

CONSIDER REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS/BIDS FOR AUDITING FIRMS

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

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Leyden to approve the proposal from HBE for a period of two years. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" F. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE 2026 RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS AS PUBLISHED IN THE FALLS CITY JOURNAL

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

REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL DESIGNATED LIQUOR LICENSE FOR MARCH 21, 2026 AT PRICHARD AUDITORIUM | ALYSSA FINCK

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

CONSIDER SOLICITATION FOR TREE MAINTENANCE RFP | BRIAR BURR - PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR

Following discussion, a motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Ferguson to approve the solicitation for tree maintenance RFP as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" F. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION - REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A motion was made by Council person K. Killingsworth and seconded by Council person Fouraker to enter into closed session at 6:23 pm to discuss the request for leave of absence to prevent the needless injury to the reputation of an individual who has not requested a public meeting. Attendees for the closed session included the Mayor, City Council Members, Chief of Police Baker, City Administrator Jorn, Deputy City Treasurer Stamper, Deputy City Clerk Flint, and Utility Superintendent Campbell. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" F. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council person Buckminster and seconded by Council person Ferguson to end the closed session at 6:31 pm and resume the regular meeting. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" F. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

No motion.

CLOSED SESSION - RECONCILIATION OF ACCOUNTS - FOR THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC INTEREST

A motion was made by Council person Buckminster and seconded by Council person Fouraker to enter into closed session at 6:31 pm for the protection of public interest to discuss the reconciliation of accounts. Attendees for the closed session included the Mayor, City Council Members, Chief of Police Baker, City Administrator Jorn, and Utility Superintendent Campbell. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" F. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Kaster to end the closed session at 6:45 pm and resume the regular meeting. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" F. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

No motion.

*THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:45 P.M.*

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 Council on March 2, 2026; 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 three copies 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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MAYOR

March 16, 2026

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Mayor Harkendorff called the meeting to order, and Clerk Jorn recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. Absent: None. 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 shown hereafter 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.

#### **STANDING REPORTS**

Standing reports from the City Administrator and Chief of Police were presented. No formal action was required.

#### **AGENDA APPROVAL FOR MARCH 16, 2026**

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" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" None. Motion carried.

#### **MINUTES APPROVAL FOR MARCH 2, 2026**

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

#### **CLAIMS APPROVAL FOR MARCH 17, 2026**

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

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2026**

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

#### **CEMETERY USE FOR ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION | SCOTT HOLLENS**

Public comments on the use of the Cemetery on West 14<sup>th</sup> Street for the construction of an electrical substation on the south lots were made by Scott Hollans, Ron Brown, and Bing Bindrum. Lucas Froeschl from Falls City EDGE spoke as well. No motion was made.

#### **CONSIDER REQUEST TO CLOSE THE BLOCK NORTH OF PRICHARD AUDITORIUM AND HAVE THE STREET SWEEPER CLEAN THE STREET TO PRESSURE TEST FIRE HOSES TO DETERMINE PASS/FAIL | ION MCQUEEN - FALLS CITY FIRE DEPT.**

Jon McQueen spoke on the matter. Following discussion, a motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Kaster to amend the request and approve the use of the Prichard Auditorium parking lot, barricades, and have the street sweeper clean the parking lot to allow for pressure testing. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" None. Motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2026-R109 TO REPEAL MANAGEMENT PENSION PLAN BENEFIT**

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

#### **APPROVAL OF 2026 HOUSING STUDY BY MARVIN PLANNING | LUCAS FROESCHL - FALLS CITY EDGE**

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

#### **APPROVAL TO TRANSFER 1205 HARLAN TO THE SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA LAND BANK | LUCAS FROESCHL - FALLS CITY EDGE**

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Fouraker to approve the transfer of 1205 Harlan to the Southeast Nebraska Land Bank. The Land Bank will pay the City taxes on the property. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" None. Motion carried.

#### **APPROVE CITY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK/TREASURER AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER TO THE SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA LAND BANK**

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

#### **APPROVE AND SIGN THE RESOLUTION 2026-R110 AND CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR THE GAS SUPPLY AGREEMENT FOR THE PEFA PROGRAM WITH CLAYTON ENERGY AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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

#### **APPROVAL CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND TENASKA | LUCAS FROESCHL - FALLS CITY EDGE**

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

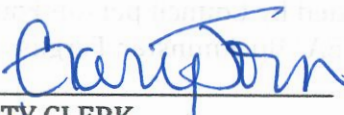
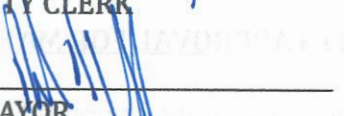
*THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:53 P.M.*

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done by Council on March 16, 2026; 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 three copies 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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April 6, 2026

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Mayor Harkendorff called the meeting to order, and Clerk Jorn recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Buckminster, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Ruiz. Absent: Ferguson, Leyden. 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 shown hereafter 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.

#### STANDING REPORTS

Standing reports from the City Administrator and Chief of Police were presented. No formal action was required.

#### AGENDA APPROVAL FOR APRIL 6, 2026

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

#### MINUTES APPROVAL FOR MARCH 16, 2026

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

#### CLAIMS APPROVAL FOR APRIL 7, 2026

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

#### PUBLIC HEARING- CONSIDER APPROVING CHICKEN PERMIT APPLICATION FOR 2203 CROOK STREET | LISA PATNODE

Mayor Harkendorff declared a public hearing open at 6:04 P.M. for the purpose of hearing public comment relating to the approval of a Chicken Permit Application for 2203 Crook Street. Mayor Harkendorff asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to comment. There was public comment. Mayor Harkendorff then declared the public hearing closed at 6:06 P.M.

#### CHICKEN PERMIT APPLICATION AT 2203 CROOK STREET | LISA PATNODE

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

#### PUBLIC HEARING- CONSIDER APPROVING CHICKEN PERMIT APPLICATION FOR 2201 HILAND AVENUE | HEATHER STANG

Mayor Harkendorff declared a public hearing open at 6:08 P.M. for the purpose of hearing public comment relating to the approval of a Chicken Permit Application for 2201 Hiland Avenue. Mayor Harkendorff asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to comment. There was no public comment. Mayor Harkendorff then declared the public hearing closed at 6:09 P.M.

#### CHICKEN PERMIT APPLICATION FOR 2201 HILAND AVENUE | HEATHER STANG

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

#### APPLICATION FOR A CLASS I LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE MANE ATTRACTION SALON & SPA AT 1801 CHASE STREET | SALLY MERZ

Mayor Harkendorff declared a public hearing open at 6:09 P.M. for the purpose of hearing public comment relating to the approval of a Class I Liquor License for The Mane Attraction Salon & Spa at 1801 Chase Street. Mayor Harkendorff asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to comment. Sally Merz spoke on the matter. Mayor Harkendorff then declared the public hearing closed at 6:10 P.M.

#### CLASS I LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE MANE ATTRACTION SALON & SPA AT 1801 CHASE STREET | SALLY MERZ