

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MONDAY – APRIL 7, 2025, 6:00 PM CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS 2307 BARADA STREET FALLS CITY, NE 68355

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The City Council may vote to go into Closed Session on any agenda item as allowed by State Law.

#### **ROUTINE BUSINESS**

- 1. Announcement of Open Meetings Act
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance
- 4. Mayors Report
- 5. City Administrators Report
- 6. Chief of Police Report

#### REGULAR BUSINESS

- 1. Discussion & Action Agenda Approval
- 2. Discussion & Action Minutes Approval for March 17, 2025
- 3. Discussion & Action Claims Approval for April 8, 2025
- 4. Discussion & Action Monthly Report of the Southeast Nebraska Land Bank
- 5. Discussion Response Plan for Electric Distribution Team Operations
- 6. Discussion & Action Appointment of board and committee members as recommended by Mayor Harkendorff
- 7. Discussion & Action Appointment of Zachary Adams as a Police Officer effective April 27, 2025 as recommended by the Police & Fire Hiring Board and Mayor Harkendorff
- 8. Discussion & Action Request to close the 2300 Block of Chase Street from 7:30 AM to 12:00 PM on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 for the Farms 2 You Program | UNL Extension Richardson County Kaytlyn Kennedy
- 9. Discussion & Action Request to close 17<sup>th</sup> Street between Harlan Street & Stone Street from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 for the 100 Year Anniversary & Rededication of the Richardson County Courthouse Event | Richardson County Clerk Mary L. Eickhoff
- Discussion & Action Authorize closing of the F&M Money Market account ending x0888
- 11. Discussion& Action Adoption of the Safety Committee Program (By-Laws of the Safety Committee), a component of the revised Safety Manual of the City of Falls City as recommended by the Safety Committee | Trevor Campbell Safety Committee Chairperson



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- 12. Discussion & Action Award of the 2024 Natural Gas Improvement Project (FC Project No.: 24-1007) totaling \$450,705.57 to NPL as recommended by the Board of Public Works | Public Works Director Trevor Campbell
- 13. Discussion and Action Authorize execution of a Master Service Agreement with R/S Electric Utility Service Corp as recommended by the Board of Public Works | Public Works Director Trevor Campbell
- 14. Discussion Nebraska Revised Statute 17-567 Highways, streets, bridges; maintenance and control | Councilperson Kenny Killingsworth
- 15. Discussion City power generating plant and residential infrastructure | Councilperson Kenny Killingsworth
- 16. Discussion City newly elected council members handbook (An Orientation for Newly Elected City Council Members December 2024) | Councilperson Kenny Killingsworth
- 17. Discussion Update on the development of the Mid-America Rail Campus (MARC) site | Falls City EDGE Director Lucas Froeschl
- 18. Closed Session Electric Transmission Strategy and Planning
- 19. Discussion & Action Resolution authorizing actions related to the Energy Forward: Falls City Transmission Improvement Project

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Discussion & Action - Operation of All-Terrain Vehicles, Utility Vehicles and Golf Carts during nighttime hours

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Anthony Nussbaum, City Clerk

#### March 17, 2025

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 17th day of March 2025, at 6:00 o' clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Mayor Harkendorff called the meeting to order and Clerk Nussbaum recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. Absent: Buckminster. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the mayor and all persons of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Mayor Harkendorff publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

#### AGENDA APPROVAL FOR MARCH 17, 2025

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Fouraker to approve the agenda as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Buckminster. Motion carried.

#### MINUTES APPROVAL FOR MARCH 3, 2025

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person F. Killingsworth to approve the minutes for March 3, 2025, as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Buckminster. Motion carried.

#### **CLAIMS APPROVAL FOR MARCH 18, 2025**

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Kaster to approve the claims as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Buckminster. Motion carried.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2025

A motion was made by Council member Leyden and seconded by Council member Ruiz to approve the Treasurer's Report for February 2025 as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Buckminster. Motion carried.

#### APPOINTMENT OF BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS AS RECOMMENDED BY MAYOR HARKENDORFF

A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council person F. Killingsworth to approve the board and committee members as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Buckminster. Motion carried.

**CWA Negotiating Committee** | Don Ferguson, Kenny Killingsworth, Sara Ruiz – Term Expiring 12.31.2025 **IBEW Negotiating Committee** | Don Ferguson, Kenny Killingsworth, Shawn Fouraker – Term Expiring 12.31.2025

IUOE Negotiating Committee | Frank Killingsworth, Kenny Killingsworth, Sara Ruiz, Don Ferguson – Term Expiring 12.31.2025

**Management Committee** | Frank Killingsworth, Kenny Killingsworth, Sara Ruiz, Don Ferguson – Term Expiring 12.31.2025

**Budget Committee** | Derrick Leyden, Frank Killingsworth, Shawn Fouraker, Sara Ruiz – Term Expiring 12.31.2025

#### AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE DISCLOSURE COMPLIANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH GILMORE & BELL

A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council person Leyden to approve the Disclosure Compliance Service Agreement as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Buckminster. Motion carried.

## AUTHORIZE SUBMITTAL OF A LEVEL 3 COMMUNITY FOREST GRANT APPLICATION BY MARCH 31, 2025 FOR THE 2025 COMMUNITY FOREST IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council person F. Killingsworth to authorize submittal of a Level 3 project to the 2025 Community Forest Improvements grant application. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Buckminster. Motion carried.

## REQUEST TO UTILIZE CITY STREETS AND STANTON LAKE PARK FOR THE ANNUAL EARTH DAY RUN & WALK EVENT ON APRIL 27, 2025 | COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER

A motion was made by Council member F. Killingsworth and seconded by Council person Fouraker to approve the request as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Buckminster. Motion carried.

## REQUEST TO ALLOW BURNING OF THE GREENSPACE AT SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE - FALLS CITY LEARNING CENTER | SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE/PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR - BRIAR BURR

A motion was made by Council member Leyden and seconded by Council person K. Killingsworth to approve the request as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Buckminster. Motion carried.

## REQUEST TO ALLOW BURNING OF THE CATTAIL DEBRIS ALONG THE NORTH END OF STANTON LAKE PARK | PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR - BRIAR BURR

A motion was made by Council member Leyden and seconded by Council member Ruiz to approve the request as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Buckminster. Motion carried.

## REQUEST APPROVAL OF REQUISITION REQ00984 TOTALING \$40,286.00 FOR NEW LIGHTING AT SNC FIELD | PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR - BRIAR BURR

A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Leyden to approve the request as presented to Husker Electric. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Buckminster. Motion carried.

## REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL DESIGNATED LIQUOR LICENSE AT BRENNER FIELD FOR THE 2025 HOT AIR BALLOON FESTIVAL ON JUNE 13, 2025 AND JUNE 14, 2025 | FREDERICK SPIRITS, LLC/FALLS CITY AREA CHAMBER & MAIN STREET - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AMBER HOLLE

A motion was made by Council member F. Killingsworth and seconded by Council member K. Killingsworth to approve the Special Designated Liquor License as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons

voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Buckminster, Motion carried.

# AWARD OF THE NORTHEAST FORCE MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT (FC PROJECT NO. 24-1009) TOTALING \$311,730.85 TO VRBA CONSTRUCTION, INC. AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF PROJECT AGREEMENTS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS | PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR - TREVOR CAMPBELL

A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Leyden to award the Northeast Force Main Replacement Project as presented to VRBA. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Buckminster. Motion carried.

# AUTHORIZE A PRELIMINARY CHANGE ORDER UP TO \$30,000.00 FOR THE 2022 ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION PROJECT (FC PROJECT 21-1001) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RETAINING WALL IN THE ALLEY OF THE 1600 BLOCK OF STONE STREET AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS | PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR - TREVOR CAMPBELL

A motion was made by Council member Leyden and seconded by Council member F. Killingsworth to approve the Change Order as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Buckminster. Motion carried.

## CONSIDER DONATION OF THE BUILDING AT 206 EAST 20<sup>TH</sup> STREET FOR CITY USE | COUNCILPERSON – KENNY KILLINGSWORTH

A motion was made by Council member K. Killingsworth and seconded by Council member F. Killingsworth to decline the proposed donation of the building at 206 East 20<sup>th</sup> Street for city use. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Buckminster. Motion carried.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:37pm

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by Mayor Harkendorff and Council on March 17, 2025; 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; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by persons of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to persons of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

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### City of Falls City, NE

## **Expense Approval Report**

By Fund

Post Dates 3/15/2025 - 4/8/2025

Vendor Name	Payable Number	Post Date	Description (Item)	Account Number	Amount
Fund: 100 - General					
Farm & City Supply	008596	04/08/2025	great stuff big gap	100-01-11-52429	23.97
OneNeck It Solutions	pji000083115	04/08/2025	microsoft 365	100-01-11-52195	81.00
Amazon Capital Services	1tlf-lwww-g9fj	04/08/2025	under desk printer cart	100-01-11-52372	33.99
Pro Serv	282413	04/08/2025	savin 311	100-01-11-52118	55.00
Pest Control Services of SE NE		04/08/2025	service-city hall	100-01-11-52199	62.50
Quill Corportation	43120913	04/08/2025	ruled pad	100-01-11-52372	8.39
Quill Corportation	43120913	04/08/2025	calc tape	100-01-11-52372	9.90
Quill Corportation	43165233	04/08/2025	dry erase markers	100-01-11-52372	13.79
Quill Corportation	43188060	04/08/2025	ink-cc printer	100-01-11-52372	19.99
Eric Marx	06	04/08/2025	overpayment-land lease	100-01-11-60000	200.00
Utility Department	INV06815	04/08/2025	service city hall lease	100-01-11-52018	33.00
Utility Department	INV06815	04/08/2025	service city hall lease	100-01-11-52019	39.90
Utility Department	INV06816	04/08/2025	service city office	100-01-11-52018	270.42
Utility Department	INV06816	04/08/2025	service city office	100-01-11-52019	102.97
Utility Department	INV06816	04/08/2025	service city office	100-01-11-52020	746.48
TASC	in03403531	04/08/2025	service hra	100-01-11-52199	125.00
OCI Insurance and Financial S	3023	04/08/2025	1095-b servicing/fee	100-01-11-52198	210.00
General Petty Cash	INV06835	04/08/2025	postage liens	100-01-11-52109	16.00
General Petty Cash	INV06835	04/08/2025	postage liens	100-01-11-52109	16.00
Southeast Nebraska Communi		04/08/2025	service phone	100-01-11-52011	609.15
Farm & City Supply	008568	04/08/2025	mlw recip trch crb 9" 7t	100-01-11-52429	18.99
				Fund 100 - General Total:	2,696.44
Fund: 110 - Police					
Home Lumber Company	346412	04/08/2025	trim nails	110-02-21-52093	12.79
Home Lumber Company	346412	04/08/2025	sandpaper	110-02-21-52093	1.49
Home Lumber Company	346412	04/08/2025	fascia	110-02-21-52093	64.00
OneNeck It Solutions	pji000083115	04/08/2025	microsoft 365	110-02-21-52195	112.50
Farm & City Supply	017121	04/08/2025	screws	110-02-21-52093	6.00
Police Department Petty Cash	INV06770	04/08/2025	car wash	110-02-21-52014	27.00
Police Department Petty Cash	INV06770	04/08/2025	postage	110-02-21-52387	17.52
Harmon's OK Tire	63296	04/08/2025	Tires w/ balance & disposal	110-02-21-52014	348.00
Farm & City Supply	017922	04/08/2025	flmn led ed23.5 dl19w	110-02-21-52093	203.94
Home Lumber Company	346665	04/08/2025	trim nails	110-02-21-52093	12.79
Home Lumber Company	346680	04/08/2025	d roof edge	110-02-21-52093	21.98
Home Lumber Company	346680	04/08/2025	gutter apron	110-02-21-52093	21.98
General Petty Cash	INV06835	04/08/2025	police postage	110-02-21-52387	31.40
				Fund 110 - Police Total:	881.39
Fund: 115 - Animal Control					
OneNeck It Solutions	pji000083115	04/08/2025	microsoft 365	115-02-23-52195	12.50
Utility Department	INV06812	04/08/2025	service an control	115-02-23-52019	13.81
Omaha Public Power District	INV06771	04/08/2025	service animal control	115-02-23-52020	82.35
				Fund 115 - Animal Control Total:	108.66
Fund: 120 - Fire					
OneNeck it Solutions	pji000083115	04/08/2025	microsoft 365	120-02-22-52195	12.50
Utility Department	INV06807	04/08/2025	service fire station/hyd	120-02-22-52019	50.35
Utility Department	INV06807	04/08/2025	service fire station/hyd	120-02-22-52020	40.56
Utility Department	INV06809	04/08/2025	service fire station	120-02-22-52018	253.02
Utility Department	INV06809	04/08/2025	service fire station	120-02-22-52020	354.61
Utility Department	INV06810	04/08/2025	service fire station/hyd	120-02-22-52019	4,071.78
Utility Department	INV06811	04/08/2025	service ambulance bldg	120-02-22-52018	181.72
Utility Department	INV06811	04/08/2025	service ambulance bldg	120-02-22-52020	82.97
O'Reilly Automotive Inc	5895-226620	04/08/2025	long nipples	120-02-22-52099	10.22

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Vendor Name	Payable Number	Post Date	Description (Item)	Account Number	Amount
O'Reilly Automotive Inc	5895-226620	04/08/2025	tee	120-02-22-52099	8.34
O'Reilly Automotive Inc	5895-226620	04/08/2025	air brk ftg	120-02-22-52099	0.50
Falls City Volunteer Fire Dept	INV06801	04/08/2025	service spectrum cable	120-02-22-52011	65.90
Southeast Nebraska Communi		04/08/2025	service phone	120-02-22-52011	127.62
Southeast Nebraska Communi	INV06802	04/08/2025	service phone	120-02-22-52011	274.30
				Fund 120 - Fire Total:	5,534.39
Fund: 130 - Building Inspection	ns & Code Enforcement			Tana 220 - The lotter	2,254.55
OneNeck It Solutions	pji000083115	04/08/2025	microsoft 365	120 02 22 5240r	
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Fund: 150 - Parks			rana 130 - Banang inspec	dons & Code Enforcement Iotal:	12.50
Home Lumber Company	346392	04/00/2025			
OneNeck It Solutions	pji000083115	04/08/2025	lumber	150-05-51-52093	81.79
Amazon Capital Services	1fn6-1cl7-fw7v	04/08/2025	microsoft 365	150-05-51-52195	37.50
Falls City Sanitation Service	INV06769	04/08/2025	cleaning caddy	150-05-51-52429	53.58
Farm & City Supply	017467	04/08/2025	feb 2025	150-05-51-52085	130.00
Farm & City Supply	017467	04/08/2025	24" tarp strap	150-05-51-52429	9.95
Amazon Capital Services	11dk-Inht-4kmp	04/08/2025 04/08/2025	18" tarp strap	150-05-51-52429	8.95
Amazon Capital Services	11dk-inht-4kmp	04/08/2025	commercial door closer	150-05-51-52093	43.95
Home Lumber Company	346555		bball net	150-05-51-52093	35.96
Scheitel Feed & Seed	05866	04/08/2025 04/08/2025	lumber	150-05-51-52429	60.98
Farm & City Supply	018179	04/08/2025	fescue	150-05-51-52429	95.00
Farm & City Supply	018179	04/08/2025	bolts nuts washers	150-05-51-52429	0.14
Farm & City Supply	018198	04/08/2025	spray paint	150-05-51-52429	8.59
Falls City Mercantile	238474 a	04/08/2025	edger blade	150-05-51-52429	48.00
Falls City Mercantile	238474 a	04/08/2025	stainless cleaner	150-05-51-52429	49.84
Falls City Mercantile	238474 a	04/08/2025	clorox clean up clorox	150-05-51-52429	58.69
Falls City Mercantile	238474 a	04/08/2025	mr clean	150-05-51-52429	44.14
Falls City Mercantile	238474 a	04/08/2025	foam delimer	150-05-51-52429	39.26
Utility Department	INV06818	04/08/2025	service legion park	150-05-51-52429 150-05-51-52020	25.00
Utility Department	INV06819	04/08/2025	service grandview park	150-05-51-52020	74.46
Utility Department	INV06820	04/08/2025	service hartman field	150-05-51-52020	82.03
Utility Department	INV06821	04/08/2025	service f&m bank	150-05-51-52020	46.62
Utility Department	INV06822	04/08/2025	service snc field	150-05-51-52020	45.92 40.56
Utility Department	INV06823	04/08/2025	service 4-h barn	150-05-51-52020	40.56
Utility Department	INV06824	04/08/2025	service riding club	150-05-51-52020	40.56
Utility Department	INV06825	04/08/2025	service parks new shop	150-05-51-52019	39.90
Utility Department	INV06825	04/08/2025	service park dept new shop	150-05-51-52020	233.48
Utility Department	INV06826	04/08/2025	service camper sites	150-05-51-52019	48.91
Utility Department	INV06826	04/08/2025	service camper sites	150-05-51-52020	49.18
Utility Department	INV06827	04/08/2025	service lake vball	150-05-51-52020	40.79
Utility Department	INV06828	04/08/2025	service lake cabin	150-05-51-52020	46.39
Utility Department	INV06829	04/08/2025	service south camper	150-05-51-52020	40.56
Utility Department	INV06830	04/08/2025	service north camper	150-05-51-52020	40.91
	INV06831	04/08/2025	service dallas jones tennis cou	150-05-51-52020	48.72
	INV06832	04/08/2025	service - dallas jones irrr	150-05-51-52020	41.14
	INV06833	04/08/2025	service - new snack shack	150-05-51-52020	48.13
	INV06841	04/08/2025	service - old snack shack	150-05-51-52020	28.20
	018279	03/17/2025	B700X back pack blower	150-05-51-52420	566.99
	3911	04/08/2025	aquatic center punch	150-05-51-52429	73.85
	64152	03/26/2025	KT-SLFLED-LASER-G	150-05-51-52420	38.00
	64152	03/26/2025	KT-SLFLED750-M1-30-YM-750	150-05-51-53900	40,248.00
	03-2025-000312	04/08/2025	Rental AddOn Payment for Ca	150-05-51-21600	50.00
Brandy Strecker	03-2025-000318	04/08/2025	Rental AddOn Payment for Ca	150-05-51-21600	50.00
Fund: 151 - Auditorim				Fund 150 - Parks Total:	42,935.18
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	pji000083115 016946	04/08/2025	microsoft 365	151-05-51-52195	37.50
	016946	04/08/2025	flex seal	151-05-51-52429	109.99
	010946 13tg-vr4w-4md6	04/08/2025 04/08/2025	hp good brush flat 4"	151-05-51-52429	13.18
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Vendor Name	Payable Number	Post Date	Description (Item)	Account Number	Amount
Amazon Capital Services	13tg-vr4w-4md6	04/08/2025	sloan a-71 inside cover for slo	151-05-51-52099	10.49
Farm & City Supply	017259	04/08/2025	milkhouse heater 1500w	151-05-51-52429	33,99
Farm & City Supply	017259	04/08/2025	thermometer wall white	151-05-51-52429	3.99
Farm & City Supply	017259	04/08/2025	screws	151-05-51-52429	
Farm & City Supply	017293	04/08/2025	screws	151-05-51-52429	0.16 0.56
Farm & City Supply	017293	04/08/2025	catch draw lk 3-1/2zn	151-05-51-52429	
Farm & City Supply	017293	04/08/2025	screws	151-05-51-52429	7.59
Falls City Sanitation Service	INV06769	04/08/2025	feb 2025	151-05-51-52085	0.60
Pest Control Services of SE NE	15007	04/08/2025	service - aud	151-05-51-52199	130.00
Farm & City Supply	017928	04/08/2025	keykrafter #68n cp brass	151-05-51-52429	62.50
Amazon Capital Services	1xc9-9t6r-nxfd	04/08/2025	urinal pads	151-05-51-52429	7.98
Falls City Mercantile	238474 a	04/08/2025	toilet bowl cleaner	151-05-51-52429	24.99
Utility Department	INV06814	04/08/2025	service aud	151-05-51-52018	58.60 2,757.42
Utility Department	INV06814	04/08/2025	service aud	151-05-51-52019	2,757.42 391.77
Utility Department	INV06814	04/08/2025	service aud	151-05-51-52020	
Southeast Nebraska Communi	INV06802	04/08/2025	service phone	151-05-51-52011	1,627.64 100.22
Jillian Campbell	03-2025-000304	04/08/2025	Rental AddOn Payment for Au		
Jillian Campbell	03-2025-000304	04/08/2025	Rental Payment for Prichard A		250.00
Clint Sailors	03-2025-000306	04/08/2025	Rental AddOn Payment for Au	151-05-51-21600	100.00
Tiffany Godemann	03-2025-000311	04/08/2025	Rental AddOn Payment for Au	151-05-51-21600	250.00
		,,	nemar Addon't ayment for Ad	Fund 151 - Auditorim Total:	250.00
Fund: 170 - Library				rana 151 - Auditonin Iotai:	6,403.47
Microfilm Imaging Systems	94817	04/09/2025			
OneNeck It Solutions	pji000083115	04/08/2025	annual service	170-05-52-52199	309.00
Falls City Mercantile	237840	04/08/2025	microsoft 365	170-05-52-52195	37.50
Falls City Mercantile	237840	04/08/2025	paper towels	170-05-52-52429	47.32
Falls City Sanitation Service	INV06769	04/08/2025	toilet tissue	170-05-52-52429	74.59
Farm & City Supply	017623	04/08/2025	feb 2025	170-05-52-52085	65.00
Library Petty Cash	INV06800	04/08/2025	mulch	170-05-52-52093	59.90
Utility Department	INV06813	04/08/2025	postage	170-05-52-52387	426.09
Utility Department	INV06813	04/08/2025	service library	170-05-52-52018	641.40
Utility Department	INV06813	04/08/2025	service library	170-05-52-52019	232.22
Southeast Nebraska Communi		04/08/2025	service library	170-05-52-52020	1,284.82
Southeast Nest Band Collinian	INVG0002	04/08/2025	service phone	170-05-52-52011	220.95
- 1.455				Fund 170 - Library Total:	3,398.79
Fund: 180 - Cemetery					
Falls City Auto Supply	75416	04/08/2025	battery	180-05-53-52093	119.90
OneNeck It Solutions	pji000083115	04/08/2025	microsoft 365	180-05-53-52195	12.50
Farm & City Supply	016932	04/08/2025	cm walll wet/dry vac	180-05-53-52429	119.99
Jones & Jones	2909	04/08/2025	(3) openings	180-05-53-52199	575.00
Jones & Jones	2909	04/08/2025	service	180-05-53-52199	950.00
Scheitel Feed & Seed	05721	04/08/2025	fescue	180-05-53-52093	95.00
Falls City Auto Supply	75754	04/08/2025	filters	180-05-53-52014	50.22
Falls City Auto Supply	75754	04/08/2025	filters	180-05-53-52014	43.98
Harmon's OK Tire	63416	04/08/2025	service - repairs	180-05-53-52014	125.00
Utility Department	INV06817	04/08/2025	service cemetery	180-05-53-52020	254.83
General Petty Cash	INV06835	04/08/2025	veh wash	180-05-53-52014	10.00
Southeast Nebraska Communi	INV06802	04/08/2025	service phone	180-05-53-52011	99.17
				Fund 180 - Cemetery Total:	2,455.59
Fund: 190 - Streets				•	•
Pinnacle Propane LLC	423026	04/08/2025	100 # cyl	190-03-31-52935	93.50
OneNeck It Solutions	pji000083115	04/08/2025	microsoft 365	190-03-31-52195	82.50
Falls City Sanitation Service	INV06769	04/08/2025	feb 2025	190-03-31-52085	25.00
League Association of Risk Ma		04/08/2025	insurance - street trucks	190-03-31-52160	65.00
NMC Inc	CUI1463677	03/31/2025	gaskets	190-03-31-52015	1,059.03
NMC Inc	CUI1463677	03/31/2025	door seal	190-03-31-52015	18.72 25.96
NMC inc	CUI1463677	03/31/2025	grommets	190-03-31-52015	35.86 17.14
NMC Inc	CUI1463679	03/31/2025	door glass	190-03-31-52015	17.14
Richard Gilkerson	INV06799	04/08/2025	feb/march 2025	190-03-31-52199	458.17
Utility Department	INV06803	04/08/2025	service dist 56 ss stop sign	190-03-31-52020	150.00
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Vendor Name	Payable Number	Post Date	Description (Item)	Account Number	Amount
Utility Department	INV06804	04/08/2025	service dist 56 stop sign	190-03-31-52020	40.91
Utility Department	INV06805	04/08/2025	service street dept	190-03-31-52018	803.64
Utility Department	INV06805	04/08/2025	service street dept	190-03-31-52019	56.12
Utility Department	INV06805	04/08/2025	service street dept	190-03-31-52020	298.72
Utility Department	INV06806	04/08/2025	service street lights	190-03-31-52020	5,694.55
KELLER SUPPLY COMPANY	1778	03/26/2025	asphaltt cold mix	190-03-31-52002	-
Hullman's Ford Lincoln, Inc.	117218	03/27/2025	coolant recovery tank	190-03-31-52015	960.00
General Petty Cash	INV06835	04/08/2025	veh registrations	190-03-31-52014	240.78
General Petty Cash	INV06835	04/08/2025	street postage	190-03-31-52387	32.00
Southeast Nebraska Communi	INV06802	04/08/2025	service phone	190-03-31-52011	31.40
		, ,	sarrice prioric	Fund 190 - Streets Total:	51.05
Fund: 195 - Mechanic Shop				runu 190 - Streets Iotal;	10,163.83
Power Plan	2400637	04/09/2025			
O'Reilly Automotive Inc	5895-225123	04/08/2025	drain plug	195-03-66-52330	57.70
Falls City Auto Supply	75407	04/08/2025	air filter	195-03-66-52330	13.87
Bobcat of Omaha	cq3618	04/08/2025	sensor	195-03-66-52330	88.49
Bobcat of Omaha	•	04/08/2025	seal pin	195-03-66-52330	41.30
Bobcat of Omaha	cq3618	04/08/2025	seal pin	195-03-66-52330	43.36
Bobcat of Omaha	cq3618	04/08/2025	ring sna	195-03-66-52330	5.94
Bobcat of Omaha	cq3618	04/08/2025	seal	195-03-66-52330	49.31
	cq3618	04/08/2025	ring	195-03-66-52330	3.84
Bobcat of Omaha	cq3618	04/08/2025	elbow in	195-03-66-52330	4.15
Bobcat of Omaha	cq3618	04/08/2025	grommet	195-03-66-52330	5.63
Bobcat of Omaha	cq3618	04/08/2025	elbow ex	195-03-66-52330	4.88
Bobcat of Omaha	cq3618	04/08/2025	o-ring	195-03-66-52330	5.50
Mr Automotive	016698	04/08/2025	filter	195-03-66-52330	14.57
Bobcat of Omaha	cq3713	04/08/2025	6686682 ring	195-03-66-52330	14.38
O'Reilly Automotive Inc	5895-225370	04/08/2025	starter	195-03-66-52330	139.61
O'Reilly Automotive Inc	5895-225375	04/08/2025	credit	195-03-66-52330	-40.00
Ditch Witch Under Con	p53674	04/08/2025	gaskets	195-03-66-52330	52,56
Farm & City Supply	017124	04/08/2025	screws	195-03-66-52429	5.40
Falls City Auto Supply	75488	04/08/2025	battery	195-03-66-52330	135.68
Falls City Auto Supply	75520	04/08/2025	filter	195-03-66-52330	7.67
Falls City Auto Supply	75571	04/08/2025	tubing	195-03-66-52429	3.85
Falls City Auto Supply	75571	04/08/2025	pico	195-03-66-52429	3.73
Hullman's Ford Lincoln, Inc.	117167	04/08/2025	engine oil	195-03-66-52330	140.72
Falls City Auto Supply	75592	04/08/2025	anco	195-03-66-52330	23.98
Falls City Auto Supply	75600	04/08/2025	spark plug	195-03-66-52330	31,92
Falls City Auto Supply	75604	04/08/2025	module	195-03-66-52330	33.95
Falls City Auto Supply	75604	04/08/2025	сар	195-03-66-52330	21.88
Falls City Auto Supply	75604	04/08/2025	rotor	195-03-66-52330	12.12
Falls City Auto Supply	75604	04/08/2025	plug wire	195-03-66-52330	6.34
Falls City Auto Supply	75604	04/08/2025	coil	195-03-66-52330	41.40
Falls City Auto Supply	75621	04/08/2025	8qt oil can	195-03-66-52429	25.00
Falls City Auto Supply	75622	04/08/2025	clore	195-03-66-52330	65.00
Falls City Auto Supply	75633	04/08/2025	filter	195-03-66-52330	7,67
Falls City Auto Supply	75706	04/08/2025	baldwin	195-03-66-52330	59.71
Falls City Auto Supply	75759	04/08/2025	filter	195-03-66-52330	25.96
Falls City Auto Supply	75759	04/08/2025	filter	195-03-66-52330	8.77
Falls City Auto Supply	75759	04/08/2025	filter	195-03-66-52330	7.62
Farm & City Supply	018134	04/08/2025	amsc4 cush ball mount 4" dro	195-03-66-52330	84.99
Farm & City Supply	018135	04/08/2025	spraypaint	195-03-66-52330	7.99
Southeast Nebraska Communi	INV06802	04/08/2025	service phone	195-03-66-52011	11.28
			·	und 195 - Mechanic Shop Total:	1,277.72
Fund: 205 - Dispatching					
Language Line Services Inc	11557149	04/08/2025	service-police dept	205 02 24 52400	4.40
Southeast Nebraska Communi		04/08/2025	service-ponce dept service phone	205-02-24-52199	1.18
		- 1,,	service priorite	205-02-24-52011	709.76
				Fund 205 - Dispatching Total:	710.94

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Post Dates: 3/15/2025 - 4/8/2025 **Vendor Name** Payable Number **Post Date** Description (Item) **Account Number** Amount Fund: 280 - Housing Abatement/Demolition Program **General Petty Cash** INV06835 04/08/2025 postage liens 280-06-23-52109 193.06 Fund 280 - Housing Abatement/Demolition Program Total: 193.06

Grand Total:

76,771.96

## **Report Summary**

#### **Fund Summary**

Fund		Expense Amount
100 - General		2,696,44
110 - Police		881,39
115 - Animal Control		108.66
120 - Fíre		5,534,39
130 - Building Inspections & Code Enforceme	nt	12.50
150 - Parks		42,935.18
151 - Auditorim		6,403.47
170 - Library		3,398.79
180 - Cemetery		2,455,59
190 - Streets		10,163.83
195 - Mechanic Shop		1,277.72
205 - Dispatching		710.94
280 - Housing Abatement/Demolition Progra	m	193.06
	Grand Total:	76,771.96

#### **Account Summary**

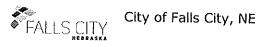
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Account Number	Account Name	Expense Amount
100-01-11-52011	Telephone	609.15
100-01-11-52018	Heat/Gas Expense	303.42
100-01-11-52019	Water/Sewer Expense	142.87
100-01-11-52020	Electric Expense	746.48
100-01-11-52109	Legal Expense	32.00
100-01-11-52118	Printing & Publishing	55.00
100-01-11-52195	Technology Services	81.00
100-01-11-52198	Other Professional Servi	210.00
100-01-11-52199	Other Contractual Servic	187.50
100-01-11-52372	Office Supplies	86.06
100-01-11-52429	Supplies & Materials	42.96
100-01-11-60000	Transfers Out	200.00
110-02-21-52014	Vehicle/Equipment Main	375.00
110-02-21-52093	Building/Grounds Maint	344.97
110-02-21-52195	Technology Services	112.50
110-02-21-52387	Postage/Shipping	48.92
115-02-23-52019	Water/Sewer Expense	13.81
115-02-23-52020	Electric Expense	82.35
115-02-23-52195	Technology Services	12.50
120-02-22-52011	Telephone	467.82
120-02-22-52018	Heat/Gas Expense	434.74
120-02-22-52019	Water/Sewer Expense	4,122.13
120-02-22-52020	Electric Expense	478.14
120-02-22-52099	Other Maintenance & R	19.06
120-02-22-52195	Technology Services	12.50
130-02-23-52195	Technology Services	12.50
150-05-51-21600	Deposits Payable	100.00
150-05-51-52019	Water/Sewer Expense	88.81
150-05-51-52020	Electric Expense	988.21
150-05-51-52085	Refuse/Recylcing	130.00
150-05-51-52093	<b>Building/Grounds Maint</b>	161.70
150-05-51-52195	Technology Services	37.50
150-05-51-52420	Small Equipment	604.99
150-05-51-52429	Supplies & Materials	575.97
150-05-51-53900	Other Capital Outlay	40,248.00
151-05-51-21600	Deposits Payable	750.00
151-05-51-44540	Rent	100.00
151-05-51-52011	Telephone	100.22
151-05-51-52018	Heat/Gas Expense	2,757.42
151-05-51-52019	Water/Sewer Expense	391.77

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Account Number	Account Name	Evanna Amazous
151-05-51-52020	Electric Expense	Expense Amount
151-05-51-52085	Refuse/Recycling	1,627.64
151-05-51-52099	Other Maintenance & R	130.00
151-05-51-52195	Technology Services	184.79
151-05-51-52199	Other Contractual Services	37.50
151-05-51-52429	Supplies & Materials	62.50
170-05-52-52011	Telephone	261.63
170-05-52-52018	<u>-</u>	220.95
170-05-52-52019	Heat/Gas Expense	641.40
170-05-52-52020	Water/Sewer Expense Electric Expense	232.22
170-05-52-52085		1,284.82
170-05-52-52093	Refuse/Recycling	65.00
170-05-52-52095	Building/Grounds Maint	59.90
170-05-52-52199	Technology Services	37.50
170-05-52-52387	Other Contractual Servic	309.00
170-05-52-52429	Postage/Shipping	426.09
180-05-53-52011	Supplies & Materials	121.91
180-05-53-52014	Telephone	99.17
180-05-53-52020	Vehicle/Equipment Main	229.20
180-05-53-52093	Electric Expense	254.83
180-05-53-52195	Building/Grounds Maint	214.90
180-05-53-52199	Technology Services	12.50
180-05-53-52429	Other Contractual Servic	1,525.00
190-03-31-52002	Supplies & Materials	119.99
190-03-31-52011	Asphalt-Cold Mix	960.00
190-03-31-52014	Telephone	51.05
190-03-31-52015	Vehicle/Equipment Main	32.00
190-03-31-52018	Vehicle/Equipment Repa	770.67
190-03-31-52019	Heat/Gas Expense	803.64
	Water/Sewer Expense	56.12
190-03-31-52020	Electricity Expense	6,077.42
190-03-31-52085	Refuse/Recycling	65.00
190-03-31-52160	Insurance Expense	1,059.03
190-03-31-52195	Technology Services	25.00
190-03-31-52199	Other Contractual Servic	150.00
190-03-31-52387	Postage/Freight	31.40
190-03-31-52935	Other Supplies	82.50
195-03-66-52011	Telephone	11.28
195-03-66-52330	Merchandise for Resale	1,228.46
195-03-66-52429	Supplies & Materials	37.98
205-02-24-52011	Telephone	709.76
205-02-24-52199	Other Contractual Servic	1.18
280-06-23-52109	Legal Expense	193.06
	Grand Total:	76,771.96

#### **Project Account Summary**

Project Account Key		Expense Amount
**None**		76,771.96
	Grand Total:	76,771.96



## **Expense Approval Report**

By Fund

Post Dates - 4/8/2025

Vendor Name	Payable Number	Post Date	Description (Item)	Account Number	Amount
Fund: 600 - Electric					
IES Commercial Inc	app 9	04/08/2025	2022 electrical dist improvem	600-07-61-53550	35,902.26
WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL S		03/25/2025	environ. specialist labor	600-07-00-52199	1,806.25
WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL S		03/25/2025	CEMS	600-07-00-52199	1,700.00
WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL S		03/25/2025	per diem	600-07-00-52199	2,220.00
WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL S		03/25/2025	project manager labor	600-07-00-52199	2,125.00
WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL S		03/25/2025	vehicles	600-07-00-52199	170.00
WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL S		03/25/2025	mobile lab	600-07-00-52199	300.00
WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL S		03/25/2025	environ. specialist labor	600-07-00-52199	1,806.25
WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL S		03/25/2025	expendables	600-07-00-52199	300.00
WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL S		03/25/2025	generator	600-07-00-52199	300.00
WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL S		03/25/2025	particulate analyses	600-07-00-52199	400.00
WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL S		03/25/2025	mobilization/demobilization	600-07-00-52199	3,500.00
WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL S		03/25/2025	report	600-07-00-52199	750.00
WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL S		03/25/2025	sample train	600-07-00-52199	300.00
Farm & City Supply	016859	04/08/2025	nyalox wire wheel 240g	600-07-62-52420	16.11
Farm & City Supply	016859	04/08/2025	nyalox wire cup 240g	600-07-62-52420	16.11
Farm & City Supply	016859	04/08/2025	ultra black gaskets 3.35oz	600-07-62-52420	9.67
OneNeck It Solutions	pji0000083115	04/08/2025	microsoft 365	600-07-61-52195	106.00
OneNeck It Solutions	pji0000083115	04/08/2025	microsoft 365	600-07-62-52195	25.00
McMaster-Carr	41467569	04/08/2025	corrosion-resistant fully threa	600-07-62-52429	38.21
Husker Electric Supply	62798	03/18/2025	sawzali blades Lennox 614R (E	600-07-00-10500	160.71
Husker Electric Supply	62798	03/18/2025	Coupling, Compression 1/2" E	600-07-00-10500	5,64
Husker Electric Supply	62798	03/18/2025	Knockout, 1/2" Midwest #337	600-07-00-10500	1.83
Quadient	17668709	04/08/2025	1-gal bttl sure seal	600-07-62-52372	15.66
Falls City Sanitation Service	INV06774	04/08/2025	trash feb 2025	600-07-61-52085	65.00
Falls City Sanitation Service	INV06774	04/08/2025	trash feb 2025	600-07-62-52085	130.00
Farm & City Supply	017370	04/08/2025	osc uf xmtl 1-3/8" 3pk	600-07-62-52420	48.36
Farm & City Supply	017370	04/08/2025	ball valve	600-07-62-52420	42.98
Quill Corportation	043120913	04/08/2025	calc tape, ruled pads	600-07-61-52372	4.58
Farm & City Supply	017393	04/08/2025	keykrafter #95 brass	600-07-62-52429	8,58
Quill Corportation	043165233	04/08/2025	dry erase markers	600-07-61-52372	3.45
Farm & City Supply	017592	04/08/2025	chain proof 5/16" zn 75'	600-07-62-52420	16.10
Farm & City Supply	017592	04/08/2025	link chain lp 3/8x1-5/8"	600-07-62-52420	2,78
Amazon Capital Services	qwtm-9wkf-gv9c	04/08/2025	storage boxes	600-07-61-52372	24.62
Farm & City Supply	017799	04/08/2025	caulkgun smoothrod3:1 tr	600-07-62-52420	10.74
Farm & City Supply	017799	04/08/2025	siliconell w&d clr10.1oz	600-07-62-52420	41.89
Home Lumber Company	346615	04/08/2025	sill foam	600-07-62-52429	9.67
Home Lumber Company	346615	04/08/2025	concrete scrw	600-07-62-52429	25.99
Home Lumber Company	346615	04/08/2025	ecolife treated kd after treatm	600-07-62-52429	80.57
Home Lumber Company	346616	04/08/2025	galv roll flashing	600-07-62-52429	4.06
Farm & City Supply	017872	04/08/2025	screws	600-07-62-52429	10.75
Farm & City Supply	017872	04/08/2025	red grnt hmr bit 7/32x6	600-07-62-52429	18.47
Farm & City Supply	017873	04/08/2025	screws	600-07-62-52429	4.45
Farm & City Supply	017873	04/08/2025	screws	600-07-62-52429	4.44
	017881	04/08/2025	red grnt hmr bit 5/32x6"	600-07-62-52429	8.16
	017881	04/08/2025	screws	600-07-62-52429	4.45
	346630	04/08/2025	sill foam	600-07-62-52429	9.68
	346630	04/08/2025	dap 10oz clear silicone	600-07-62-52429	15.03
	346630	04/08/2025	1/4x3-1/4 fl hd concrete scrw	600-07-62-52429	5.58
	ELC3111	03/18/2025		600-07-61-52094	1,685.90
	ELC3112	03/18/2025	new disconnet 2414 Towle	600-07-61-52094	2,411.30
	017923	04/08/2025	sealant orng plyrtn 12oz	600-07-62-52420	174.03
Farm & City Supply	017923	04/08/2025	1lb 9x2-1/2 int wood screw	600-07-62-52420	8.38

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	Payable Number	Post Date	Description (Item)	Account Number	Amount
Farm & City Supply	017972	04/08/2025	nipple galv 2"x5"	600-07-62-52429	12.89
Farm & City Supply	017972	04/08/2025	union grnd joint 2" galv	600-07-62-52429	35.46
Home Lumber Company	346660	04/08/2025	u-type 4" btm weatherstrip	600-07-62-52429	73,85
Home Lumber Company	346660	04/08/2025	2x4x8 greyflexx ins board	600-07-62-52429	257.94
Farm & City Supply	018018	04/08/2025	torch kit	600-07-62-52429	24.71
Helena Chemical Co	218579939	04/08/2025	fescue 5 way lawn mix	600-07-62-52429	101.05
Border States	930022334	04/08/2025	int-wp1010mxd 1g xtra duty l	600-07-61-52429	17.43
Amazon Capital Services	INV06845	04/08/2025	schneider light block	600-07-62-52429	
Farm & City Supply	018115	04/08/2025	tee mall 2" galv	600-07-62-52429	176.50 34.39
Farm & City Supply	018115	04/08/2025	bushing 2x1" galv	600-07-62-52429	
Farm & City Supply	018115	04/08/2025	bushing hex 1x3/4" galv	600-07-62-52429	18.26
Farm & City Supply	018115	04/08/2025	pipe joint compund 4oz	600-07-62-52429	8.59
Amazon Capital Services	1VM9-1G9K-D11W	03/17/2025	Cressfield high-back executive	600-07-61-53615	8.59
Utility Department	INV06776	04/08/2025	inb bldg		1,359.92
Utility Department	INV06776	04/08/2025	inv bldg	600-07-61-52018	195.34
Utility Department	INV06776	04/08/2025	inv bldg	600-07-61-52019	90.21
Utility Department	INV06777	04/08/2025	<del>=</del>	600-07-61-52020	495.50
Utility Department	INV06777	04/08/2025	power plant	600-07-62-52018	6,155.44
Utility Department	INV06778	04/08/2025	power plant	600-07-62-52020	566.39
Utility Department	INV06779	04/08/2025	station power	600-07-62-52020	1,897.62
Utility Department	INV06780	04/08/2025	station power	600-07-62-52020	5,704.09
Utility Department	INV06781		plant water/hi-low	600-07-62-52019	286.37
Utility Department	INV06782	04/08/2025	power plant	600-07-62-52018	536.15
Utility Department	INV06782	04/08/2025	power plant unit 9	600-07-62-52018	523.76
Utility Department	INV06782	04/08/2025	power plant unit 9	600-07-62-52020	2,874.96
Utility Department		04/08/2025	power plant water dept	600-07-62-52020	2,785.98
Amazon Capital Services	INV06784	04/08/2025	power plant water dept	600-07-62-52020	254.01
•	1rnw-n14c-c6g1	04/08/2025	3 1/2" perforated paper 20lbs	600-07-62-52372	85.70
Municipal Energy Agency of N	308398	04/08/2025	service	600-07-00-52303	69,768.37
Wesco Distribution	534937	03/18/2025	#2 tap wire TAP02CUSTR-00 (	600-07-00-10500	1,040.06
Ken Richey	INV06834	04/08/2025	Refund - correct billing	600-07-00-60000	2,418.02
Farmers Cooperative	077699	03/31/2025	ULSD #1/2 BLENDED DIESEL F	600-07-00-10501	19,092.00
Farmers Cooperative	077700	03/31/2025	ULSD #1/2 BLENDED DIESEL F	600-07-00-10501	8,256.00
Wartsila North America Inc	1102323083	03/21/2025	pressure transmitter W20V34	600-07-62-52096	1,383.61
Smith Auto Inc	142672	03/19/2025	used tailgate	600-07-61-52015	375.00
N & N	86-789	03/25/2025	delivery of 25 yd roll off dump	600-07-61-52085	325.00
N&N	86-789	03/25/2025	dump fee	600-07-61-52085	222,63
TASC	in3403531	04/08/2025	hra fees	600-07-00-52199	31.25
Amazon Capital Services	A3V2JOLIE9VH5U	03/25/2025	Waterfree Urinal cartridge #1	600-07-00-10500	678.48
Farmers Cooperative	006303	03/31/2025	ULSD #1/2 BLENDED DIESEL F	600-07-00-10501	19,092.00
Power Monitors, Inc	10044922	04/08/2025	service	600-07-61-52420	87.15
OCI Insurance and Financial S	03023	04/08/2025	1095b service/fee	600-07-00-52198	52.50
Utility Department Petty Cash	INV06836	04/08/2025	front counter shortage	600-07-00-60000	10.00
Utility Department Petty Cash	INV06836	04/08/2025	travel-line crew	600-07-61-51310	374.00
Utility Department Petty Cash	INV06836	04/08/2025	office supplies-water	600-07-62-52372	8.34
Utility Department Petty Cash	INV06836	04/08/2025	power plant postage	600-07-62-52387	31,65
Utility Department Petty Cash	INV06836	04/08/2025	supplies - water/plates/bowls	600-07-62-52429	20.65
Dutton-Lainson Co	S39878-1	03/28/2025	pedestal Mclean/highline #12	600-07-00-10500	12,421.63
Southeast Nebraska Communi	INV06775	04/08/2025	service	600-07-61-52011	567.30
Southeast Nebraska Communi	INV06775	04/08/2025	service	600-07-62-52011	63.34
				Fund 600 - Electric Tot	
Fund: 610 - Water					217,734.77
Farm & City Supply	016863	04/09/2025			
Mississippi Lime Co	cd69186	04/08/2025 04/08/2025	washer asst aerator 4605	610-07-65-52429	2.14
OneNeck It Solutions	pji0000083115		quicklime	610-07-65-52300	9,950.47
Quadient	17668709	04/08/2025	microsoft 365	610-07-65-52195	12.50
Quill Corportation	043120913	04/08/2025	1-gal bttl sure seal	610-07-65-52372	15.68
Quill Corportation	043165233	04/08/2025	calc tape, ruled pads	610-07-65-52372	4.57
Amazon Capital Services		04/08/2025	dry erase markers	610-07-65-52372	3.45
Nebraska Public Health Enviro	qwtm-9wkf-gv9c	04/08/2025	storage boxes	610-07-65-52372	24.62
Falls City Auto Supply	588657	04/08/2025	service	610-07-65-52198	225.00
rana city wata auphik	75708	04/08/2025	hipower II vbelt	610-07-65-52096	57.27

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Falls City Auto Supply	75708	04/08/2025	floor dry	610-07-65-52096	25.78
Edwards Chemicals	in187313	04/08/2025	chlorine, chemicals	610-07-65-52300	401.30
Farm & City Supply	017925	04/08/2025	sprypnt 2x gls sage 12oz	610-07-65-52429	13.98
Farm & City Supply	017925	04/08/2025	grind stone carb 3/16"	610-07-65-52429	10.31
Farm & City Supply	017925	04/08/2025	spray bottle rd/wht 16oz	610-07-65-52429	6.00
Farm & City Supply	017925	04/08/2025	protector hearing muff	610-07-65-52429	24.71
Farm & City Supply	017925	04/08/2025	cutter dremel 1/8"hs	610-07-65-52429	15.04
Utility Department	INV06785	04/08/2025	water tower	610-07-65-52020	167.95
Utility Department	INV06786	04/08/2025	rulo water collector well	610-07-65-52020	8,504.08
Utility Department	INV06787	04/08/2025	rulo water plant north well	610-07-65-52020	720.94
Amazon Capital Services	1rnw-n14c-c6g1	04/08/2025	3 1/2" perforated paper 20lbs	610-07-65-52372	85.70
Amazon Capital Services	1YTC-LGPK-GLXN	03/18/2025	Cressfield high back chair	610-07-65-53615	339.98
TASC	in3403531	04/08/2025	hra fees	610-07-65-52199	31.25
Municipal Supply, Inc of Oma	0936132-IN	03/21/2025	3/4" IPS stiffener (W918)	610-07-00-10500	48.59
Municipal Supply, Inc of Oma	0936132-IN	03/21/2025	4" MJ BOLT ACCESS PK (W171	610-07-00-10500	43.00
Municipal Supply, Inc of Oma	0936132-IN	03/21/2025	1" Compression corp CC x CTS	610-07-00-10500	354.75
Husker Electric Supply	63944	04/08/2025	1" pvc schedule 40 conduit	610-07-65-52096	163.40
OCI Insurance and Financial S	03023	04/08/2025	1095b service/fee	610-07-65-52198	52.50
Lincoln Winwater Works Co	109756 01	03/31/2025	2" ball valve brass LFFBV-3C (	610-07-00-10500	137.06
Lincoln Winwater Works Co	109756 01	03/31/2025	4" x 1" CC repair saddle FC202	610-07-00-10500	270.13
Utility Department Petty Cash	INV06836	04/08/2025	travel-rulo water	610-07-65-51310	380.00
Utility Department Petty Cash	INV06836	04/08/2025	office supplies-water	610-07-65-52372	8.34
Utility Department Petty Cash	INV06836	04/08/2025	water sample postage	610-07-65-52387	196.20
Utility Department Petty Cash	INV06836	04/08/2025	supplies - water/plates/bowls	610-07-65-52429	20.65
Southeast Nebraska Communi		04/08/2025	service	610-07-65-52011	315.41
Southeast Nebraska Communi	INV06775	04/08/2025	service	610-07-65-52011	50.00
				Fund 610 - Water Tot	al: 22,682.75
Fund: 620 - Gas					
OneNeck It Solutions	pji0000083115	04/08/2025	microsoft 365	620-07-63-52195	62.50
Kawres	22173	04/08/2025	ink	620-07-63-52372	53.21
ENERGY WORLDNET INC	bd0028453	04/08/2025	operator qualification	620-07-63-51310	106.38
Quadient	17668709	04/08/2025	1-gal bttl sure seal	620-07-63-52372	15.68
One Call Concepts, Inc	5020132	04/08/2025	service - locate	620-07-63-52199	25,30
Falls City Sanitation Service	INV06774	04/08/2025	trash feb 2025	620-07-63-52085	65.00
Quill Corportation	043120913	04/08/2025	calc tape, ruled pads	620-07-63-52372	4.57
Quill Corportation	043165233	04/08/2025	dry erase markers	620-07-63-52372	3.45
Amazon Capital Services	qwtm-9wkf-gv9c	04/08/2025	storage boxes	620-07-63-52372	24.62
Border States	930010545	03/27/2025	1 1/4" IPS coupling Central EF	620-07-63-10500	149.21
Amazon Capital Services	1kmp-qhg1-xc9j	04/08/2025	alkosin 26" trailer tongue too	620-07-63-52420	115.99
ENERGY WORLDNET INC	BD0028889	03/18/2025	operator qualifications	620-07-63-51310	1,276.50
ENERGY WORLDNET INC	BD0028889	03/18/2025	annual services & updates	620-07-63-51310	458.85
ENERGY WORLDNET INC	BD0028889	03/18/2025	inactive users	620-07-63-51310	. 25.00
Utility Department	INV06788	04/08/2025	gas n mclean	620-07-63-52020	65.64
Utility Department	INV06789	04/08/2025	gas s fulton	620-07-63-52020	53.26
Utility Department	INV06790	04/08/2025	gas dept office	620-07-63-52018	340.69
Utility Department	INV06790	04/08/2025	gas dept office	620-07-63-52019	62.11
Utility Department	INV06790	04/08/2025	gas dept office	620-07-63-52020	172.85
Utility Department Utility Department	INV06791	04/08/2025	gas pipe bldg	620-07-63-52020	85.81
Utility Department	INV06792	04/08/2025	gas w 21st	620-07-63-52020	67.15
Utility Department	INV06793	04/08/2025	gas s fulton	620-07-63-52020	78.70
Utility Department	INV06794	04/08/2025	gas w 14th st	620-07-63-52020	63.71
Industrial Sales Company Inc	INV06796	04/08/2025	wwtp	620-07-63-52018	934.81
Industrial Sales Company Inc	1187848-000 1187848-000	03/17/2025	1 1/4" IPS poly valve PE4710	620-07-63-10500	177.76
	1189200-000 &1189200-001	03/17/2025	Elbow 1" 90 deg Blk (G4013)	620-07-63-10500	1,044.90
Industrial Sales Company Inc	1189200-000 &1189200-001	03/26/2025	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	620-07-63-10500	271.98
Industrial Sales Company Inc	1189200-000 &1189200-001	03/26/2025	road box lid ISC #3800040500	620-07-63-10500	280.73
Industrial Sales Company Inc	1190754-000	03/26/2025 03/17/2025		620-07-63-10500	247.65
Industrial Sales Company Inc	1190754-000	03/17/2025	Nipple 1" x 8: Blk (G4039)	620-07-63-10500	20.54
Industrial Sales Company Inc	1190756-000	03/17/2025		620-07-63-10500	139.32
		03/11/1023	1 1/4" IPS poly cap PE4710 Ce	620-07-63-10500	24.19

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Industrial Sales Company Inc	1190756-000	03/17/2025	2" IPS poly cap PE4710 PERF 1	620-07-63-10500	20.90
Industrial Sales Company Inc	1190757-000	03/17/2025	Coupling 1 1/4" x 1" Blk RED (	620-07-63-10500	30.31
Amazon Capital Services	1rnw-n14c-c6g1	04/08/2025	3 1/2" perforated paper 20lbs		85,70
TASC	in3403531	04/08/2025	hra fees	620-07-63-52199	31.25
Amazon Capital Services	1WF6-PTC-J-371Y	03/25/2025	BRUSH - 2" PAINT (G4568)	620-07-63-10500	17.95
OCI Insurance and Financial S	03023	04/08/2025	1095b service/fee	620-07-63-52198	52.50
Utility Department Petty Cash	INV06836	04/08/2025	office supplies-water	620-07-63-52372	8.33
Utility Department Petty Cash	INV06836	04/08/2025	supplies - water/plates/bowls	620-07-63-52429	
Southeast Nebraska Communi	INV06775	04/08/2025	service	620-07-63-52011	20.65
		. ,	30.7100	Fund 620 - Gas Total:	56.97
Fund: 630 - Wastewater				rund 020 - Gas Iotal;	6,842.62
Mc2, INC.	029638	04/00/2025			
Farm & City Supply	016846	04/08/2025	Item # 1001862, BIOFUSER SE	630-07-64-52096	4,775.00
OneNeck It Solutions	pji0000083115	04/08/2025	ace rstp cntl blu 15oz	630-07-64-52093	12.00
Farm & City Supply	• •	04/08/2025	microsoft 365	630-07-64-52195	50.00
Farm & City Supply	016935	04/08/2025	grade 5 bolts nuts washers	630-07-64-52096	4.16
Farm & City Supply	016935	04/08/2025	tap plug 1/4"-20nc c	630-07-64-52096	6.59
Quadient	016935	04/08/2025	wrench tap/ream adjo-1/2	630-07-64-52096	23.99
Percival Culligan Water	17668709	04/08/2025	1-gal bttl sure seal	630-07-64-52372	15.68
	22634	04/08/2025	bottled water	630-07-64-52300	9.75
Falls City Auto Supply	75455	04/08/2025	antigel	630-07-64-52099	21.20
Brown County Transfer	152963	04/08/2025	service	630-07-64-52085	225.00
Falls City Sanitation Service	INV06774	04/08/2025	trash feb 2025	630-07-64-52085	90.00
Farm & City Supply	017337	04/08/2025	1/2" dr universal joint impact	630-07-64-52420	19.99
Quill Corportation	043120913	04/08/2025	calc tape, ruled pads	630-07-64-52372	4.57
Midwest Laboratories, Inc	1225352	04/08/2025	chemicals	630-07-64-52199	148.44
Falls City Auto Supply	75552	04/08/2025	kti	630-07-64-52429	99.99
Falls City Auto Supply	75552	04/08/2025	seafoam	630-07-64-52429	69.88
Quill Corportation	043165233	04/08/2025	dry erase markers	630-07-64-52372	3.44
		04/08/2025	6" Wire Reinforced Rubber SI	630-07-64-52096	2,976.00
MORSE EQUIPMENT COMPAN		04/08/2025	4" x 4" x 1" Isolation Pad	630-07-64-52096	706.00
MORSE EQUIPMENT COMPAN		04/08/2025	5" Wire Reinforced Rubber SI	630-07-64-52096	2,856.00
	m-6513	04/08/2025	Parts for blowers B-0802, B-0	630-07-64-52096	7,660.45
Amazon Capital Services	qwtm-9wkf-gv9c	04/08/2025	storage boxes	630-07-64-52372	24.62
DOUGLAS WHEELER	INV06773	04/08/2025	kearney - conference	630-07-64-52931	499.00
Utility Department	INV06795	04/08/2025	lift station	630-07-64-52019	12.70
Utility Department	INV06795	04/08/2025	lift station	630-07-64-52020	53.84
Utility Department	INV06796	04/08/2025	wwtp	630-07-64-52019	135.92
Utility Department	INV06796	04/08/2025	wwtp	630-07-64-52020	10,481.68
MORSE EQUIPMENT COMPAN	m-6521	04/08/2025	Perform startup B-0801, Vibra		3,125.00
Amazon Capital Services	1rnw-n14c-c6g1	04/08/2025	3 1/2" perforated paper 20lbs	630-07-64-52372	85.70
Home Lumber Company	346720	04/08/2025	torsion spring/coned	630-07-64-52093	225.92
TASC	in3403531	04/08/2025	hra fees	630-07-64-52199	31.25
OCI Insurance and Financial S	03023	04/08/2025	1095b service/fee	630-07-64-52198	52.50
Utility Department Petty Cash	INV06836	04/08/2025	office supplies-water	630-07-64-52372	8.33
Utility Department Petty Cash	INV06836	04/08/2025	supplies - water/plates/bowls	630-07-64-52429	20.65
Southeast Nebraska Communi	INV06775	04/08/2025	service	630-07-64-52011	108.84
				Fund 630 - Wastewater Total:	34,644.08
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				Grand Total:	281,924.22

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Fund	·	Expense Amount
600 - Electric		217,754.77
610 - Water		22,682.75
620 - Gas		6,842.62
630 - Wastewater		34,644.08
	Grand Total:	281,924.22

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Account Number	Account Name	Expense Amount	
600-07-00-10500	Inventory-Electric Gener	14,308.35	
600-07-00-10501	Inventory-Diesel Fuel	46,440.00	
600-07-00-52198	Other Professional Servi	52.50	
600-07-00-52199	Other Contractual Servic	15,708.75	
600-07-00-52303	Commodity Purchase for	69,768.37	
600-07-00-60000	Transfers Out	2,428.02	
600-07-61-51310	Training, Meetings & Co	374.00	
600-07-61-52011	Telephone	567.30	
600-07-61-52015	Vehicle/Equipment Repa	375.00	
600-07-61-52018	Heat/Gas Expense	195.34	
600-07-61-52019	Water/Sewer Expense	90.21	
600-07-61-52020	Electric Expense	495.50	
600-07-61-52085	Refuse/Recycling	612.63	
600-07-61-52094	Infrastructure Maintena	4,097.20	
600-07-61-52195	Technology Expense	106.00	
600-07-61-52372	Office Supplies	32.65	
600-07-61-52420	Small Equipment	87.15	
600-07-61-52429	Supplies & Materials	17.43	
600-07-61-53550	Utility Systems & Structu	35,902.26	
600-07-61-53615	Furniture/Fixtures	1,359.92	
600-07-62-52011	Telephone	63.34	
600-07-62-52018	Heat/Gas Expense	7,215.35	
600-07-62-52019	Water/Sewer Expense	286.37	
600-07-62-52020	Electric Expense	14,083.05	
600-07-62-52085	Refuse/Recycling	130.00	
600-07-62-52096	Operational Equipment	1,383.61	
600-07-62-52195	Technology Expense	25.00	
600-07-62-52372	Office Supplies	109.70	
600-07-62-52387	Postage/Shipping	31.65	
600-07-62-52420	Small Equipment	387.15	
600-07-62-52429	Supplies & Materials	1,020.97	
610-07-00-10500	Inventory-Water	853.53	
610-07-65-51310	Training, Meetings & Co	380.00	
610-07-65-52011	Telephone	365.41	
610-07-65-52020	Electric Expense	9,392.97	
610-07-65-52096	Operational Equipment	246.45	
610-07-65-52195	Technology Expense	12.50	
610-07-65-52198	Other Professional Servi	277.50	
610-07-65-52199	Other Contractual Servic	31.25	
610-07-65-52300	Chemicals	10,351.77	
610-07-65-52372	Office Supplies	142.36	
610-07-65-52387	Postage/Shipping	196.20	
610-07-65-52429	Supplies & Materials	92.83	
610-07-65-53615	Furniture/Fixtures	339.98	
620-07-63-10500	Inventory-Gas	2,425.44	
620-07-63-51310	Training, Meetings & Co	1,866.73	
620-07-63-52011	Telephone	56.97	
620-07-63-52018	Heat/Gas Expense	1,275.50	
620-07-63-52019	Water/Sewer Expense	62.11	

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Account Number	Account Name	Expense Amount
620-07-63-52020	Electric Expense	587.12
620-07-63-52085	Refuse/Recycling	65.00
620-07-63-52195	Technology Expense	62.50
620-07-63-52198	Other Professional Servi	52.50
620-07-63-52199	Other Contractual Servic	56,55
620-07-63-52372	Office Supplies	195.56
620-07-63-52420	Small Equipment	115.99
620-07-63-52429	Supplies & Materials	20.65
630-07-64-52011	Telephone	108.84
630-07-64-52019	Water/Sewer Expense	148.62
630-07-64-52020	Electric Expense	10,535,52
630-07-64-52085	Refuse/Recycling	315.00
630-07-64-52093	Building/Grounds Maint	237.92
630-07-64-52096	Operational Equipment	22,133.19
630-07-64-52099	Other Maintenance & R	21.20
630-07-64-52195	Technology Expense	50.00
630-07-64-52198	Other Professional Servi	52.50
630-07-64-52199	Other Contractual Servic	179.69
630-07-64-52300	Chemicals	9.75
630-07-64-52372	Office Supplies	142.34
630-07-64-52420	Small Equipment	19.99
630-07-64-52429	Supplies & Materials	190.52
630-07-64-52931	Training, Meetings & Co	499.00
	Grand Total:	281,924.22
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#### **Project Account Summary**

Project Account Key		Expense Amount
**None**		246,021.96
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	Grand Total:	281.924.22

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA LAND BANK

March 13, 2025 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska

A regular meeting of the Board Members of Southeast Nebraska Land Bank of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held at the City Hall, 2307 Barada Street in said City on the 13th day of March 2025, at 12:04 o'clock P.M. Present were: Board Members: Marilyn Capps, Ed Harris, LaMarr Matthes, Rachel Rankin. Absent: Garrett Harring, Clint Sailors, Toni Wintz. Also present was Director/Secretary, Lucas Froeschl; City Administrator, Anthony Nussbaum; City Building Inspector, Blake Buckminster. Lucas Froeschl recorded the minutes of the meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Lucas Froeschl, Executive Director, gave the Director's Report. Per statute, an annual report was sent to the Nebraska Legislature. A citizen reported interest in a Land Bank-owned property and the board advised they would be interested in accepting offers. Froeschl also reported that \$886.97 plus a \$25 registration fee was spent to purchase delinquent real estate taxes on two properties at the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Tax Sale.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Ed Harris and seconded by Rachel Rankin to approve the consent agenda as follows: WHEREAS, certain business of the Southeast Nebraska Land Bank of the City of Falls City (City) transpires on a regular and routine basis or is not of controversial nature; and WHEREAS, roll call votes on each individual issue greatly extend the meeting time. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY the Southeast Nebraska Land Bank that in the interest of economizing time, yet complying with the Public Meeting Laws of the State of Nebraska, which require roll call voting, the following issues are hereby consolidated in this Consent Resolution: 1. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Southeast Nebraska Land Bank that the minutes from the February 13, 2025, regular meeting is hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Southeast Nebraska Land Bank that the Treasurer's Report was given with \$29,963.49 in checking account and \$30,000 in a CD. It was noted that snow removal cost \$675 for the season. 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Southeast Nebraska Land Bank that the Consent Agenda for March 13, 2025, is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Marilyn Capps, Ed Harris, LaMarr Matthes, Rachel Rankin. "NAY" None. Absent: Garrett Harring, Clint Sailors, Toni Wintz. Motion carried.

#### APPROVE FOR SALE SIGNAGE ARTWORK

A motion was made by Rachel Rankin and seconded by Ed Harris to approve the blue artwork for our new For Sale by Owner yard signs. Fifty metal fixtures were purchased eBay for \$38.33 and 21 double-sided full color signs will be purchased from Merz Ink for \$283.50. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Marilyn Capps, Ed Harris, LaMarr Matthes, Rachel Rankin. "NAY" None. Absent: Garrett Harring, Clint Sailors, Toni Wintz. Motion carried.

#### **DISCUSSION - DEMOLITION AT 710 W 21ST STREET**

A discussion was held regarding the demolition at 710 W. 21st Street. It was decided to speak with the adjacent property owners first to see if there is interest in rehabilitating the property into a livable dwelling. No action was taken.

#### **DISCUSSION - ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY (PROJECT 2025-2)**

A discussion was held regarding the acquisition of property (Project 2025-2). The board did not feel an immediate need to secure the property for future development. No action was taken.

#### **DISCUSSION - RURAL WORKFORCE HOUSING FUND PROJECT**

A discussion was held regarding a factory-built housing project at 1604 Morton utilizing the Rural Workforce Housing Fund. Froeschl to gather a formal quote. No action was taken.

#### MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:49pm.

There will be no April meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for May 8th.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Chairman and Board on March 13, 2025; 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 EDGE, Inc.; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; 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; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

	DIRECTOR
SECRETARY	CHAIRPERSON



#### REPORT TO MAYOR & COUNCIL PERSONS

FROM ANTHONY NUSSBAUM

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

REGARDING

Response Plan for Electric Distribution Operations

DATE

April 2, 2025

I am writing today to address recent events regarding the electric distribution team.

On March 24, City Administration made changes in leadership within the electric utility department. On the same day, an apprentice lineman submitted a resignation, unrelated to these leadership changes. Following the announcement of these changes, the remaining members of the electric distribution team provided their resignations at different dates and times between March 25-27, ultimately leading to the departure of six employees. City Administration has been actively addressing the recent personnel changes within the electric distribution team and working on solutions to ensure continued service to the citizens of Falls City. A summary of the response plan is as follows:

#### Discussion with CWA Leadership

On March 31, pursuant to Article 37 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement of the Communication Workers of America (CWA), the Public Works Director, Trevor Campbell, met with Darren Donovan, President of the CWA and city employees that requested a meeting to discuss the situation. The meeting was constructive, with both the CWA and the City of Falls City in agreement that our shared priority is ensuring reliable utility services for the community while fostering a productive work environment for employees. The conversation reinforced a mutual commitment to maintaining a stable and effective workforce. While recent leadership changes and employee resignations remain in place, our focus now shifts to rebuilding the electric distribution team.

#### **Contractor Support & Temporary Staffing Solutions**

Public Works Director, Trevor Campbell, has engaged local contractors who are prepared to provide support on a contractual basis. In addition, he is working with multiple entities to establish master service agreements for on-call and scheduled electric distribution system work. These agreements will allow the City to maintain essential operations while we focus on rebuilding the electric distribution team.

#### **Emergency Response & Mutual Aid Agreements**

The City has mutual aid agreements in place with other utilities and contracting firms to provide support in the event of storm damage or other emergencies. All mutual aid partners have been made aware of our current staffing situation, and we will engage their assistance as needed to ensure continued service reliability in the event of emergency repair needs.

#### **Recruitment Efforts & Workforce Development**

The City has posted job openings for electric distribution linemen on the City website and Indeed. Applications have been received, and interviews are currently being scheduled. We are actively working to hire qualified replacements to restore our electric distribution team as quickly as possible.

#### **Next Steps & Recommendations**

Short-Term Operations: Utilize contracted services and mutual aid agreements to maintain system reliability and respond to any emergency repairs.

Recruitment & Workforce Development: Continue scheduling interviews and hiring new team members to rebuild the electric distribution workforce.

Long-Term Stability: Establish master service agreements to provide supplemental support as needed in the future, ensuring workforce resiliency.

Respectfully,

Anthony Nussbaum

Sorthy or

City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer



#### REPORT TO MAYOR & COUNCIL PERSONS

FROM ANTHONY NUSSBAUM CITY ADMINISTRATOR

**REGARDING** Board & Committee Appointments

DATE April 7, 2025

Mayor Harkendorff has provided the list of nominations for board and committee appointments below. Additional appointments will still be needed to fulfill the current vacancies, resignations, and term expirations. A list of remaining vacancies is detailed at the end of this report. Mayoral appointments for review are as follows:

#### **Mayoral Appointments for Council Review**

#### Library Board

Gale Froeschl – Term Expiring 5/31/2026

#### **Remaining Vacancies**

#### **Board of Adjustment**

Vacant – Term Expiring 12/31/2026

#### Library Board

Vacant – Term Expiring 5/31/2030

#### **Housing Board**

- Vacant Term Expiring 12/31/2025
- Vacant Term Expiring 12/31/2026

#### **Planning Commission**

- Vacant Term Expiring 12/30/2027
- Vacant Term Expiring 12/31/2027 (Extra territorial jurisdiction-within 1 mile of city limits preferred)

#### **CWA Negotiating Committee**

• Vacant – Up to 1 Additional Council Members (Current Members: S.Ruiz, K.Killingsworth, D.Ferguson)

Respectfully,

**Anthony Nussbaum** 

City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

#### **Anthony Nussbaum**

From:

j.baker@fallscityne.us

Sent:

Wednesday, March 26, 2025 1:51 PM

To:

Anthony Nussbaum

Subject:

New Police Officer appointment

On March 3, 2025 the Police & Fire Selection Board interviewed two candidates for the current open Police Officer position and for a second Police Officer position that will be open in May 2025. The board has recommended to extend both candidates (Zackery Adams and Tyler Schutte) conditional offers pending the results of the required testing. After completing the required testing, I am requesting that Zackery Adams be appointed as a Police Officer for the Falls City Police Department to begin on April 27, 2025.

Jamie Baker Chief of Police

#### **Anthony Nussbaum**

From: Kaytlyn Kennedy <kaytlyn.kennedy@unl.edu>

Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2025 10:12 AM

To: Anthony Nussbaum
Cc: sleyden@fallscityps.org

**Subject:** City Council Request - Street Closure for Farms 2 You

Dear Falls City - City Council Members,

On behalf of Nebraska Extension and Falls City Public Schools, we are requesting permission to close Chase Street from 23rd to 24th on Monday, May 5 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for an educational event. We are planning to host the Farms 2 You Program, where Falls City North Elementary and Sacred Heart Elementary (K-2) will participate. Previously the event has been held in the employee parking lot for city office workers, but we are hoping to move it to the street next to the school this year, so we have easy access to the building if students need to return to their classrooms for various reasons. If approved, we will communicate with the school transportation department to allow school bus access to utilize the bus lane during student drop off in the morning. We will also communicate closure to all parents and staff through school communication outlets. All stations and equipment will be cleaned up and moved out of the area by noon. Thank you for your consideration in helping us move this even to the new location.

Kaytlyn Kennedy, 4-H Extension Educator & Shelly Leyden, Principal FCNS



#### Kaytlyn Kennedy

Assoc Exten Educator

University of

Nebraska-

Lincoln

Nebraska

Extension -

Richardson

County

4022454324

#### **Cindy Bauman**

From:

Anthony Nussbaum

Sent:

Thursday, March 20, 2025 8:43 AM

To:

Cindy Bauman

Subject:

Fwd: Request for Agenda item COURTHOUSE

Please print this email and put it in the council bin. Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mary Eickhoff < m.eickhoff@richardsoncountyne.gov>

Date: March 19, 2025 at 4:53:55 PM CDT

**To:** Anthony Nussbaum <a.nussbaum@fallscityne.us> **Cc:** pam.scott@nejudicial.gov, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey

<a.bartek@richardsoncountyne.gov>, Kim Riggs <k.riggs@richardsoncountyne.gov>, John

Caverzagie < j.caverzagie@richardsoncountyne.gov >, Bob Campbell

<b.campbell@richardsoncountyne.gov>, Rick Karas < r.karas@richardsoncountyne.gov>,

Rick Hardesty <r.hardesty@richardsoncountyne.gov>

Subject: Request for Agenda item COURTHOUSE

#### Anthony,

The Courthouse will be holding a celebration on April 23, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the 100-year anniversary and rededication of the Courthouse.

We would like to request that the west portion of 17<sup>th</sup> Street between Harlan and Stone Street be closed off for this event on April 23, 2025, and if possible, begin the closing at 8:00 a.m. and end it at approximately 2:30 p.m. Tables, chairs, and other equipment will be brought in. The committee will be obtaining several different picnic tables that are on wheels to use.

The jazz band from the Humboldt/Table Rock/Steinauer school has been invited to play during a portion of the event and will need chairs and electricity and using this area will be more stable than having on the yard. The Falls City and Sacred Heart chorus' have also been invited to sing several song selections during the program as well and will need a solid area to place their keyboard and other equipment. Both schools have accepted the invitation.

The American Legion posts within the County have been invited to do the rededication ceremony. The history and County Board minutes reflect that the American Legion Posts took charge of the dedication ceremony in 1925.

Pure Nebraska has been invited to cover the celebration and Jon Vanderford of Channel 10/11 plans to attend.

Congressman Smith is tentatively on the agenda to speak, and Senator Ricketts and Senator Fisher will also be invited to participate.

There will be a flag raised during the ceremony that has flown over the White House requested from Congressman Smith.

Refreshments will also be provided during this time: hot dogs, chips, bottled water, and cookie.

Many more things as the day gets closer and much to do.

Please place this item on your <u>next meeting agenda</u> for consideration and let me know if it would be required for one of us to attend to answer any questions, etc.

Look forward to your response.

Mary L. Eickhoff
Richardson County Clerk
Courthouse, Room 203
1700 Stone Street
Falls City, NE 68355
402-245-2911 Ext #3
m.eickhoff@richardsoncountyne.gov

















SAFETY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

## SAFETY MANUAL

CITY OF FALLS CITY, NE

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# SAFETY COMMITTEE PROGRAM

The name of the committee is the FALLS CITY NE Safety Committee and herein shall be referred to as the Safety Committee

# Purpose

The purpose of the Safety Committee is to provide an avenue for all FALLS CITY NE employees to contribute to workplace safety in hope of achieving and maintaining a safe, healthy working environment as required by state law.

# Goal

The goal of the Safety Committee is to eliminate workplace incidents and illnesses, as well as help make health and safety activities an integral part of the organization's operating procedures, culture and programs by involving employees and managers in identifying hazards and suggesting ways to eliminate and prevent them from occurring.

# **Objectives**

The Safety Committee has four objectives:

- A. Provide measures for employee involvement in achieving a safe, healthy working environment.
- **B.** Promptly review all safety-related incidents, near misses, injuries, accidents, illnesses and deaths.
- **C.** Committee members are assigned to conduct at least monthly workplace inspections, hazard identification and recommend methods for eliminating or controlling hazards. Establish procedures to ensure follow-up and closure for all reported hazards.
- **D.** Annually evaluate the FALLS CITY NE workplace safety and health programs and recommend improvements to management.

# Representatives/Committee Members

The Safety Committee will have committee members representing employees and management. All committee members shall be approved by the governing body. The committee will always be comprised of at least a number of members representative of all the organization ideally at least one employee representative from each department and shall not contain more management representatives then employee representatives at any time. Employee representatives can volunteer for committee service or can be appointed by the Mayor. Management representatives can be appointed by the Mayor. Employee representatives will serve a continuous term of at least one year, January to December. Management representatives can be rotated onto the committee as business needs dictate. To always ensure continuity of experienced representatives, terms will be staggered.

# **Duties of the Committee Members**

- **A.** Report employees' safety and health concerns to the committee.
- **B.** Report incidents, near-miss events and unsafe workplace conditions to the committee.
- **C.** Suggest items to include in the monthly meeting agenda.

- D. Encourage employees to report workplace hazards and suggest now to control them.
- **E.** Establish procedures for conducting workplace inspections and making recommendations to management to eliminate or control hazards.
- **F.** Help the City Administration evaluate the organization's safety and health program and recommend how to enhance it.
- **G.** Establish procedures for investigating the causes of workplace incidents and near-miss events.

# **Committee Officers**

The Safety Committee will have four officers: Safety Officer, Chair, and Vice-Chair, and Scribe. The chair and vice-chair will be elected by committee members and can rotate on an annual basis. The safety officer will be the City's safety professional.

# **Duties of the Committee Chair**

- **A.** Assist safety professional in conducting committee meetings.
- B. Present committee correspondence and reports for committee approval.
- C. Chair sub-committees and/or ad-hoc groups created by the Safety Committee.

# **Duties of the Committee Vice-Chair**

- **A.** Assume chair's duties when the chair is absent.
- **B.** Perform other duties assigned by the chair.

# **Committee Member Training**

New representatives will receive training in safety committee functions, hazard identification, and incident investigation procedures.

# **Meeting Agenda**

The agenda will prescribe the order in which the Safety Committee conducts its business. The agenda will also include the following, when applicable:

- **A.** A review of new safety and health concerns.
- **B.** A status report of employee safety and health concerns under review.
- **C.** A review of all workplace near-miss events, incidents, illnesses, or deaths occurring since the last committee meeting.

# **Safety Committee Meetings**

Monthly schedule: The Safety Committee will meet after the scheduled monthly safety meeting. A majority of committee members, being one more than half of official committee members, must be present to make formal recommendations to the City Administration and/or senior management during committee meeting. If, for reasons beyond the control of the committee, the meeting must be cancelled, the committee will reschedule later in the same month.

# **Meeting Attendance**

Each representative will attend the monthly committee meeting, as well as other committee functions as requested. Any representative unable to attend a meeting will appoint an alternate from the same department and inform the chair before the meeting. An alternate attending a meeting on behalf of a regular representative will be a voting representative for that meeting.

# **Meeting Minutes**

Minutes will be recorded at each committee meeting and distributed to each committee member. Minutes of each committee meeting will be made available to all employees by email and posting per organization's distributions process. The committee will submit a copy of the meeting minutes, agenda, and attendance list to the FALLS CITY NE City Clerk's office. The City Clerk's office will retain the committee records for five years. The minutes will also identify committee members who were in attendance and who were absent from each committee meeting. And will include all reports, evaluations and recommendations of the committee.

# **Voting**

The committee shall make decisions by virtue of a majority vote of regular committee members. A majority vote of attending representatives is required to approve all safety-related committee decisions. Issues not resolved by majority vote will be forwarded to management for resolution.

# **Safety Log**

The committee will maintain a log of all employee concerns, including the date received, the date recommendations were made to management, management responses and the date the concern was resolved.

# **Identified Concern/Issue Response**

The committee will respond to employee concerns in writing and work with other company representatives to resolve them. The committee will present written recommendations for concern/issue resolution to management. Within 60 days of receipt of the written recommendations, the management will respond in writing to the committee indicating acceptance, rejection, or modification of the recommendations.

# **Incident Investigation**

The Safety Committee will review all safety and health-related incidents at the next regularly scheduled meeting following the reported incident. Safety related incidents include work-related near-miss events, incidents, injuries, illnesses, and deaths. A determination of the root cause of the reviewed incidents will be the focus of the investigations. Resolution of identified issues will be presented to management representatives.

# **Workplace Inspections**

Members of the Safety Committee or their department representatives will conduct monthly workplace inspections of all City facilities. Committee members are encouraged to include all employees in discussion relating to safety concerns in their respective areas. The committee will receive a written report/form either hard copy or by electronic means that documents the location of all health or safety hazards identified during the inspection. The report will recommend options for eliminating or controlling hazards. Department management will respond in writing to the committee within thirty (30) days of receiving the written recommendations indicating acceptance, rejection or modification of the proposed resolution(s).

# **Committee Goals and Evaluation**

The FALLS CITY NE workplace safety and health program's overall objectives are to eliminate workplace incidents and illnesses, as well as make health and safety activities an integral part of the organization's operating procedures, culture, and programs. In order to achieve this objective, a minimum of three goals/objectives for the program will be established each year. These goals and objectives will be developed and/or put forth each January by the following stakeholders:

- A. Management
- B. Workers' Compensation Insurance Carrier
- C. Regulatory compliance
- D. The Safety Committee

The Safety Committee will evaluate the organization's workplace safety and health program annually and will provide a written evaluation of the program to the Safety Council. The committee will also evaluate its own activities each December and use the evaluation to develop an action plan for the next calendar year.

# **Program Review**

**Revision History** 

Version #	Date	Action
1.0	3.11.2025	



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April 2, 2025

Mr. Trevor Campbell, Public Works Director City of Falls City 2307 Barada Street Falls City, NE 68355 t.campbell@fallscityne.us

RE: 2024 Natural Gas Improvement Project – Bid Recommendation

Dear Trevor,

USDI has tabulated the bids from two responsive bidders for the above-referenced project. Please refer to the attached bid tabulation. The apparent low bidder is NPL Construction Co. of Topeka, KS. Their bid was for \$450,705.57 which is \$207,829.43 *lower* than the next closest bid by JF Construction Services, LLC. I am familiar with NPL and they install distribution pipeline across the Midwest, including for Dooley's Petroleum, Kansas Gas Service, Atmos Energy, and Spire Gas, among others.

I spoke with NPL and confirmed that their bid includes boring pipe wherever necessary and camera inspections on all sewer lateral crossings. I also confirmed that they are able to start on May 1, 2025 and that the bid is for a 90-day construction schedule. They plan on bringing 2 crews; one will install main and the other will install service lines/clean-up. I asked about the qualified personnel ratio discrepancy between their OQ plan and Falls City's, and they stated that all on-site personnel will be qualified to perform their assigned duties.

NPL submitted the required bid bond and did not note any exceptions or qualifications to their bid. Considering all of the above it is my recommendation that Falls City Utilities award the contract to NPL Construction Co. Please feel free to contact me anytime if you have any questions or require additional information.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chase Barnes, P.E.

Project Manager USDI

(316) 239-7313



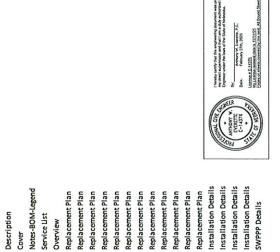
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# 2024 NATURAL GAS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



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Overview











2024 Natural Gas

Improvement Project Falls City, NE

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City of Falls City, NE
2024 Natural Gas Improvement Project
Bid Tabulation - Bid Opening April 1, 2025

### Main Plan Bid

				JF Cons	truction	NPL			
Item No.	Description	Estimated Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price		
1 Mobilizat	ion	1	LS	S 28.000.00	\$ 28,000,00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000,00		
2 Demobili	zation	1	LS	\$ 10,000,00	\$ 10,000,00	.\$ 5.000.00.	\$ 5.000.00		
3 2-inch HI	DPE Main. Complete	3.090	1.F	\$ 28.00	\$ 86,520.00	\$ 18.95	\$ 58.555.50		
4 2-inch HI	PE Ball Valve, Complete	4	EA	\$ 750.00	\$ 3,000,00	\$ 195.00	\$ 780.00		
5 1 1/4-inc	h HDPE Main, Complete	3.180	LF	\$ 24.00	\$ 76,320,00	\$ 18.95	\$ 60.761.00		
6 HDPE Sei	vice Line Tie-In. Complete	99	EA	\$ 575.00	\$ 56,925,00	\$ 773.95	\$ 76,621.05		
Z 1-inch HI	PE Service Line. Complete	5.170	LE	\$ 26,00	\$ 134,420,00	\$ 11.77	\$ 60.850.90		
8 1-1/4-ind	h HDPE Service Line. Complete	360	lΈ	\$ 26.00	\$ 9,360,00	\$ 18.95	\$ 6.822.00		
	Exist. 2" HDPE Main Tie-In. Complete	2	EA	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4.000.00	\$ 516.89.	\$ 1.033.78		
	o Exist. 2" HDPE Main Tie-ins w/ High Top Tee. Complete	<u>3</u>	EA	\$ 2,000.00	s 6.000.00	\$ 516.89	S 1.550.67		
11 volume to	/4" to Exist, 2" HDPE Main with a high: apping tee	1	<u>EA</u>	\$ 2,000,00	S 2.000.00	\$ 495.00	\$ 495.00		
12 Complete		2	EA	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4.000.00	\$ 495.00	\$ 990.00		
13 Stop. Pur Complete	ge, Cap, and Abandon Existing Mains.	4	LS	\$ 6.500.00	\$ 26.000.00	\$ 3.995.00	\$ 15.980.00		
14 Locating	Test Stations, Complete	10	EA	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,500,00	\$ 175.00	\$ 1.750.00		
15 Anode In	staliation, Complete	2	EA	\$ 150.00			\$ 855.00		
				Total	\$ 449,395,00	Total	\$ 296,544,90		

#### Addition 1 Bid

				JF Construction			NFL		
item No.	Description	Estimated Quantity	Unit	Unit Price		Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	
1 1 1/4-inch HDPE Main. Complete		670	J.E.	.\$	24.00 \$	16.080.00	\$ 18.95	\$ 12.696.50	
2 HDPES	ervice Line Tie-In. Complete	ß	EA.	\$	575.00 S	4.600.00	\$ 773.95	\$ 6,191.60	
3 1-inch i	IDPE Service Line, Complete	280	LE	<u>\$</u>	26.00 S	7.280.00	\$ 11.77	\$ 3.295.60	
4 New 1-	1/4" to Exist. 2" HDPE Main Tie-In. Complete	1	EA	\$ 2	.000.00 \$	2,000,00	\$ 516.89	\$ 516.89	
5 Stop. Pr Comple	irge. Cap. and Abandon Existing Mains. te	1	LS	\$ 6	.500.00 \$	6,500,00	\$ 3,995.00	\$ 3.995.00	
6 Locating	g Test Stations, Complete	I	EA	\$	150.00 \$	150.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 175,00	
7 Anode I	nstallation. Complete	1	EA	\$	150.00 \$	150.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 95.00	
				Total	.5	36.760.00	Total	\$ 26,965,59	

# Addition 2 Bid

				JF Construction			NPL		
Item No.	Description	Estimated Quantity	Unit	Unit Price		Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	
111,	/4-inch HDPE Main. Complete	1.400	<u>l.</u> F	\$ 24	00 .5	33.600.00	\$ 18.95	\$ 26.530.00	
2 HO	P6 Service Line Tic-In. Complete	29	.EA.	.\$	00.5	16.675.00	\$ 773.95	\$ 22,444,55	
3 1-ir	rch HOPE Service Line. Complete	780	LE	\$26	00.5	20,280,00	\$ 11.77	\$ 9,180,60	
4 Nes	v 1-1/4" to Exist. 2" HDPE Main Tie-In. Complete	1	EA	\$ 2,000	00 <b>s</b>	2.000,00	\$ 516.89	\$ 516.89	
	p. Purge, Cap, and Abandon Existing Mains. aplete	1	LS	\$ 6,500	00 \$	6,500,00	\$ 3,995.00	\$ 3,995.00	
6 Loc	ating Test Stations, Complete	l	EA	\$ 150	00 \$	150.00	\$ 175,00	\$ 175.00	
2 And	de Installation. Complete	1	EA	<u>\$ 150</u>	00 \$	150.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 95.00	
				Total	.5	79.355.00	Total	\$ 62.937.04	

#### Addition 3 Bid

					}F Construc	tion	NPL		
ltem No.	Description	Estimated Quantity	Unit		Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Pric	e
1 2-inch H	DPE Ball Valve. Complete	1	EA.	\$	750.00 <b>\$</b>	750.00	\$ 195.00	\$	195.00
2 1 1/4-in	h HDPE Main. Complete	1.070	1.F	.\$	24.00 \$	25,680.00	\$ 18.95	.\$ 2	0.276.50
3 HDPE Se	rvice Line Tic-In, Complete	25	EA	<u>s</u>	575.00 \$	14.375.00	\$ 773.95	.\$ 1	9.348.75
4 1-inch H	DPE Service Line, Complete	1.670	LE	\$	26.00 \$	43.420.00	\$ 11.77	.\$ 1	9.655.90
yolume t	/4" to Exist. 2" HDPE Main with a high- apping tee	1	EA	<u>.</u> \$	2,000,00 \$	2.000.00	\$ 516.89	\$	_516,89
6 Stop. Pur Complet	ge, Cap, and Abandon Existing Mains.	1	LS	5_	6.500.00 \$	6.500.00	\$ 3,995,00	\$	3.995.00
Z Locating	Test Stations, Complete	1	EA	<u>.s</u>	150.00 \$	150.00	\$ 175.00	\$	175.00
8 Anode Ir	stallation. Complete	1	EA	.\$	150.00 \$	150.00	\$ 95.00	\$	95.00
				Total		93.025.00	Total	\$ 6	4.258.04

Total Project Bid	

Bidder Qualifications	Yes	No	Yes	No
Bid band submitted and complete?	X		X	
Proposal delivered before deadline?	X		Х	_



# **Proposal for Electrical Work**

TO: City of Fall City, NE ATT: Trevor Campbell

Proposal# 0402251 Date: 4/02/2025

We hereby propose to furnish labor and equipment rates to the City of Fall City Nebraska. For general line construction, maintenance, and storm restoration. Work shall be performed in accordance with our agreement with the local union. Work to be performed in a safe and professional manner. RS Electric Utility Servies is fully bonded and insured for your protection. Our employees are CDL Qualified and receive on going safety training, first and CPR. Our foreman trucks are equipped with on board AEDs.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve the city of Fall City Nebraska.

Scope of Work: Time and Material Rates

# Please see the attached Labor and Equipment rate sheets

Due to the current shortage of qualified lineman in the area there is a per diem being paid/charged to the attract and retain qualified lineman. This will be invoiced as a separate line item and is not included in the rates attached. We will notify the city regarding any future changes in this charge.

Note: Rates are effective until 8/31/2025.

Additional equipment rates @ 2022 2023 NECA Tool and equipment rates.

Material @ cost plus 15%.

Per diem @ cost, including hotels, meals, etc.

Note: Tax (if applicable) is not included in the above rates.

The price for the work described above will be billed as stated, payable on the following terms: Billed by the 25<sup>th</sup> and paid by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month. The terms and conditions can be found on the following page of this contract are hereby agreed to and become an integral part of this contract.

Terms and conditions not stated on this proposal need to be accepted in righting. By offering this proposal, RS Electric Utility Services does not automatically accept any terms and conditions unless accepted in writing. This proposal is void if not accepted in writing within 30 days after the date noted at the top of the proposal.

Accepted By:			
	(City of Fall City, NE.)	(Chief Estimator)	
Date:		R/S Electric Utility Services	_
**		(Contractor)	



Labor	ST	ОТ	DT
General Foreman	\$123.61	\$177.46	\$231.37
Foreman	\$118.74	\$170.26	\$221.83
Journeyman	\$109.03	\$155.87	\$202.75
Operator	\$99.53	\$141.78	\$184.07
Groundman	\$71.81	\$100.70	\$129.61
App 7	\$99.32	\$141.48	\$183.67
App 6	\$94.47	\$134.28	\$174.13
App 5	\$89.61	\$127.08	\$164.58
App 4	\$84.75	\$119.88	\$154.97
App 3	\$79.90	\$112.62	\$145.43
App 2	\$75.04	\$105.43	\$135.90
App 1	\$70.19	\$98.24	\$126.37
Mechanic	\$99.53	\$141.78	\$184.07
Safety Officer	\$109.03	\$155.87	\$202.75
Project Manager/Coordinator	\$123.61	\$177.46	\$231.37

<b>Equipment Description</b>	Hourly Rate
46' Material Handler Bucket	\$28.45
60' Material Handler Bucket	\$29.15
Digger Derrick 47' SH	\$30.73
Pole Trailer	\$8.40
Pick Up	\$12.50
1T Flatbed	\$17.20
Back Yard Machine w/ Trailer	\$39.00
Dump Trailer	\$8.50
Vacuum Machine w/ Trailer	\$43.00
Skid Steer	\$19.00
Reel Cart-Powered	\$11.47
Wire Puller-Single Drum	\$31.71
Wire Puller-Four Drum	\$40.79
Wire Tensioner- Four Spool	\$38.22
Bull Wheel Tensioner	\$31.53
Flatbed Trailer	\$5.25



# Conditions of Contract

- 1. Wiring Standard-All workmanship and materials are to comply with the requirements of the National Electrical Code and the applicable local ordinance and the electrical plans and specifications applicable to the job. Electrical contractor is not responsible for any errors or omissions in the plans, specifications, or customer/customer's representative verbal directions not drafted by electrical contractor, and will not be responsible for any damages, whether personal or property, arising there from.
- 2. Scope of Work-Unless specifically stated otherwise in this proposal, the scope of work covered by this proposal is limited to that work specifically covered by the electrical drawings and the electrical section of the specifications.
- 3. Additional Work or Changes-Additional work or changes may be ordered in writing by the customer at any time, for which the customer agrees to pay in addition to the contract price named herein at a price agreed upon or at our regular rates for time and material work.
- 4. Written Orders-The electrical contractor shall receive written orders for all additional work or changes signed by an authorized person before proceeding with such extra work or changes. At times this process is impractical and signed time & material tickets are used which constitute the same as written orders and approval.
- 5. Payments For Additional Work Or Changes Payments for additional work or changes to the original contract shall be made under the same terms and conditions as are embodied in the original contract.
- 6. Contract Payments-The electrical contractor shall not be required to proceed with the installation of the work if the payments applying on same have not been made as specified in the contract. Customer agrees that the maximum legal rate of interest shall be applied to any outstanding balance due to electrical contractor from the date that payment is due and unpaid. In the event payment terms are not complied with and it becomes necessary for the contractor to take collection action, customer agrees to reimburse electrical contractor for all costs and expenses including reasonable attorney's fees, and interest at the then maximum legal rate, as a result of electrical contractor's enforcing this contract.
- 7. Project Identity-This contract and payment for this contract are for the scope of work identified in this proposal plus changes as described above. Any disputes, other work, or proposal for other work not part of this scope past, present, or future cannot be used to constitute nonpayment partial or in full for this work as described in this proposal.
- 8. Unavoidable Interruptions-It is hereby mutually agreed that the electrical contractor shall not be held responsible or liable for any loss, damages or delays caused by fire, strikes, civil or military authority or any other cause beyond his control.
- 9. Charges To The Electrical Contractor-The electrical contractor shall not be liable for any charges for temporary wiring, electrical energy, heat, job cleanup. hoisting, job telephone, job office, storage space, or any other work unrelated to this project, etc., unless specifically so stated in this proposal.
- 10. Liquidated Damages-The electrical contractor shall not be liable for any charges for liquidated damages resulting from delay in completion of the work caused by factors beyond his control.
- 11. Transfer of Title-If the customer disposed of the real estate by sale or otherwise, the full amount remaining unpaid on this contract becomes due at once, without demand, and payable within 48 hours after date of such disposal.
- 12. Arbitration-Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this contract or the breach thereof, shall be settled by arbitration, in accordance with the rules, then obtaining, of the American Arbitration Association, and judgment upon the award rendered may be entered in the highest court of the forum, state or federal, having jurisdiction.
- 13. Interpretation of Contract-If any provision of this contract be held invalid, such invalidity shall not effect other provisions which can be given effect without the invalid provision. The validity, interpretation and performance of this document shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the State Of Missouri.
- 14. Contractor's Right to Terminate Contract-Should the work be stopped by any public authority for a period of 30 days or more, through no fault of the electrical contractor, or should the work be stopped through act or neglect, of the customer or his agent for a period of seven days, then the electrical contractor upon seven day's written notice to the customer, may stop work or terminate the contract and recover from the customer payment for all work executed and any loss sustained and reasonable profit and damages.
- 15. Customer's Liability Insurance-The customer shall be responsible for and at his option may maintain such insurance as will protect him from his contingent liability to others for damages because of bodily injury, including death, and which may arise from operations under this contract.
- 16. If collection for this work has to be turned over to a collection agency, the customer will be responsible for fees charged by the collection agency.

Initials:			

# MASTER SERVICES AGREMENT BETWEEN CITY OF FALLS CITY, NE AND R/S ELECTRIC UTILITY SERVICES CORP.

THIS MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is effective as of April 2, 2025, and is between City of Falls City, NE ("Falls City"), and R/S Electric Utility Services Corp. ("RS"). The parties agree as follows:

- l. Scope. This Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions that apply to all requests for services (the "Services") which Falls City may make of RS and all orders for goods (the "Goods") which Falls City may place with RS (and accepted by RS), from time to time during the term of this Agreement, for the labor and equipment rates provided to Falls City ("Rates"). Such Rates shall be adjusted annually (as agreed to between the parties) to align with annual labor and equipment increases. Falls City agrees to pay for reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses required and actually incurred in performing services, provided that RS has: (i) obtained Falls City's prior written consent; and (ii) submitted supporting documentation satisfactory to Falls City. This Agreement supersedes any preprinted terms or conditions on any preprinted purchase order submitted by RS or any printed or typed conditions forming a part of RS's proposal. Any additional or different terms and conditions set forth in RS's invoices, purchase order acknowledgments or similar writings, or in RS's electronic data interchange acknowledgments are not binding upon Falls City unless specifically assented to in writing by an authorized representative of Falls City.
- 2. Specifications for Services. Services will be performed in accordance with the specifications, schedule and Rates and other terms agreed to by the parties. Upon request, Falls City shall meet with RS to review the status of RS's activities. When on Falls City's premises, RS employees shall observe and comply with Falls City's procedures, rules, regulations, policies, working hours and holiday schedules, and RS shall at all times use its best efforts to minimize any disruption to Falls City's normal business operations.
- 3. **Invoicing.** RS shall invoice Falls City monthly in arrears, for services provided on a time and materials basis and for out-of-pocket expenses. RS shall submit to Falls City, with the invoice, backup documentation for all amounts invoiced. All invoices shall be payable within thirty (30) days of receipt by Falls City.
- 4. Taxes. RS shall be solely responsible for payment of any taxes whatsoever which may be assessed against RS or which may apply to the performance of work or the payment for work. To the extent that any such taxes are proposed to be assessed against RS, where RS is required to collect from Falls City under the applicable state or local tax law, RS shall: (i) notify Falls City of such proposed assessment as soon as RS shall have notice thereof; and (ii) cooperate with Falls City in any defense against the proposed assessment.
  - 5. Term. The term of this Agreement is two (2) years from the effective date.
- 6. Confidential Information. Each party may have access to confidential or proprietary information of the other during the term of this Agreement and accordingly agree to disclose such information only to its personnel who have a need to know such information in connection with the performance of Services and who are subject to non-disclosure requirements at least as restrictive as those contained in this Agreement. Each party will use confidential information of the other only in connection with the performance of Services.
- 7. Falls City Property. All information, equipment, materials and data of every kind and description that RS receives, directly or indirectly, from Falls City or from a third party on behalf of Falls City is the property of Falls City.

- 8. Warranty on Services. RS warrants that it will perform all Services in a workmanlike manner in accordance with good industry practices and with the degree of skill, competence and care customarily exercised by a skilled service provider under similar circumstances. The Services will also be free from material defects. For a period of one year after Falls City's acceptance of the services, RS will promptly correct defects or deficiencies in the services at its expense after Falls City's notice to RS.
- 9. Financial Ability, Proceedings and Obligations. RS represents and warrants that it is financially capable of fulfilling all of its obligations under this Agreement, that there are no legal or administrative proceedings pending or threatened against it that could adversely affect RS's performance and that the RS is not prohibited by any arrangements or any document or obligation from entering into or performing this Agreement.
- 10. Indemnification. Each party (the "Indemnifying Party") will indemnify, hold harmless and defend the other party and its officers, directors, shareholders, agents, employees, and representatives (collectively, the "Indemnified Party") from all claims, liabilities, fines, interest, costs, expenses and damages (including reasonable attorneys' fees) incurred by the Indemnified Party (collectively, the "Indemnified Losses"), for any damage, injury, death, loss or destruction of any kind to persons or property, to the extent the damage, injury, death, loss or destruction arises out of or is related to the gross negligence or intentional misconduct on the part of the Indemnifying Party. Neither party will be directly liable to the other party for indirect, incidental or consequential damages.
- 11. **Insurance Coverages**. Contractor agrees to procure and maintain at its own cost and expense appropriate Worker's Compensation, Employer's Liability and General Liability insurance provided by a reputable and financially responsible insurance company. RS agrees to furnish satisfactory evidence of such insurance to Falls City.
- 12. Independent Contractor. RS agrees and represents that it is an independent contractor and its personnel are not employees or agents of Falls City for federal tax purposes or any other purposes whatsoever, and are not entitled to any Falls City employee benefits. RS assumes sole responsibility for the acts of its employees and agents. RS, and not Falls City, is solely responsible for the compensation of RS employees assigned to perform services hereunder, and payment of worker's compensation, disability, and other similar benefits, unemployment and other similar insurance, and for withholding income and other taxes and social security.
- 13. Safety. All contractors-suppliers performing work for Falls City are expected to maintain safety as the highest priority. RS is responsible for the safe performance of the work and the safety of RS's employees, agents and subcontractors. Falls City considers that all contractors-suppliers have the responsibility and general supervisory authority over their worksite, including the power to correct safety and health violations.
- 14. Compliance with Laws; Permits and Licenses. RS and any subcontractors shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations and shall secure any and all necessary governmental authorizations and permits, and shall upon request furnish satisfactory proof of compliance with any law or regulation.
- 15. **Force Majeure.** Neither Falls City nor RS will be liable or responsible to the other for any delay or failure to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement due to acts of God or of the public enemy, riots, wars or hostilities, fires, floods, storms or earthquakes.
- 16. **Miscellaneous.** This Agreement will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Nebraska, without regard to conflicts of law principles. The waiver of a breach of any term or condition of this Agreement will not constitute the waiver of any other breach of the same term or condition

or any other term or condition. A waiver must be in writing and signed by the party against whom the waiver is sought. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which will be an original and both of which, when taken together, will constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with regard to the subject matter of this Agreement and may not be amended except in a writing signed by both parties. Headings are for reference only and are not intended to affect the meaning of any terms. This Agreement will not be construed against either party due to authorship.

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# An Orientation for Newly Elected City Council Members



City of Falls City Nebraska

December 2024

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# I. Introduction

A City Council member plays an important role in the community. Council members perform many duties – from listening to and trying to resolve residents' concerns to passing an annual budget that balances residents' demand for City services with available revenues and abilities to pay. Council members must learn about new ideas and situations that require them to stretch their existing knowledge and skill levels. They are expected to be problem-solvers, to be responsive, to be fair, to act in the best interests of the community, and to work hard and be knowledgeable about community activities. There is prestige in being a Council member. However, the position of Council member is like a second job, involving many hours of work out of the spotlight – essentially, it is a labor of love and commitment, and the payback is reflected in the quality of life in the community.

Residents are often elected to the City Council without having a clear picture of what is expected of them as Council members or really understanding the workload and procedures of the Council. The purpose of this document is to provide newly elected Council members with information to make the transition from City resident to City Council member easier.

This document has been written for new Falls City Council members. In a sense, City powers and Council procedures are alike in most communities. Some differences do exist between first class, second class cities, and villages. This document covers broader concerns of Council members, rather than specific differences between classes of municipalities.

# <u>Misson Statement</u>

"The mission statement of the City of Falls City, Nebraska is to create a safe, sustainable, and thriving community through innovative and responsive public services. The city values transparency, accountability, and teamwork."

# **II. City Council Overview**

# Introduction

This section describes the City Council authority, the purpose, and the duties of the Council. It also discusses the Council's role in the community and in upholding the public interest.

# **Authority of the Council**

The authority of the Council is closely tied to the statutory powers cities may exercise as a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska. Cities have essentially the same authority as the State, however, they are creatures of State statute which means we have only those powers the State has delegated to us.

The Nebraska Constitution and State statutes both grant broad powers to cities.

How the Council chooses to exercise its authority depends on a number of factors, including the size of a City, its ability to raise revenues, the need for services, the rate of economic growth and change, and first and foremost, the desires of residents.

Finally, the powers of a City differ depending on whether it is a first class, second class, or village.

# Nebraska League of Municipalities

For many years the City of Falls City has been a member of the League of Municipalities. The League provides many valuable services to its member cities: training, providing information about local government, lobbying the legislature to advance municipal interests, and keeping member cities informed about the legislature's activities, and legislative bills that impact cities.

The League is a dues-supported organization, with dues based on the population of its member cities. For the current year, dues were \$11,151.00. This is split between the City budget and the Utility budget respectively, \$8,230.00 and \$2,920.00.

Each Council member will receive a copy of the monthly League magazine, and have the opportunity to attend League training sessions. There are two major training events each year: a mid-winter conference held in February in Lincoln, and an annual conference held in the fall. In addition, every other year, special training sessions are conducted for newly-elected officials. I recommend these training sessions—they are a great way to learn about municipal issues and legal procedures, and also to meet other municipal officials. The League also has special sections and training programs for City Clerks, Municipal Finance Officers, Fire Chiefs, and City Managers and Administrators. Newly elected Officials sessions are held in conjunction with the Mid-Winter Conference in Lincoln.

# **Purposes of the Council**

The Council's chief purpose is to serve the public. It enforces public policy, administers public funds, and provides services based on what the people of the community want. State law says that the Council is the legislative body for the City and spells out a number of duties for which the Council is responsible. These duties are listed below under "Duties of the Council." The Council also has a political purpose which is closely tied with its legal duties: to represent, as well as possible, the values, needs, and desires of the City's residents. Although Councils have essentially the same legal requirements, the different values, needs, and desires of each individual community result in varying political purposes.

# **Duties of the Council**

Chapter 17 of the Nebraska Statutes set forth the powers and duties a Council may perform for cities of the second class. A City Council might not actually perform all of these duties, but most cities have the authority to do so, if they choose. For example, a small City may choose not to exercise eminent domain, issue bonds, or grant a cable television franchise.

Some of the more typical duties include the following:

- Adopt a budget and file required reports with the state
- Adopt a City code (ordinances) and make the code available to the public
- Maintain a public record/minutes of proceedings
- · Acquire, manage, control, use, and dispose of real and personal property
- Provide for the levying of taxes
- Establish, reorganize, or abolish municipal departments
- Provide for fines and penalties
- Prepare a capital improvement program (CIP)
- Exercise eminent domain (condemn private property for a public use)
- Confirm the Mayor's appointments to boards and commissions as well as City department heads (depending on the language in the local code)
- · Establish a personnel system
- Issue bonds
- · Grant or extend a franchise

In addition to those listed in the statutes, the Council has other important duties. Some of these Council duties include the following:

- Establish rules of Council procedure
- Evaluate the City administrator
- Hear and evaluate public testimony
- Assess the need and demand for City services
- Assess public opinion on taxes
- Plan for economic development
- Plan for the future and the well-being of the community
- Hear and respond to citizens' concerns
- Resolve residents' problems
- · Lobby for grants and funds
- Perform ceremonial duties

Specifically, Council members are responsible for management of the City's affairs and are held accountable to the community they serve.

# Roles of the Council in the Community

Almost everyone in the community has an opinion about the Council and what it does. Some residents may view the Council as a bunch who don't keep the streets plowed, while others view the Council as a farsighted group that helps fund economic development. So, just what is the Council's role in the community?

The Council acts on behalf of all residents to promote the good of the entire community. It is similar to the board of directors of a corporation, except that the Council's goal is not to maximize profits to shareholders, but to maximize the delivery of services to as many people as possible at the lowest possible cost.

The Council plays several roles in achieving this goal.

- 1. The Council manages funds by planning or budgeting how much money the City will receive and spend.
- 2. The Council acts as an "ombudsman" by hearing citizen complaints.
- 3. The Council evaluates projects, proposals, and other ideas brought forward by residents, staff, and other agencies.
- 4. The Council lobbies for grants and funds from outside sources and for public support of its proposals.
- 5. The Council determines the types of services needed by residents.
- 6. The Council plans for the future and well-being of the community: it creates and follows land use plans, economic development plans, and capital improvement plans.
- 7. The Council makes policy: specifically, the Council formulates the principles that guide the City's decision-making in its management and administration of public affairs.

# The City Council Upholds the Public Interest

The City Council is entrusted with upholding the public interest and it must make decisions that affect the entire community, rather than any particular group. Responsibility rests with the Council to decide on matters to achieve the greatest good for the greatest number of people within the community.

The public interest is different from a "special interest." A special interest exists when one person or a small group of people would benefit from a Council action without regard for the larger interests of the community.

Essentially, the public interest represents the maximum amount of benefit that flows to society at large, rather than to selected groups or individuals. With each decision, the Council must weigh and uphold the public interest.



City Services affecting the public

# III. Be an Effective Council Member

# Introduction

Every new Council member has probably been nervous at his or her first meeting. Should he or she say anything? What are the right procedures? What are some rules that can be followed? This section provides general tips to help a new Council member better understand how the Council works. Important advice for a Council member is to be prepared, listen, and contribute.

# Participate in All Issues

Sometimes a person gets elected to the Council because he or she <u>ran on a single issue</u>, such as lowering the utility rates, improving streets, or objection to a zoning decision. Whatever the issue, when single-issue candidates are elected to the Council, they must become multi-issue Council members, or they are certain to become frustrated and ineffective. The reason is simple. Council members must deal with a lot of different issues on a regular basis. If the single-issue member does not deal with the other issues, he or she risks loss of support and respect from the other Council members and the public. When this happens, that person's ability to deal with even the single issue important to him or her loses support.

# **Focus on Policy, Not Politics**

The Council is the policy-making body for the City. In this role, the Council is responsible for making decisions about which direction the City is going, how the City will spend its resources (money and staff time), what projects the City will work on, and so on. Policy-making is not really a separate activity -- the Council does not sit down at a meeting and say, "Let's make policy!" Instead, making policy is an ongoing activity that develops when the Council adopts ordinances, revises or adopts a comprehensive development plan, considers the ranking of projects in a capital improvement program, and carries out its other duties and responsibilities.

Making policy is simply the act of making a deliberate choice or decision from among different alternatives, based on the available facts. Public policy is created when the Council makes these choices or decisions with the best interest of the whole community in mind. A Council that is influenced by competing, short-term or personal agendas will have difficulty finding agreement on important public policy issues. Doing the City Council's business (in effect, the public's business) is a group activity that requires patience, vision, cooperation, and compromise.

# Discuss, Debate, and Disagree Without Fighting

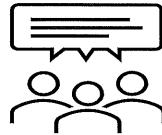
No one expects Council members to agree on everything. In fact, when disagreement exists, it means that different viewpoints are being considered before a decision is made. Looking at the different viewpoints is an important part of the decision-making process and ensures that the interests of all concerned are being given some thought. When a disagreement becomes a fight, however, feelings on the issue have become too personal. Council members should ask for an "at ease" when this happens to let things cool off. Fighting doesn't solve problems or lead to answers. And, it doesn't help conduct the community's business.

# Address Issues within the Council's Control or Authority

Some issues may be important to Council members and the community but may not be within the Council's power or authority to deal with. Decisions about the development in wetlands, for example, may be important to a community's

economic well-being, but not within its management authority.

Consequently, the Council may adopt resolutions stating the City's opinion and send them to state and federal agencies, or it may lobby state or federal officials on these concerns. Council members should avoid issues outside the City's control; for example, gun control or prayer in public schools. The Council will always have enough work to do without taking on issues that must be resolved by another governmental entity.



# Avoid Micromanagement

The Council appropriates funds in the budget but should not micromanage the funds by overseeing every expenditure or by making spending decisions that staff are authorized to make. As an example, if \$500 is budgeted for office supplies, Council should not tell the staff which supplies to buy. Staff should be allowed to do their jobs with administrative supervision. The Council is ultimately responsible to account for public funds and should have a good sense about what the funds are being spent on, but questions that arise need to be addressed through the chain of command. In the larger sense, appropriate management means that the Council members should not try to do their jobs and the staff's jobs, too.

# **Additional Tips for Council Members**

The following recommendations are addressed to Council members to help them act effectively:

- 1. **Read Your Packet:** Be informed before meetings. Council members receive a meeting packet in advance of the meeting. Read it and be ready to discuss the issues at the meeting. Information provided in the packet can help you better understand the issues and participate in more detailed discussion during the meeting.
- 2. **Become Familiar with the City's Planning Documents:** Find out if your City has a comprehensive development plan, a capital improvement plan, or an economic development plan. Take time to read any existing planning documents, or at least read through the table of contents and highlights to become familiar with their contents. When an issue comes up on something covered in a planning document, you will at least know where to look for more information.
- 3. **Become Familiar with the City Code:** Know what is in the code, particularly the chapters on administration, Mayor, Council, revenue and finance, and public services.

- 4. Learn All Sides of an Issue before Forming an Opinion: A Council member makes better, well-informed decisions or opinions when he or she learns all sides of an issue. If you take the position that you already know everything about an issue, you may miss an important opportunity to learn something new.
- 5. **Take Part in Debate:** As a rule, the quality of the Council's decision-making is improved when all members contribute to the discussion. Express your views and the views of the people you represent. Participation doesn't ensure that the outcome will be exactly what you want, but it will ensure that your opinions have been considered.
- 6. **Ask Questions:** You've heard the expression, "There's no such thing as a dumb question." Well, it's true. If you have a question, other members probably do also. If you don't know, how else will you find out?
- 7. **Seek Solutions:** Be a problem-solver, not a problem-maker. Contribute to debate in a way that will lead to solutions and not merely add to the difficulty or complexity of a situation. We have all known people who focus on why something can't be done rather than look for ways to get it done.
- 8. **Don't Be Shy:** Nobody else is going to speak up for you. Your idea may be the one that will lead to an answer or a solution, so speak up when you've got something to say.
- 9. **Use the Staff:** The City staff provides technical assistance. Don't ask staff members to decide for you; instead, get from them the facts and other information you need to make the best decision you can.
- 10. **Be Inquisitive, Not Argumentative:** You should dig into a matter, and be assertive if you must, to get the information you need. But you should not pick fights or needlessly anger people in the process. The best environment for decision-making is one that respects all opinions and the right to express them.
- 11. **Respect Your Peers:** There's an old saying, "What goes around, comes around." If you don't respect your fellow Council members and their opinions and positions, they won't respect you and your opinions either. There is no rule that says Council members have to be friends, but relationships should be polite and professional. Council members are community leaders who can set an example for others to follow.
- 12. **Share Information:** If you know something about a proposal before the Council that other members don't know about, share it. The decision-making process will benefit when Council members share important information with the entire group.
- 13. **Put in Extra Effort:** Volunteer to serve on committees, perform ceremonial duties or special assignments. Don't let other members do all the extra work.
- 14. **Be Practical:** Always look for solutions that are practical and doable. Otherwise, you'll waste everyone's time offering up ideas that are too costly or impractical, or don't relate to the situation the Council is looking at.

- 15. **Focus on Issues, Not Details:** Details are important, but don't get lost in them when considering an issue. <u>Sometimes it's more comfortable to deal with details when an issue is unpopular or difficult, but doing so will not produce answers.</u>
- 16. **Rely on Facts, Not Opinions:** Relying on facts can be hard, but it is very important. For example, if someone tells you that the proposed animal control ordinance is stupid, that is not necessarily a fact or a good reason to oppose it. If, however, staff recommendations or public testimony show that it would be impossible to enforce or too costly to administer, then you have a factual basis for a decision.
- 17. **Dealing with Staff:** If you have problems with a staff report for example, it appears to favor one group or person over another or you question whether the facts are accurate don't surprise the staff member at the meeting with critical comments. Instead, talk to the staff member beforehand and work out the problem. It is important to maintain a good working relationship with the staff.
- 18. **Take the Time to Make a Difference:** The time you actually spend at meetings is only a small part of the time it takes to be a good Council member. Be prepared to spend a fair amount of time preparing for meetings, staying informed, and being actively involved as a Council member.



# IV. Topics a Council Member Needs to Know

# Ordinance versus Resolution

An ordinance is a law that (1) establishes a procedure, or (2) governs behavior and may be enforced through fines or penalties. For example, the City adopts vehicle and traffic regulations by ordinance.

A resolution, on the other hand, is a statement of the Council's opinion or intent. A City may adopt a resolution to create school appreciation day, for example, or support or oppose a state or federal action. A better way to explain the difference might be to say:

The council shall act only by ordinance, or resolution. Law of a general, uniform, and permanent nature shall be reduced to ordinance. When council expresses opinions, principles, facts or propositions, it shall be in the form of a resolution.

# **Ordinance and Resolution Procedure**

The following information on ordinance and resolution procedure is taken from Neb. Rev. Stat. §17-614. Some matters have a notice provision and public hearing required by statute before an ordinance can be adopted by the Council. Examples would be annexation of territory into the City, levying of special assessments, changes or amendments to zoning or the comprehensive development plan, and amendments to redevelopment plan modifications recommended by the Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA).

- 1. An ordinance may be introduced for consideration by a Council member, a committee of the Council, the mayor, the City administrator or City attorney.
- 2. All ordinances and resolutions or orders for the appropriation or payment of money shall require for their passage or adoption the concurrence of a majority of all members elected to the City Council. The mayor may vote when that vote shall be decisive and the Council is equally divided on any pending matter, legislation, or transaction and the Mayor shall, for the purpose of such vote, for the purpose of such vote, be deemed to be a member of the City Council.
- 3. Ordinances of a general or permanent nature shall be read by title on three different days unless three-fourths of the City Council members vote to suspend this requirement. Such requirement shall not be suspended for any ordinance for the annexation of territory. In case such requirement is suspended, the ordinances shall be read by title or number and then moved for final passage. Three-fourths of the City Council members may require a reading of any such ordinance in full before enactment.
- 4. Ordinances shall contain no subject which is not clearly expressed in the title, and, except as provided in section Neb. Rev. Stat. §17-614, no ordinance or section thereof shall be revised or amended unless the new ordinance contains the entire ordinance or section as revised or amended and the ordinance or section so amended is repealed, except that:

- (a) For an ordinance revising all the ordinances of the City, the only title necessary shall be "An Ordinance of the City of Falls City, Revising all the Ordinances of the City". Under such title all the ordinances may be revised in sections and chapters or otherwise, may be corrected, added to, and any part suppressed, and may be repealed with or without a saving clause as to the whole or any part without other title; and
- (b) For an ordinance used solely to revise ordinances or code sections or to enact new ordinances or code sections in order to adopt statutory changes made by the Legislature which are specific and mandatory and bring the ordinances or code sections into conformance with state law, the title need only state that the ordinance revises those ordinances or code sections affected by or enacts ordinances or code sections generated by legislative changes. Under such title, all such ordinances or code sections may be revised, repealed, or enacted in sections and chapters or otherwise by a single ordinance without other title.
- 5. After the ordinance is adopted, the City Clerk shall cause the ordinance to be published in its entirety or may publish the passage of the ordinance in pamphlet form.
- 6. Ordinances take effect fifteen (15) days after their passage, unless a later effective date is specified in the ordinance.

# **Emergency Ordinances:**

In cases of riots, infectious diseases, or other impending danger, or any other emergency requiring its immediate operation the ordinance shall take effect after its passage upon the proclamation of the Mayor immediately upon its first publication as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. §17-613.

# If a public hearing is required:

- 1. Copies of the ordinance have to be available to everyone at the hearing, or the ordinance must be read in full.
- 2. The Council must take public testimony from everyone wishing to be heard.
- 3. When the public hearing is closed, the Council will take the action either to reject, adopt, or amend and adopt the ordinance.

# City Code

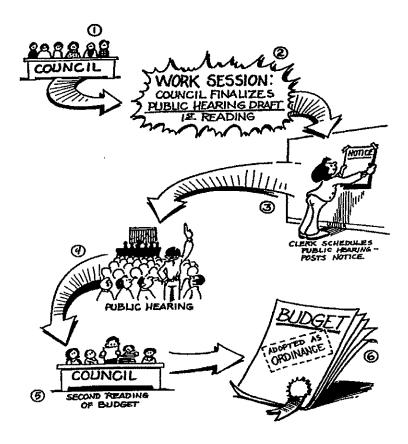
The City Code is the City's book of ordinances. A copy of the City Code can be accessed online from the City's website. It contains all ordinances of a "general and permanent nature" that are in effect over time. Examples include ordinances on administration and personnel, revenue and finance, public services, and health and safety. These ordinances are "codified" when they are organized according to a numbering system and are placed in a properly indexed book maintained for the purposes of organizing and recording the ordinances. These codified ordinances are called "code" ordinances. Non-code ordinances address some specific event in time and are not general and permanent. Examples of non-code ordinances are adopting the fiscal year budget, authorizing a special election, or authorizing the sale or disposal of City property.

Smaller communities frequently use a three-ring binder to keep the City's code organized and updated as appropriate. The ordinances of some larger cities are codified by a company that specializes in this type of work. These companies typically place the codified ordinances in a hardbound, expandable binder with the City's name printed on the cover. A City that does not have its ordinances codified and organized should recognize that this matter is serious and must be addressed immediately. The City Clerk is responsible for codifying the records.

# The Budget

The budget is one of the most important assignments the Council reviews and approves each year. The budget is the Council's outline for City services, revenue collection, and staffing. It is the spending "plan" against which actual expenditures (and revenues) can be measured on a monthly basis throughout the year using monthly financial reports. The City's fiscal year runs from October 1 to September 30. Work on the budget should be started at least six months before the current fiscal year ends. A chart of accounts needs to be created so that all expenditures can be tracked to the right department, such as public works, Mayor and Council, and public safety, and to the correct cost categories, such as salaries, benefits, commodities, travel and per diem, and contracts. Council members should spend time on the budget. They need to know what's in it. Council members should ask questions, and request and get monthly financial reports. The budget is one of the most important documents the Council produces.

# **BUDGET PROCESS**



# Conflict of Interest (see Article VII.)

A conflict of interest occurs when a Council member has a direct personal interest, usually a financial interest, in a matter before the Council. It is okay to have a conflict of interest, but it is wrong to fail to report it and request to be excused from voting on the matter. If a City does not adopt a conflict of interest ordinance, the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. §§49-1493 et seq. automatically apply as the language that directs the City's conflict of interest process. The provisions of conflict of interest law are these:

- 1. A member of the governing body should declare a substantial financial interest the member has in an official action and ask to be excused from a vote on the matter;
- 2. The presiding officer should rule on a request by a member of the governing body to be excused from a vote; and
- 3. The decision by the presiding officer on a request by a member of the governing body to be excused from a vote may be overridden by a majority vote of the governing body.

It is not unusual for Council members in small communities to have conflicts of interest. Not all conflicts involve a substantial financial interest, however. Some conflicts may only appear to be improper or have the appearance of an unfair advantage. These conflicts should be declared as well so that the public doesn't think that Council members are self-serving and just looking out for themselves. Basically, if a Council member thinks he or she has a conflict, the conflict should be declared and the mayor (or presiding officer) should be notified to decide whether the Council member should vote. The opinion of the City Attorney may be sought when there is an alleged conflict of interest. A conflict should only be declared when a conflict is really believed to exist. A conflict should never be declared to avoid having to vote on a tough issue.

# **Open Meetings Act**

The Nebraska Open Meetings Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§84-1407 et seq.) requires that all meetings of a governmental body of a public entity (including City Councils) are open to the public. This requirement means that the Council must provide notice not only of its regular and special meetings, but also of its work sessions and committee meetings when a quorum of Council members is present. The City code should contain all requirements for public notice of meetings, including what to include in the notice, where the notices are posted, and how soon before the meeting the notices are posted. State law requires that notice be reasonable; include the date, time, and place of the meeting; be posted at the principal office of the public entity (City Hall), in addition to any other means and locations stated in local ordinance; and be consistent, or done in the same way each time.

Nebraska courts have ruled strongly in favor of the Open Meetings Act. Actions taken at unnoticed or improperly noticed meetings can be voided. It can also cost cities a great deal of money to defend officials against charges of Open Meetings Act violations.

Under this Act, meeting is defined as all regular, special, or called meetings, formal or informal, of any public body for the purposes of briefing, discussion of public business, formation of tentative policy, or the taking of any action of the public body at which a quorum of the members of the

governing body are present. Therefore, public officials should exercise caution when engaged in discussion among themselves of issues outside of any publicly noticed meeting. This kind of discussion has been, and can be, construed as violating the Open Meetings Act.

As a practical matter, Council members are always going to be talking to one another. After all, people talk about the things they have in common, and Council members are no exception. members pass each other on the street or sit together in the cafe for coffee, it is natural that the conversation includes City business. Council members must be careful to not commit a vote or seek another member's commitment and to not engage in discussion that leads to a conclusion on an issue before the full Council hears it. In today's world the use of email and texts can create a violation of the Open Meetings Act if the email conversation involves communication between Council members.



A lot of ideas can result from casual encounters outside the pressure and formality of the Council chambers. Exchanging information, ideas, and viewpoints can be valuable. However, Council members, and all public officials, must be mindful of the provisions of the Open Meetings Act.

#### Ex Parte Contact

Black's Law Dictionary defines ex parte contact as, "on one side only; by or for one party; done for, in behalf of, or on the application of, one party only." What's wrong with ex parte contact? Basically, ex parte contact occurs when someone who wants something from the Council takes a Council member aside and gets him or her to commit to a position outside the public forum, before the Council member has had a chance to hear all sides of an issue. Elected officials are always going to be approached by members of the public who want to raise issues, make complaints, hear explanations, or otherwise talk with Council members. Elected officials should — in fact they have a duty to — speak with and listen to citizens. But the line should be drawn when a Council member is taken aside, given one side of an issue, and asked to state his or her position before knowing all the facts or having heard the other side.

If someone insists on giving a Council member information or persuading him or her to take a certain position, the Council member should tell that person to share the information with the entire Council, or the member should share the information with the entire Council himself or herself. If the information is written, it should be copied and distributed. If information is so important that someone persists in giving it to a Council member, then it's important enough to share with the whole Council.

#### **Council Procedures**

Councils must have procedures in place and follow them for meetings as well as for other matters such as filling vacancies and identifying qualifications for office, term of office, and quorum. Some procedures are found in Chapter 1 of the City Code and others in State statutes. Rules of procedure are not ordinances but guidelines the Council has agreed to follow. Contained in these rules might be a list identifying the Council's standing committees.



# V. Meetings and Motions

### Introduction

Members may mingle with the public in many other settings, but meetings are the events at which the public's business is conducted and decisions are made that commit the funds and resources of the City. Meetings should be conducted in a calm, orderly environment free from disruptions. After all, who wants to (or can) make good decisions in a loud or uncontrolled setting with lots of interruptions?

# **Types of Meetings**

The Council convenes in several different types of meetings which are discussed below.

**Regular Meetings:** Regular meetings are currently held at City Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month. Meetings are advertised to start at 6:00 p.m. Date, time, and place are specified so that everyone knows when regular meetings will be held. The public shouldn't have to be concerned about the meeting time, date, and place always changing. At times it may be necessary to reschedule the regular meeting due to conflicts with holidays, etc. When a meeting schedule changes, notice must be posted informing the public that the meeting has been rescheduled and when it will be held. Typically, during December of each year, city council reviews any meeting dates within the next calendar year that may conflict and set an alternate meeting date and time for any conflicting dates.

**Special Meetings**: Special meetings have the same requirements as regular meetings, except that they are called for a different time than that fixed for regular meetings. If the Council must meet at a date and time other than its regular meeting day and time because of the importance or timing of an issue, it can call a special meeting and give notice as required by the City Code and the Open Meetings Act. A special meeting does not take place instead of a regular meeting; it is held in addition to the regular meeting.

**Emergency Meetings**: When it is necessary to hold an emergency meeting without reasonable advance public notice, the nature of the emergency shall be stated in the minutes and any formal action taken in such meeting shall pertain only to the emergency. Such emergency meetings may

be held by means of electronic or telecommunication equipment. The City Clerk maintains a list of the news media requesting notification of meetings and shall make reasonable efforts to provide advance notification to them of the time and place of an emergency meeting and the subject(s) to be discussed at that meeting. Complete minutes of such emergency meetings specifying the nature of the emergency and any formal action taken at the meeting shall be made available to the public by no later than the end of the next regular business day.

Committee Meetings: The Mayor may appoint both standing and ad hoc committees of the Council to examine particular questions or issues in greater detail. Standing committees normally exist permanently. These may include a budget committee, a negotiations committee, safety committee and a pension committee. Ad hoc committees are formed to address a specific situation and are disbanded once the situation has been dealt with. Committees are valuable because they give the Council a chance to study issues before they are ready for Council action and identify any problems, concerns, or difficulties that may exist. A committee cannot take an action on behalf of the full Council; instead, it recommends an action to the Council.

Work Sessions: A work session is not unlike a committee meeting. In fact, a work session is a meeting of the whole Council (committee of the whole), to discuss matters that do not fall under any other standing or ad hoc committee. Although he City of Falls City has the ability to hold work sessions, the City currently does not hold routine work sessions. A work session can be held for a variety of reasons, but they share the same characteristics which allows the Council to discuss topics in an informal setting, gather information, or study and problem-solve an issue better before it comes before the full Council as an action item. In a work session, just like in a committee meeting, Council members cannot take any action on an item. However, people can make recommendations for action at a future Council meeting.

# **Notice of Meetings**

Proper public notice must be provided in advance of all regular meetings of the Council. The Open Meetings Act requires that reasonable advance notice be given as by publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction (Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-1411 (1) (b) (i). Emergency meetings may be held without reasonable advance notice but are subject to the requirements of Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-1411 (5).

State law requires that notice include the date, time, and place of the meeting; be posted at the principal office of the public entity, in addition to any other means and locations stated in local ordinance; and be consistent, or done in the same way each time. The notice should also contain an agenda or a statement that an CLERK SCHEDULES
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agenda which is kept continuous current is available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk during normal business hours. Notice should be posted at several known and well-used locations in town, like the post office, the store, City hall, and the community bulletin board. It is important that the public knows where notice will be posted and knows what business will be discussed at the meeting.

### The Agenda

The Council must approve the agenda for each regular or special meeting or work session. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is the format used for regular or special meetings or work sessions.

The agenda for a meeting cannot be changed within 24 hours of the time set for the meeting to convene, unless the item is of an emergency nature (Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-1411 (1) (e). The emergency item may be added to the agenda of a meeting of the Council if the Council determines it to be an emergency. The order of the agenda may be changed at the meeting in order to accommodate the public in attendance or for those wishing to appear before the Council.

### Taking Part in Debate

Debate and discussion are not the same. Discussion is general and doesn't necessarily lead to closure of an issue. It is the method used for less formal meetings and work sessions. Debate occurs after a motion has been made and formal Council action is required.

Debate at Council meetings goes through the Mayor. If a Council member wants to speak, he or she must be recognized by the Mayor (or presiding officer, if the Mayor is absent from the meeting). The member may then speak only on the motion under discussion. Members should never interrupt one another. Comments should be brief and to the point.

## Parliamentary Procedure

Although people often think parliamentary procedure is too complicated to ever make any sense, the protocol is not as complex as they fear. Rules, or tips, are available to understand parliamentary procedure and use it correctly. Almost all City Councils use the most recently revised copy of *Robert's Rules of Order*.

The use of rules, or parliamentary procedure, for debate fulfills several important purposes. It provides form or structure for debate. It ensures that only one item at a time is before the Council for debate. It provides a forum for debate that is fair to everyone and partial to no one. Finally, it permits the will of the majority to prevail while protecting the rights of the minority and permitting all sides of an issue to be heard. Councils can use their own rules for parliamentary procedure, but most use *Robert*'s *Rules of Order*. Questions of parliamentary procedure are referred to the City Attorney.

# **Types of Motions**

The backbone of parliamentary procedure is in motions and how they are made and disposed of, the various categories of motions, and the relationship between motions. The four types of motions are discussed below.

**Main Motion:** The main motion is the motion that brings an item of business before the Council for its formal deliberation. Only a main motion can bring matters before the Council for a vote.

**Motion to Amend**: Is a subsidiary motion which relates directly to, and amends, a main motion. Any subsidiary motions on the floor must be voted on before returning to the main motion. Other types of subsidiary motions that may relate to the main motion are:

- Motion to Amend
- Motion to Table
- Motion to Call the Question (not debatable)
- Motion to Limit or Extend the Time for Debate
- Motion to Postpone to a Time Certain
- Motion to Refer to a Committee or Staff
- Motion to Postpone Indefinitely

These motions are listed in their order of precedence. That means they must be dealt with in order (from top to bottom) if more than one is on the floor at the same time. For example, a motion to "table" has precedence over all the other subsidiary motions and so on down the list. In addition, any subsidiary motion before the Council must be voted on before the main motion may be voted on. The most common subsidiary motion is the motion to amend.

**Privileged Motion**: A privileged motion deals with the rights of the members and with the group, not with the other motions on the floor. A privileged motion may interrupt other business, is not debatable, and must be dealt with before any other pending business. It may be any of the following:

- Fix the Time to Adjourn
- Adjourn
- Recess
- Raise a Question of Privilege

Like subsidiary motions, privileged motions are also listed in order of precedence, (from top to bottom on this list) with the first motion having precedence over the others and so on down the list.

**Incidental Motion:** An incidental motion deals with questions of procedure and is not related to the main motion. Incidental motions do not have an order of precedence, and as a rule, they are not debatable. An incidental motion must be dealt with before the Council can return to the main or subsidiary motions. The most common incidental motions are as follows:

- Point of order
- Point of information
- · Parliamentary inquiry
- Division of the question
- Appeal a decision of the chair

Other incidental motions are rarely used, but can be reviewed in *Robert's Rules of Order*.

### Making a Motion

A main motion is the way an item is placed before the Council for consideration and action. A Council member, after being recognized by the chair, says, "I move for the adoption of Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_ on first reading" The mayor then asks for a second, and when the motion is seconded, asks if there is any debate on the motion. Any subsidiary motions that may be made, such as a motion to amend the ordinance, or to table it, or send it to a committee, must be voted on before the main motion may be voted on. *Robert's Rules of Order* requires that every motion have a second.

Every motion consists of eight steps (or seven if using Mason's rules) that follow in order:

- 1. A Council member seeks recognition from the chair
- 2. The member is recognized by the chair and "has the floor"
- 3. The member makes a motion
- 4. The motion is seconded (Robert's Rules of Order)
- 5. The chair restates the motion to the body ("Motion by Council member \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Council member \_\_\_\_ to adopt Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_ on first reading."
- 6. Council debates the motion
- 7. Council votes on the motion
- 8. The chair announces the result of the vote

## Voting

Once debate on a motion is completed, the Council has to vote. Every member present has to vote unless the member declares a conflict of interest and the Mayor (or presiding officer) rules that the member has a conflict of interest that prevents him or her from voting. Every Council member's vote is recorded as a "yes" or "no". A roll call or viva voce (voice) vote is required by the Open Meetings Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-1413), unless an electronic voting device is utilized which allows the public to see the vote of each Council member. The vote of each Council member is recorded by the City Clerk and reflected in the minutes of the meeting.

# **Abstaining from Voting**

Every Council member must vote on every issue. <u>A member can only abstain if the Mayor has ruled that he or she has a conflict of interest on the particular matter being voted on</u>. A Council member must explain his or her conflict and get a ruling that a conflict does or does not exist. The Mayor's ruling, whichever way it goes, may be overridden by a majority of the Council.

### **Unanimous Consent**

Unanimous consent occurs when all Council members vote in favor of a motion. Sometimes, unanimous consent simply occurs after a vote, when all members end up voting the same way. Other times, unanimous consent may be requested as part of a motion. Typically, this request happens when electing the leadership (President and Vice President of the Council) the person making the motion knows the item is not controversial. The person making the motion might say, "Mr. Chair, I move that nominations cease and that a unanimous vote be cast in favor of \_\_\_\_\_."

### **Quorum**

A quorum is the minimum number of Council members required to conduct business. Neb. Rev. Stat. §17-105 provides that a majority of all the members elected to the Council constitutes a quorum. A quorum of the Falls City - City Council is five (5) members. The Mayor is elected separately from the Council; he or she is not considered a member of the Council, and is not counted as part of the quorum.

A member who is disqualified from voting is considered present for purposes of a quorum. If a quorum is not present, any number of the members then present may recess or adjourn the meeting to a later date. Formal actions of the Council must be adopted by a majority of the full membership, never by a majority of the quorum. So, if only five members (a quorum) are present at a meeting, any one member can potentially vote down items before the Council because three votes are not a majority of the full membership. However, Neb. Rev. Stat. §17-110 provides that Mayor, if present, shall have the right to vote when his or her vote will provide the additional vote required to create a number of votes equal to a majority of the number of members elected to the Council. For this reason, sensitive, complex, or difficult matters should come before the Council only when all the members are present.

### Role of the Mayor in Council Meetings

Council members and the public look to the Mayor to provide leadership during the meeting. The Mayor should understand the issues before the Council, know and understand the members of the Council, and be able to bring the Council to decisions even on difficult or complicated issues. The Mayor should be able to do all of the following effectively.

**Run a Meeting**: The Mayor is responsible to run an orderly meeting and conduct public business in a fair and timely manner. Everyone looks to the Mayor for leadership.

**Maintain Order**: The Mayor should not allow cheering, hissing, booing, or other demonstrations from the audience. Nor should he or she permit Council members to become rude, confrontational, or argumentative with one another or the audience.

**Keep the Business Moving:** It is the Mayor's job to keep business moving by bringing matters to a vote.

Manage Public Testimony: By using a sign-up list, the Mayor will know who wants to speak on items before the Council. If a lot of people want to speak, the Mayor should set a time limit per speaker (usually three minutes). Rambling, irrelevant testimony should be discouraged. The Open Meetings Act allows the Council to make reasonable rules for citizens wishing to speak at meeting of the Council. Neb. Rev. Stat. §§84-1412(2) and 84-1412(3) provide:

(2) It shall not be a violation of this section for any public body to make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations regarding the conduct of persons attending, speaking at, videotaping, televising, photographing, broadcasting, or recording its meetings, including meetings held by virtual conferencing. A body may not be required to allow citizens to speak at each meeting, but it may not forbid public participation at all meetings.

(3) No public body shall require members of the public to identify themselves as a condition for admission to the meeting nor shall such body require that the name of any member of the public be placed on the agenda prior to such meeting in order to speak about items on the agenda. The body shall require any member of the public desiring to address the body to identify himself or herself, including an address and the name of any organization represented by such person, unless the address requirement is waived to protect the security of the individual.

**Prevent Arguments**: Discussion between Council members and members of the public who are testifying should be limited to fact gathering that helps the Council make informed decisions.

**Use Parliamentary Procedure:** The Mayor needs to know enough parliamentary procedure to run the meeting. Someone else may be the parliamentarian, but the Mayor must have a working knowledge of parliamentary procedure.

**Tie Things Together:** The Mayor should have the ability to consider public testimony, Council deliberations, and an understanding of the issues at hand when guiding the Council toward a decision.

**Implement Approved Actions**: The mayor should have the ability to create an action plan and follow through on the actions decided at the meeting.

# VI. Council Relationships

#### Introduction

The Council interacts with many different individuals and groups of people: The Mayor, the City Administrator, the planning commission, other boards and commission, the staff, the public, and others. This section addresses the business nature of these relationships.

# Relationship with the Mayor

The Mayor may be either the chief executive of the City or, if the City has the manager form of government, more of a ceremonial head of government. The powers of the Mayor also vary depending on the class of City. However, the relationship between the Mayor and the Council is basically the same for all classes of cities.



The Mayor-Council relationship is based on the fact that the Mayor is the political leader of the City and holds the City's highest elected office.

The office of Mayor is typically granted a certain respect. Whether or not the person who occupies the office is personally well liked by Council members really isn't important. What

counts most is the ability of the Mayor and the Council to work together for the common good of the community. If the Mayor and the Council fought all the time, the disputes would project a negative image to the public, waste valuable time, promote conflict, slow down work and progress, and distance people from one another. The results of constant fighting do not make an effective Council.

The Council members may not always agree with the Mayor, and they may not think the Mayor makes good decisions all the time, but they have to work with the Mayor. Council members should strive to work with the Mayor in a manner that:

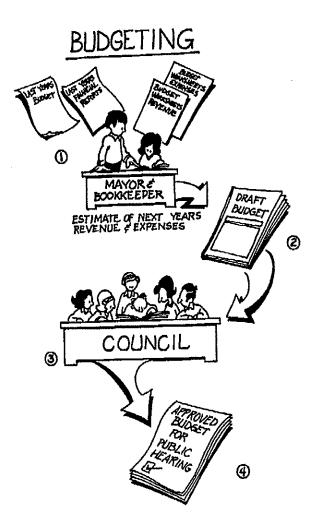
- Projects a positive image
- Makes best use of the Council's time
- Promotes teamwork
- Permits work to go forward and progress to be made, and
- Involves the whole Council, including the mayor, in solving problems.

An organized, well-informed Council that works together with the Mayor helps strengthen the well-being of the community.

## Relationship with the City Administrator

An administrator may be hired to conduct City business and carry out the directives of the Mayor and Council. The Mayor typically hires the administrator, which is subject to approval of the Council.

An administrator's authority doesn't come from state statute. The administrator performs only those duties that are delegated to his or her position. It is very important that the Council make it clear what is being delegated in writing. This clarification of delegated duties may be done by ordinance, resolution, job description, or written delegations of authority so that it is clear to everyone, including the public, what the Mayor and Council expect the administrator to do. Whichever method is used, everyone should be clear on just what the administrator's duties are. The administrator reports to the Mayor but, as a practical matter, works for the entire Council. Individual Council members should not order the administrator to do things that the Council has not discussed and approved or that the Mayor is unaware of and has not approved. After all, what if another Council member or the Mayor has an entirely different view and also orders the administrator to do something? The full Council may evaluate the administrator annually, although the Mayor may also complete the evaluation.



### Tips on the Council's Relationship with the City Administrator

When a City employs an administrator, the following advice should be kept in mind regarding the Council's relationship with that person.

#### The Council should:

- Clearly define its expectations for the person in that position
- Give the administrator clear direction on assigned tasks or duties
- Give the administrator the opportunity to use his or her professional skills
- Evaluate the administrator's performance on a regular basis
- Never blame the person for actions initiated by the Council that may be unpopular

Conversely, the City Administrator should be mindful of certain behaviors when he or she interacts with the Council.

#### The administrator should:

- Always help to resolve issues
- Seek clarification in situations for which Council direction is unclear or conflicting
- Stick to the facts
- Avoid picking sides in a dispute
- Explain items to the Council never lecture
- Never promote conflict or division
- Never act as a Council member
- Never try to hide a mistake or get the Council to cover it up

# Relationship with the Planning Commission

The planning commission is an advisory body to the Council. The commission makes recommendations to the Council for Council action. For example, the commission may recommend a rezoning of property, amendments to the zoning and platting codes, or revisions to the comprehensive plan, all of which must be approved by ordinance and therefore by the Council.



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The Council benefits from having a strong, capable commission. The commission can handle a lot of work on behalf of the Council, work that the Council does not have time to do along with all of its other duties. A commission that can give the Council solid reasons for the positions it takes will help the City make good planning decisions.

### Relationship with the Board of Public Works

The City Council and the Board of Public Works (BOPW) work together closely in managing municipal utilities and streets, with the council approving appointment of BOPW members. The BOPW, consisting of three to six appointed residents, is responsible for the day-to-day operations and management of city-owned utilities and streets, exercising most of the operational powers granted to the municipality. However, any significant expenditure over \$20,000 requires prior council approval, ensuring fiscal oversight. Although the BOPW operates independently in many respects, it remains subject to the council's review and supervision. Additionally, the council prohibits members from holding positions on both the council and BOPW simultaneously, maintaining a clear separation of roles.

### Relationship with other Boards

The relationship between the City Council and boards is one of structured oversight and delegation, where the Mayor appoints members upon approval by City Council. The City Council provides broad oversight while the boards, departmental heads along with supervisory oversight by the City Administrator manage the daily operations. Through these boards, the council delegates specific tasks while maintaining a level of control, ensuring both effective governance and adherence to municipal policies and budgetary constraints.

### Relationship with Staff

City staff are supervised by the City Administrator. The Council may hire, fire, and evaluate the City Administrator, City Attorney, and City Clerk, but the Council should not engage in the day-to-day supervision of employees. Several pointers can assist Council members in achieving a positive working relationship with the staff.

The Staff Advises: It is the staff's job to provide the Council with the facts and information needed to arrive at a decision; in fact, it is customary for the staff to make a recommendation for Council action. The Council should not make any staff person into a Council member, however, by expecting that person to make decisions that the Council is elected to make. Such expectation for decision-making can place a staff member in the awkward position of substituting his or her judgment for the collective judgment of the Council. This expectation is not only unfair to the staff person, but can unnecessarily make him or her a scapegoat for mistakes.

Council Instructions to Staff: Council instructions to the staff to perform assignments must go through the City Administrator, and not directly from the Council to the staff member. This way, the City Administrator is on top of the workload, knows what staff members are doing, and can make staff assignments appropriately. Also, individual Council members should not give instructions to the staff without the knowledge or consent of the full Council because one member's viewpoint or the nature of the request may not represent the shared viewpoint or position of the full Council.

**Evaluations:** The Mayor, Council, or both should evaluate the City Administrator once a year. Evaluations tell affected staff how well they are performing and what improvements can be made in their performance. Evaluations provide records of employee performance that can be used for personnel actions or to respond to requests for references. Evaluations are also useful exercises for

Council members to assess their own expectations for the performance of City employees.

**Professional versus Personal Relationship**: Council members should not base the performance evaluation of the administrator on personal feelings. After all, the City may have an administrator who is not particularly well liked by a member of the Council, but who is doing his or her job well and performing up to the Council's overall expectations. On the other hand, the City may have an administrator who is well liked but doing an average or unacceptable job. He or she should not be evaluated on the basis of popularity. Each evaluation should be based only on performance.

# VII. Conflicts of Interest

The State of Nebraska outlines obligations and requirements for public officials when the have an interest in a contract with a governing body. These obligations and requirements can be found in Chapter 49 of the Nebraska Statutes. Violations to the Act can result in not only personal penalties, but also problems with the contract remaining intact. I would urge you to familiarize yourselves with the provisions of this Act for your personal protection, as well as the City's. The City Clerk will provide you two forms to complete. NADC Form C-3, a Contractual Interest Statement. Please fill out NADC Form C-3 and return it to the City Clerk. You will also receive a NADA Form C-2A which is a Potential Conflict of Interest Statement. This form should be filled out by you anytime you feel you may have conflict of interest in any matter coming before the City Council and be filled with the City Clerk. Copies of both Forms C-3 and C-2A included at the end of this document.

# VIII. Property Taxes and Levy

### How property taxes are calculated:

The calculation of property taxes involves multiple individuals and governmental entities. The actions performed by each are as follows:

- 1. The Richardson County Assessor establishes a value for each parcel of property within the City. These values are summed to calculate the City's total assessed valuation. The total assessed valuation is certified to the City of Falls City. The 2024 total assessed valuation is \$193,672,997.
- 2. During the development of the Annual Budget for the City, the City Council determines the City's total tax requirement. This figure is approved with the adoption of the Budget and certified to the Richardson County Treasurer. The 2024-2025 total tax requirement is \$782,750.
- 3. The City of Falls City tax rate is computed by dividing the total property tax requirement by the total assessed valuation. The tax rate is expressed in cents per \$100 of valuation. For 2024-202, the tax rate computation is \$782,750 divided by \$193,672,997 and multiplied by 100, which equals .404161. This is the City's tax rate.

# IX. Local Option Sales Tax

As a second-class city in Nebraska, Falls City has historically imposed a local sales tax to support the general operations and capital improvement projects necessary for the community's growth and development. The sales tax is a vital revenue source that helps fund various city services, infrastructure, and future development initiatives. The local sales tax is an essential tool for our city's fiscal health. It provides a stable, predictable revenue stream that can be used to fund vital projects and maintain services without overburdening residents with additional taxes. By allocating these funds judiciously, the city can continue to improve its infrastructure and services while maintaining financial stability.

For many years, our city imposed a 0.5% local sales tax. However, on October 1, 2022, Ordinance 2022-105 was adopted, increasing the local sales and use tax by an additional 0.5%, bringing the total local sales tax rate to 2%. This change was implemented to address the city's growing capital improvement needs and to provide additional funding for essential services. The total revenue generated by the 2% local sales tax for the fiscal year 2023-2024 was \$1,531,216.19.

The revenue collected from the local sales tax is placed in a special reserve fund known as the Capital Improvement Fund. This fund is carefully managed to ensure that the resources are used appropriately and effectively. Any funds moved from the Capital Improvement Fund must be authorized by the city council. This ensures that the allocation and use of these resources align with the city's strategic goals and priorities. Historically, the revenue from the local sales tax is allocated as follows:

#### • General Fund Allocation

O An annual allocation is made from the Capital Improvement Fund into the General Fund. This transfer helps offset budget deficits in the general operations of the city, ensuring that core city services remain funded even when revenue from other sources may fall short.

### • Capital Improvement Projects

The remaining balance of the funds is used for various capital improvement projects throughout the city. These projects can include infrastructure upgrades, road repairs, new construction projects, and other improvements that benefit the community and contribute to the long-term development of the city.

As a city council member, you play an important role in overseeing the management and use of these funds. You are tasked with ensuring that the revenue from the local sales tax is allocated efficiently, and that projects funded by this revenue align with the city's long-term vision and strategic plans. Additionally, your authorization is required for any transfer of funds from the Capital Improvement Fund, giving you oversight and control over the allocation of these vital resources.

By understanding the importance of this tax revenue, and actively participating in the budgeting and allocation process, you help guide the city toward continued growth and prosperity.

# X. City Indebtedness

# City of Falls City/Utility Debt

Bond Issue	Outstanding Principal	Outstanding Interest	Total Debt Service	
Series 2017 Combined Utility	\$3,040,000.00	\$746,197.50	\$3,786,197.50	
Revenue Bonds				
Series 2019 General Obligation	\$2,480,000.00	\$331,723.75	\$2,811,723.75	
Water Bonds				
Series 2021 Combined Utility	\$4,230,000.00	\$347,785.00	\$4,577,785.00	
Revenue Bonds				
Series 2022 Combined Utility	\$1,930,000.00	\$811,093.75	\$2,741,093.75	
Revenue Bonds				
Series 2022 General Obligation	\$770,000.00	\$157,962.50	\$927,962.50	
Paving Bonds				
Series 2023 Municipal	\$3,035,000.00	\$1,562,702.50	\$4,597,702.50	
Improvement Bonds				
Total	\$15,485,000.00	\$3,957,465.00	\$19,442,465.00	

Loans	Outstanding Principal	Outstanding Interest	Total Debt Service
State Revolving Fund C318022	\$169,798.95	\$3,415.78	\$173,214.73
State Revolving Fund C318052	\$375,725.00	\$0.00	\$375,725.00
State Revolving Fund D311649	\$1,488,583.82	\$0.00	\$1,488,583.82
Total	\$2,034,107.77	\$3,415.78	\$2,037,523.55

# Total Indebtedness as of 10.1.2024 = \$21,479,988.55



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# A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACTIONS RELATED TO THE ENERGY FORWARD: FALLS CITY TRANSMISSION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

*Whereas*, the Board of Public Works adopted Resolution No. 2025-PW100 on March 20, 2025, authorizing the pursuit of Network Integrated Transmission Service (NITS) customer status and the utilization of LB977 grant funds to enhance electrical system capabilities, redundancy, and resilience; and

Whereas, the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDED) has issued a grant agreement providing up to \$15 million in funding pursuant to Contract No. 25-01-302, and the City of Falls City is committed to providing the required 1:1 matching funds; and

Whereas, the City of Falls City, NE, in partnership with Falls City EDGE, completed a feasibility study evaluating a transmission project with an estimated cost ranging from \$30 million to \$40 million; and

Whereas, the City of Falls City, NE and Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) continue to discuss potential partnership opportunities to achieve the city's electric transmission and capacity goals; and

Whereas, increased electric transmission capacity is necessary to meet the load growth for existing customers and to provide transmission capacity for the economic growth of Falls City; and

Therefore, be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Falls City, NE, that:

- Pursuit of NITS Customer Status: The city administration is authorized and directed to pursue
  options in the best interest of Falls City to become a Network Integrated Transmission Service
  (NITS) customer, including engaging with relevant regulatory bodies and transmission service
  providers.
- 2. **Execution of NDED Grant Agreement:** The City Council hereby authorizes the execution of the NDED-SBDF Contract No. 25-01-302 and related documents to secure up to \$15 million in grant funding for the Energy Forward: Falls City Transmission Improvements Project.
- 3. **Match Funding Plan:** The City Administrator shall develop and pursue a project match funding plan and present it to the City Council for review and approval.
- 4. **Engineering Services Procurement:** The City Administrator is authorized to solicit and issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services necessary for the planning and design of the transmission project.
- 5. **Creation of Special Reserve Fund:** The City Council authorizes the establishment of a special reserve fund dedicated to the Energy Forward: Falls City Transmission Improvement Project to ensure financial stability and support for the project's implementation.
- 6. Effective Date: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 7 <sup>th</sup> day of April	2025.
ATTESTED TO:	CITY OF FALLS CITY
Clerk	Mayor

## STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SITE AND BUILDING DEVELOPMENT FUND BUSINESS RECRUITMENT AND EXPANSION PROJECT CONTRACT NO. 25-01-302

This contract is entered into between the State of Nebraska Department of Economic Development ("Department") and the City of Falls City, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355 ("Recipient"), upon the date of signature by both parties.

### **RECITALS:**

- **A.** The Site and Building Development Act, codified in Neb. Rev. Stat. §§81-12,144 to 81-12,151 (the "Act"), was passed by the Nebraska Legislature to enhance economic development in the State of Nebraska through assisting in the establishment of industrial-ready sites and buildings in all areas of the State of Nebraska. The Act created the Site and Building Development Fund ("SBDF"), and the Department has been designated to carry out the Act and administer the SBDF Fund and Program. The restrictions and requirements contained within the Act are incorporated herein by this reference.
- **B.** The Recipient, a City of the second class, that is served by two (2) first-class railroads, is within fifteen (15) miles of two state borders, intends to partner with public power utilities for purposes of expanding electrical system capacities and enhance its redundancy and resilience (the "Facility"), located at Sections 23, 25, 26, 35, and 36 of Township 1 North, Range 16 in Richardson County, Nebraska ("Site"), provided eligible SBDF improvements are made to the Site, specifically preliminary design, final design, and construction of the Transmission Facility ("Project").
- **C.** The Recipient has submitted an application, pursuant to the requirements created by the Department ("Application Guidelines"), for a grant from the SBDF in order to carry out the Project ("Application"). The Department has determined the Recipient is an eligible entity to receive SBDF funds and the Project is generally eligible for assistance under the Act.
- **D.** The Application and the Project have been approved for the purposes and funding amounts set forth in this contract (which may differ from the purposes specified and the amounts sought in the Application). This contract (including any documents incorporated herein by reference) is intended to govern the Department's administration of SBDF funds disbursed to the Recipient for the Project.

### §1.03 Status Reports and Final Performance Report Required.

To assist the Department in obtaining information on the outcome/impact of grant funded projects, the Recipient must prepare and submit (in a form and manner acceptable to the Department) semi-annual status reports and a final performance report on the Project. The reports must include a narrative and data (if applicable) reflecting the progress and/or outcome of the Project and any other information the Department may reasonably require. The semi-annual status reports are due each January 15<sup>th</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup> that occurs during the Contract Term. The final performance report is due no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Termination Date of this contract. If requested, the Recipient will also submit interim status reports on the Project during the Contract Term subject to reasonable requirements and due dates as determined by the Department.

Failure to provide required status reports or a final performance report to the Department by the required due dates may result in the Department declaring the Recipient to be in substantial breach of this contract. In that event, subject to Recipient's right to cure, the Department may terminate this contract and/or require repayment of all SBDF funds disbursed to the Recipient.

All status reports, and the final performance report, must be submitted to the Department to the Nebraska SBDF Program Representative, Nebraska Department of Economic Development, 245 Fallbrook Blvd., Suite 002, Lincoln, Nebraska 68521, via electronic submission utilizing the Department's Grant Management System ("GMS"), or via such other method as may be designated by the Department.

### §1.04 Incorporation of RECITALS.

All provisions of the RECITALS are incorporated herein as agreed provisions of this contract.

PART II: [RESERVED].

PART III: SOURCES AND ELIGIBLE USES OF FUNDS.

# §3.01 Sources and Uses of Project Funds.

SOURCES→	SBDF Funds	Required Matching Funds for SBDF	Anticipated Additional Investment	Anticipated Total Costs
USES (Project Activities)↓				
Transmission Infrastructure	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$40,000,000
TOTAL	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$40,000,000

- Receipts or Proof of Expenditures: Itemized receipts or financial records demonstrating that matching funds are being used in accordance with the project budget.
- Proof of Matching Funds Contributions: A statement from the Recipient showing how the matching funds are being utilized to further the objectives of the project.

### Milestone 3: Final Report and Proof of Full Match.

At the final milestone, the Recipient must submit:

- Final Report: A final report must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Termination Date of this contract.
- **Final Audit:** Certified by a third party (if required) with documentation of any unspent funds or surplus.

### PART IV: OTHER CONTRACTUAL CONDITIONS.

# §4.01 Form, Manner, and Timing for Disbursements of SBDF Funds; Related Requirements.

Prior to making the disbursement of funds, the Recipient must submit all of the following to the Department, via electronic submission utilizing the Department's Grant Management System:

- a) The State of Nebraska ACH Enrollment Form/IRS Form W-9 (provided by the Department) and any other state or federal tax documentation required by the Department; and,
- b) A document, signed by the Recipient's authorized official, which specifically designates the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of any individuals authorized to approve payments from the SBDF funds on behalf of the Recipient.

Disbursement of SBDF funds will be made to the Recipient in a lump sum upon receipt of the foregoing information. Upon authorization, the disbursement will be made by electronic deposit to the account designated by the Recipient on the State of Nebraska ACH Enrollment Form (or such other method as deemed appropriate by the Department) and in accordance with the requirements of this contract.

In funding Project Eligible Expenses from the SBDF funds, Recipient shall maintain adequate documentation substantiating the expenses incurred in compliance with the requirements of the Act, the Application Guidelines, and this contract.

## §4.02 Default for Failure to Complete Project.

The Department has relied on the information submitted by the Recipient in the Application as material and full and accurate representations of the intent and ability of the Recipient to complete the Project.

The records must be retained for at least three (3) years after the Termination Date of this contract. If any claim, litigation, or audit is started before the expiration of the three (3) year period, the records must be retained until all claims, litigation, or audit findings are resolved.

Subject to applicable confidentiality and security requirements, the Department and any other duly authorized official of the State of Nebraska will have access to and the right to examine and audit any of the Recipient's records pertaining to expenses funded with SBDF funds. The Department may monitor the progress of the Project at any or all of the following times: (1) at the start of the Project, (2) at closeout or termination of the Project, or (3) at such other times deemed reasonably necessary by the Department.

## §4.07 Designation of Officials to Execute Contract and Amendments.

The Director of the Department or their designee is the official authorized to execute this contract and any amendments to this contract on behalf of the Department.

The Mayor of the Recipient, or their designee, is the official authorized to execute this contract and any amendments to this contract on behalf of the Recipient.

Either party may request an amendment to this contract. Amendments will not be effective until mutually agreed to, in writing, by both parties.

### §4.08 Waivers in Writing; No Assignment of Interest; Severability.

No conditions or provisions of this contract can be waived unless approved by the Department in writing. The Department's failure to insist upon the strict performance of any provision of this contract, or failure to exercise any right based upon breach, will not constitute a waiver of any rights under this contract.

The Recipient will not assign any interest in this contract without the written consent of the Department.

If any provision under this contract or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity will not affect other provisions of this contract.

# §4.09 Entire Agreement; Binding Effect; Counterparts; Governing Law.

This instrument and any attachments, and those items incorporated by reference, contain the entire agreement between the parties.

This agreement will be binding upon and will inure to the benefit of the successors, assigns, and legal representatives of the parties.

This agreement and any amendment of this agreement may be signed in any number of counterparts; each of which will be considered an original, and all of which taken together will constitute one agreement or amendment, as the case may be.

This contractual obligation to verify work eligibility status for new employees physically performing services within the State of Nebraska also applies to any and all subcontractors utilized by the Recipient in performing under this contract. The Recipient will be responsible to the Department for enforcing this requirement with Recipient's subcontractors.

A failure by the Recipient to adhere to these requirements violates the statutory requirements in Neb. Rev. Stat. §4-114 and will be deemed a substantial breach of this contract which could result in the Department declaring Recipient to be in default on the contract.

### §4.14 Force Majeure.

Neither party shall be liable for any costs or damages resulting from its inability to perform any of its obligations under the contract due to a natural disaster or other similar event outside the control of and not the fault of the affected party ("Force Majeure Event"). A Force Majeure Event shall not constitute a breach of the contract. The party so affected shall immediately give notice to the other party of the Force Majeure Event.

The Department may grant relief from performance of the contract if the Recipient is prevented from performance by a Force Majeure Event. The burden of proof for the need for such relief shall rest upon the Recipient. To obtain release based on a Force Majeure Event, the Recipient shall file a written request for such relief with the Department.

Labor disputes with the impacted party's own employees will not be considered a Force Majeure Event and will not suspend performance requirements under the contract.

### §4.15 Notice.

Except as otherwise expressly specified herein, all notices, requests, or other communications shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given if delivered personally or mailed by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid and return receipt requested, to the parties at their respective addresses set forth in the Application, in this contract, or at such other addresses as may be specified in writing by either of the parties. All notices, requests, or communications shall be deemed effective upon personal delivery or seven (7) calendar days following deposit in the mail.

## §4.16 Registration with the Nebraska Secretary of State's Office.

The Recipient is required to comply with any applicable State of Nebraska statutory registration requirements pertaining to obtaining authority to transact business in the State of Nebraska and any other similar requirements.

### §4.17 Authorization of Project Publicity and Information Sharing.

Prior to announcing or referring to the Project or Project activities in news releases, press conferences, or other media, the Recipient will inform the Department and, if requested

### **ACCEPTANCE PROVISIONS.**

The parties acknowledge they have read and understand this contract, they agree to its provisions, and that it will be effective on the date when both parties have signed.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	RECIPIENT→ CITY OF FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA
By:	By:
(Director or Designee)	(Authorized Official)
	Anthony Nussbaum
(Typed or Printed Name)	(Typed or Printed Name)
	City Administrator
(Title)	(Title)
(Date)	(Date)



#### **REPORT TO MAYOR & COUNCIL PERSONS**

FROM ANTHONY NUSSBAUM

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

REGARDING

Operation of All-Terrain Vehicles, Utility Vehicles and

DATE

April 1, 2025

Golf Carts at Nighttime

On January 21, 2025, the City Council directed City Administration to investigate the ability to allow the operation of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), utility vehicles (UTVs), and golf carts between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

Currently, the Falls City ordinance permits the operation of these vehicle types only between sunrise and sunset, aligning with the requirements set forth in Nebraska State Statute 60-6,356 (enclosed). This statute mandates that any local ordinance regulating the operation of ATVs, UTVs, and golf carts must comply with state law.

Following a review of state statute and local regulations, it has been determined that the City's existing ordinance is in full compliance with Nebraska law. Any modification to allow nighttime operation of these vehicles would require legislative changes at the state level, as the current statute does not permit such an extension.

City Administration presents this information for City Council's consideration and direction on any further action regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Anthony Nussbaum

City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

Enc: NE State Statute 60-6,356

# 60-6,356. All-terrain vehicle; utility-type vehicle; operation; restrictions; city or village ordinance; county board resolution.

- (1) An all-terrain vehicle or a utility-type vehicle shall not be operated on any controlled-access highway with more than two marked traffic lanes. The crossing of any controlled-access highway with more than two marked traffic lanes shall not be permitted except as provided in subsections (9) and (10) of this section. Subsections (2), (3), and (5) through (8) of this section authorize and apply to operation of an all-terrain vehicle or a utility-type vehicle only on a highway other than a controlled-access highway with more than two marked traffic lanes.
- (2) An all-terrain vehicle or a utility-type vehicle may be operated in accordance with the operating requirements of subsection (3) of this section:
- (a) Outside the corporate limits of a city, village, or unincorporated village if incidental to the vehicle's use for agricultural purposes;
- (b) Within the corporate limits of a city or village if authorized by the city or village by ordinance adopted in accordance with this section; or
- (c) Within an unincorporated village if authorized by the county board of the county in which the unincorporated village is located by resolution in accordance with this section.
- (3) An all-terrain vehicle or a utility-type vehicle may be operated as authorized in subsection (2) of this section when such operation occurs only between the hours of sunrise and sunset. Any person operating an all-terrain vehicle or a utilitytype vehicle as authorized in subsection (2) of this section shall have a valid Class O operator's license or a farm permit as provided in section 60-4,126, shall have liability insurance coverage for the all-terrain vehicle or a utility-type vehicle while operating the all-terrain vehicle or a utility-type vehicle on a highway, and shall not operate such vehicle at a speed in excess of thirty miles per hour. The person operating the all-terrain vehicle or a utility-type vehicle shall provide proof of such insurance coverage to any peace officer requesting such proof within five days of such a request. When operating an all-terrain vehicle or a utility-type vehicle as authorized in subsection (2) of this section, the headlight and taillight of the vehicle shall be on and the vehicle shall be equipped with a bicycle safety flag which extends not less than five feet above ground attached to the rear of such vehicle. The bicycle safety flag shall be triangular in shape with an area of not less than thirty square inches and shall be day-glow in color.
- (4) All-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles may be operated without complying with subsection (3) of this section on highways in parades which have been authorized by the State of Nebraska or any department, board, commission, or political subdivision of the state.

- (5) The crossing of a highway other than a controlled-access highway with more than two marked traffic lanes shall be permitted by an all-terrain vehicle or a utility-type vehicle without complying with subsection (3) of this section only if:
- (a) The crossing is made at an angle of approximately ninety degrees to the direction of the highway and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing;
- (b) The vehicle is brought to a complete stop before crossing the shoulder or roadway of the highway;
- (c) The operator yields the right-of-way to all oncoming traffic that constitutes an immediate potential hazard;
- (d) In crossing a divided highway, the crossing is made only at an intersection of such highway with another highway; and
- (e) Both the headlight and taillight of the vehicle are on when the crossing is made.
- (6) All-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles may be operated outside the corporate limits of any municipality by electric utility personnel within the course of their employment in accordance with the operation requirements of subsection (3) of this section, except that the operation of the vehicle pursuant to this subsection need not be limited to the hours between sunrise and sunset.
- (7) A city or village may adopt an ordinance authorizing the operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles within the corporate limits of the city or village if the operation is in accordance with subsection (3) of this section. The city or village may place other restrictions on the operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles within its corporate limits.
- (8) A county board may adopt a resolution authorizing the operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles within any unincorporated village within the county if the operation is in accordance with subsection (3) of this section. The county may place other restrictions on the operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles within the unincorporated village.
- (9) Except as provided in subsection (10) of this section, the crossing of a controlled-access highway with more than two marked traffic lanes shall be permitted by a utility-type vehicle if the operation is in accordance with the operation requirements of subsection (3) of this section and if the following requirements are met:
  - (a) The crossing is made at an intersection that:

- (i) Is controlled by a traffic control signal; or
- (ii) For any intersection located outside the corporate limits of a city or village, is controlled by stop signs;
- (b) The crossing at such intersection is made in compliance with the traffic control signal or stop signs; and
  - (c) The crossing at such intersection is specifically authorized as follows:
- (i) If such intersection is located within the corporate limits of a city or village, by ordinance of such city or village;
- (ii) If such intersection is located within an unincorporated village, by resolution of the county board of the county in which such unincorporated village is located; or
- (iii) If such intersection is located outside the corporate limits of a city or village and outside any unincorporated village, by resolution of the county board of the county in which such intersection is located.
- (10) When the use of the all-terrain vehicle or utility-type vehicle is for an agricultural purpose, the crossing of a controlled-access highway with more than two marked traffic lanes shall be permitted if such vehicle is operated in accordance with subsection (3) of this section.

**Source:** Laws 1987, LB 80, § 2; Laws 1989, LB 114, § 1; Laws 1989, LB 285, § 138; R.S.Supp.,1992, § 60-2802; Laws 1993, LB 370, § 452; Laws 2007, LB307, § 1; Laws 2010, LB650, § 40; Laws 2015, LB122, § 1; Laws 2020, LB944, § 72.