

Crete City Council/Work Session Meeting
Saturday, August 24, 2024 9:00 AM
Crete City Hall
243 E 13th Street
Crete, NE 68333

1. Open Meeting

- In accordance with Nebraska law, a copy of the Open Meetings Act can be found in the back of the Council Chambers.
- Items listed on the agenda may be considered in any order.
- Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

- Attendance of members will be recorded to determine the presence of a quorum for official actions.

3. Consent Agenda

- All items listed on the consent agenda will be approved by one motion and vote. No separate discussion of these items will occur unless the Mayor, a Councilmember, or a citizen so requests. If such a request is made, the item will be moved out of the consent agenda and considered separately.

3.A. Approve Meeting Minutes

- 3.A.1. August 20th, 2024 City Council minutes
- 3.A.2. August 20th, 2024 Finance Committee minutes
- 3.A.3. August 20th, 2024 Public Works Committee minutes

3.B. Accept the City Treasurer's Report

3.C. Approve the Payment of Claims Against the City

4. Items of Business

- Action may be taken to discuss/limit discussion, to hear testimony in favor of or in opposition to, and to approve or disapprove any matter presented under this title.

4.A. Budget Work Session

4.B. Consider the State Aid Grant Application for the Crete Municipal Airport

5. Officers' Reports

- Reports may be given by Officers, Departments, Committees, or Councilmembers concerning the current operations of the City.
- No action can be taken on matters presented under this title except to answer any questions or to refer the matter for further action.

6. Adjournment

Disclaimers & Notices

- The Council may enter into closed session to discuss any matter on this agenda when it is determined that a closed session is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual (if such individual has not requested

a public meeting) or as otherwise allowed by law. Any closed session shall be limited to the subject matter for which the closed session was called. If the motion to close passes, then immediately prior to the closed session the Mayor shall restate on the record the limitation of the subject matter of the closed session.

- The City of Crete assures that no person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, age, disability, handicap or sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity of the City receiving Federal financial assistance. To report discrimination, contact the City Clerk's office.
- The complete agenda with attachments is available at www.crete.ne.gov.



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

August 20th, 2024 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:

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Post Office, 1242 Linden Avenue
City Bank and Trust, 1135 Main Avenue

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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. August 6th, 2024 City Council Minutes**
- 3.A.2. August 6th, 2024 Finance Committee Minutes**
- 3.A.3. August 6th, 2024 Personnel Committee Minutes**
- 3.A.4. August 6th, 2024 Public Works 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 of Jaden Acevedo as Police Officer

4.B. Public Hearing on Special Assessments

Opened the Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m. on Special Assessments 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

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that the Board of Equalization deciding the benefits on Street Improvement Project Nos 2022-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8, and 9.

Mayor Dave Bauer asked if anyone would like to speak at this time to please come forward and state their name and address.

David Behrens 135 E 18th St asked if there is going to be more paying and if that paving would be along his property.

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that not next year or the year after. Behrens asked how he can pay the amount he owed. Ourada explained that he can pay it in full or set up with the county to pay over 15 years.

Gerald Vlasin 2225 Main Avenue asked why as property owners they are paying for a sidewalk on Oak Ave that is along the river that doesn't go anywhere and why all the improvements are being paid by the property owners and not the City. Mayor Dave Bauer explained that improvements to streets that have gravel and get paved always have an assessment to the property owner and it is an improvement to the property.

Pastor Marco Flores with Betel Worship Center 2124 Main Avenue asked what is all included in the amount owed. Ourada explained that the paving and sidewalks is included. Ourada also explained that on their property there was an extra \$9,200 and the City is paying half and Betel Worship Center is paying the other half. Betel Worship Center can pay up front with no interest or over 15 years with 7% interest. Flores asked if the signs that were taken down can please be put up again or if they can go ahead and do it themselves. Ourada explained that someone from the City would go put the signs up.

Rosemarie Kleineweber 335 East 22nd Street stated that she didn't want the gap paving. Kleineweber asked if the City is paying for any of the paving. Ourada explained that the City of Crete is paying for the intersections. City Attorney Anna Burge explained that the City of Crete followed the process for the gap paving. Kleineweber stated there was a tree on her property that was torn up from their yard. Ourada stated that he will be reaching out to the Engineer about this issue.

Leon Barkdoll 1744 Oak Avenue asked who had completed the walk through after the

project was completed. Ourada explained that the Street Supervisor, Engineer and Contractor had completed the walk through.

Maria Silvia Adame Ortiz 246 W 17th Street with translation help from Marilyn Schacht, Community Assistance Director, asked how she would be able to pay for the amount she owes. Ourada explained that the City of Crete Finance Director Wendy Thomas would send out letters with the information and options.

Closed Public Hearing at 6:52 p.m. on Special Assessments Carried with a motion by Dan Papik and a second by Dale Strehle.

Tom Crisman: Aye, Anthony Fitzgerald: Aye, Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 6, No: 0

4.C. Consider the Special Assessments in Street Improvements Project Nos. 2022-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8 and 9

Approved the Special Assessments in Street Improvements Project Nos. 2022-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8 and 9 Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Dan Papik.

4.D. Public Hearing on an Application for the Community Development Block Grant Program for elimination of substandard and blighted conditions within the designated downtown area

Opened the Public Hearing at 6:54 p.m. on an Application for the Community Development Block Grant Program for elimination of substandard and blighted conditions within the designated downtown area 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

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this was the 3rd application for the Community Development Block Grant Program for elimination of substandard and blighted conditions within the designated downtown area.

Closed the Public Hearing at 6:56 p.m. on an Application for the Community Development Block Grant Program for elimination of substandard and blighted conditions within the designated downtown area 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.E. Consider the Application for the Community Development Block Grant Program for elimination of substandard and blighted conditions within the designated downtown area

Approved the Application for the Community Development Block Grant Program for elimination of substandard and blighted conditions within the designated downtown area 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.F. Public Hearing on an Application for the Community Development Block Grant Program for road construction and reconstruction- Deferring until September 3rd, 2024 City Council Meeting

Deferred the Public Hearing on an Application for the Community Development Block Grant Program for road construction and reconstruction until September 3rd, 2024 City Council Meeting 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.G. Consider the payment of claims to Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$4,392.70

Approved the payment of claims to Crete Ace Hardware in the amount of \$4,392.70 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.H. Consider the funding request for 2023-2024 from Saline County Aging Services.

Approved the funding request for 2023-2024 from Saline County Aging Services in the amount of \$8,007.00 . Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans 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.I. Consider the Stehlik Administrative Subdivision

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that the administrative subdivision is pretty straight forward and has been reviewed.

Approved the Stehlik Administrative Subdivision 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.J. Consider Ordinance 2212 amending plumbing code

Introduce Ordinance 2212 and waive it be read on three separate days. 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

Enact Ordinance 2212 amending plumbing code 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 - Citizen Concerns

6. Officers' Reports

- Chief of Police Gary Young stated the following:
 - Jaden Acevedo Avalos graduated from the Academy and the Police Department is thrilled to have him.
 - The other night they had a couple successful deployments of the k-9 for a call about a sexual assault and strangulation. The dog helped to detect an individual in a room and another behind a car.
 - The Police Department participated in the Doane walk. They have been working closely with their peer advisor with training with drug recognition, sex assault recognition, stalking, and on dating violence.
 - The Police Department will be doing coffee with a cop to continue working with Doane University.
- Library Director Jessica Wilkinson stated the following:
 - Provided the Mayor, City Administrator and City Council packets of information from the library.
 - The library made over \$1,000 with their summer book sale.
 - There were 319 children registered for the summer reading program and 172 reading logs were returned compared to last year only 130 were turned in.
 - 39 adult book reviews were completed for the first year.
 - The library had their overnight teen lock in from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. and engaged in many activities and games.
- Human Resources Coordinator Savannah Anderson introduced the two newest City of Crete employees; Parker Zulauf an electric lineman and Trevor Nickel parks facilities and groundskeeper.
- City Administrator Tom Ourada stated the following:
 - He has been working with Finance Director Wendy Thomas on the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year budget. Ourada, Thomas and Finance Committee Chair Kyle Frans met with the Fire Department and they are going to waive some expenses for the department and will be picked up from the general fund for this year.
 - Ourada explained there is no calculable growth with the budget. Our taxable valuation grew by 6 million but with a 400 million valuation it did not provide additional funds for

the budget. The City Council will have the Budget Work Session on Saturday, August 24th, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

- LB34 passed and it's literally 0% growth or SLCE which is a consumer price index (CPI) a form of calculation. That could be a concern. If the legislature left it at just that it might be okay. They removed the lid so there is no levy/ lid restrictions at all. This might be revisited in January and hopefully they don't do anything with sales tax. Sales tax, which the people who live inside the corporate limits voted for are collected and used for economic development, property tax relief, library and police officers and used for things limited to inside the city limits. The state has talked about taking a portion of that and using it outside of the community for other purposes. Ourada spoke to our State Senator about this.
- Wednesday, August 21st 2024 and Thursday, August 22nd 2024 Ourada and IT Director Mike Kalkwarf will be in Kearney for the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska Meetings.
- The Boswell paving is a county project and they don't have a detour. The City put alternate routes on the City of Crete website and social media. The project is going to take about 80 calendar days to complete. The transfer station will be closed over one Tuesday when they pave over the intersection. Ourada stated council member Dale Strehle recommendation on widening county Rd D for the alternate route traffic would be passed on to the county.

7. Adjournment

7:20 p.m.

Mayor

(SEAL)

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.

City Clerk

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CITY COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

August 20th, 2024 at 5:00 PM
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1. Open Meeting

Kyle Frans: Present
Ashley Newmyer: Present
Dale Strehle: Present
Present: 3.

2. Roll Call

3. Items of Business

3.A. Consider the funding request for 2023-2024 from Saline County Aging Services

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this is the request from Saline County Aging Services and the request amount of \$8,007.00 is the same as last year's.

Recommended to the City Council the funding request for 2023-2024 from Saline County Aging Services Carried with a motion by Dale Strehle and a second by Ashley Newmyer.

Kyle Frans: Aye, Ashley Newmyer: Aye, Dale Strehle: Aye
Aye: 3, No: 0

4. Officers' Reports

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that the budget is not completely done yet. The City Council will have the work session on Saturday, August 24th, at 9:00am. The lid limit or levy relies on the valuation we plug into the state forms, and it didn't register, which means that there was no growth. Right now, what you will see is 2 1/2% with a resolution for an additional 1%. Last year there was growth and then it went up to almost 4% and in order to stay under the limit to not have a joint public hearing, it went to 3 1/2%. There are a couple departments that are over budget. There will be discussion on that.

5. Adjournment



CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

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1. Open Meeting

2. Roll Call

Anthony Fitzgerald: Present

Dan Papik: Present

Dale Strehle: Present

Present: 3.

3. Items of Business

3.A. Consider Ordinance 2212 amending plumbing code

Building inspector, Brad Bailey, explained how the plumbing code has not changed much. Brad explained that we use Lincoln amendments, which have now changed, and we are now accepting those. Brad discussed how there is not much difference between the plumbing code 2009 to 2018, and that it has to do more with the commercial. Crete is one of the last to get into the plumbing code 2018. City Attorney, Anna Burge, explained that taking some Lincoln City codes out, and everything else makes it simpler for plumbers to do business in both communities to know what is expected.

Recommended to the City Council Ordinance 2212 amending plumbing code 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