3-31-0022-019/020-2026 To Be Submitted By The Department To The Federal Aviation Administration To Obtain Federal Assistance For The Development Of The Airport

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, discussed this is a different aspect of the grant application.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to approve Resolution 2026-04 Approving the Execution of an Agency Agreement with Nebraska Department of Transportation Division of Aeronautics for Project No. 3-31-2022-019/020-2026 to be submitted by the department to the Federal Aviation Administration to obtain Federal Assistance for the development of the Airport. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dale Strehle.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 2, No: 0

3.D. Discuss multi-occupancy service policy 3-224

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, discussed the policy to have individual meters for individual apartments. Further discussion will be made when all committee members are present.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to table discussion of the multi-occupancy service policy 3-224. Tabled with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dale Strehle.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 2, No: 0

3.E. Consider the beacon quotes

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, discussed how the City is replacing the beacon of the tower with an LED. The City didn't get a grant but got a zero-interest loan with the Department of Aeronautics. The commission granted that over a 5-year period and takes Council approval.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to have IES be the contractor for the beacon replacement. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dale Strehle.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 2, No: 0

3.F. Consider the Special Exception Application for a Church at 969 W Highway 33

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, explained how churches are done by Special Exceptions. Tom and the committee members went through each expectation and agreed that it met all the requirements for a Special Exception.

Recommendation was made to the City Council to approve the Special Exception Application for a Church at 969 W. Highway 33. Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dale Strehle.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 2, No: 0

3.G. Discussion on overlay projects

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, discussed how he wanted committee members to see the cost of an overlay project. Discussion on what streets need work on, such as Hawthorne and Boswell. Further discussion was done on either doing an overlay or a reconstruction.

3.H. Consider vacating easement on lots 1 and 2 of Pine Ridge 4th Addition.

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, discussed that there is a property owner who bought two lots and is building. Anthony Fitzgerald, representing the owners and also the one building the house, discussed how the owners want to build a fairly large house and build a little over the property line. Anthony added that there used to be a utility easement that is unused now, and the property owner would like to vacate the easement to build over it.

3.I. Consider forwarding Tamela Chodosh's claim to the League Association of Risk Management (LARM)

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, discussed how there was a vehicle that was struck during snow removal, and would like to forward the claim to LARM.

A recommendation was made to the City Council to move forward with Tamela Chodosh's claim to the League Association of Risk Management (LARM). Carried with a motion by Anthony Fitzgerald and a second by Dale Strehle.

Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 2, No: 0

3.J. Discussion on 15th Street- Boswell Ave to Iris Avenue

City Administrator, Tom Ourada, discussed the cost and how it is 2/3 of the original estimate. Further discussion was done about the cost and what could be done.

4. Officers' Reports

5. Adjournment