

March 3, 2025

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 3rd 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, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. Absent: Buckminster, F. Killingsworth. 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.

MAYOR PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Harkendorff proclaimed April 25, 2025 as Arbor Day in the City of Falls City and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands. Mayor Harkendorff applauds the commitment Girl Scouting has made to support the leadership development of America's girls and proudly proclaims the week of March 9-15, 2025 as Girl Scout Week.

AGENDA APPROVAL FOR MARCH 3, 2025

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Leyden to approve the agenda as amended by moving Item 10 to follow Item 3. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Buckminster, F. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVAL FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2025

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Ferguson to approve the minutes for February 18, 2025, as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Buckminster, F. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVAL FOR MARCH 4, 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, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Buckminster, F. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE OPERATION OF CONCESSION STANDS AT THE FIEDLER FAMILY BALL COMPLEX AND MOREHEAD FIELD WITH GIRL SCOUT TROOP 20566|PARKS DIRECTOR - BRIAR BURR

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

CALENDAR YEAR 2024 ANNUAL REPORT AND JANUARY 2025 MONTHLY REPORT OF THE SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA LAND BANK

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

PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICATION FOR A CLASS 1 LIQUOR LICENSE AT 1022 HARLAN STREET

Mayor Harkendorff declared a public hearing open at 6:17 P.M. Mayor Harkendorff then asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak in favor or opposition. There was no public comment. Mayor Harkendorff then declared the public hearing closed at 6:18 P.M.

APPLICATION FOR A CLASS 1 LIQUOR LICENSE AT 1022 HARLAN STREET|PALO BAIJO, LLC DBA EL CANELO MEXICAN RESTAURANT

A motion was made by Council member Leyden and seconded by Council person Fouraker to approve the application for the Class 1 Liquor License as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Buckminster, F. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICATION FOR AN ANIMAL PERMIT AT 2414 FULTON STREET TO PASTURE/STABLE ONE (1) KANGAROO

Mayor Harkendorff declared a public hearing open at 6:18 P.M. Mayor Harkendorff then asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak in favor or opposition. There was no public comment. Mayor Harkendorff then declared the public hearing closed at 6:20 P.M.

APPLICATION FOR AN ANIMAL PERMIT AT 2414 FULTON STREET TO PASTURE/STABLE ONE(1) KANGAROO|BRIAN LEMEROND

Applicant notified City Clerk on March 3, 2025, his intent to withdraw the application. The public hearing was held and Chief Baker discussed exotic animal ordinances that other cities have implemented.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS AS RECOMMENDED BY MAYOR HARKENDORFF

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

REQUEST FOR CLOSURE OF THE INTERSECTION AT 21ST AND HARLAN STREET ON JUNE 6, 2025|STEVE SMITH

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

REVIEW BID TABULATION, BID AWARD(S) AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF FARM & GROUND LEASES FOR LEASES EFFECTIVE MARCH 2025

A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Kaster to award leases for the West 14th Old Cemetery, Tree & Brush Site, Industrial Park and Rulo Water Treatment Site to James C. Fischer and to authorize execution of the leases. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Buckminster, F. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER 1 TOTALING \$2,300.00 FOR THE RURAL WORKFORCE HOUSING PROJECT AT 1612 FULTON STREET (FC PROJECT NO. 24-1014)

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

APPROPRIATION OF THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) FORD SUPER DUTY F600 TRUCKS AND PERTINENT HOOK-LIFE EQUIPMENT TOTALING \$262,113.46 FROM THE SOLID WASTE FUND INTO THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET|PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR - TREVOR CAMPBELL

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

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH JK ENERGY CONSULTING, INC. TOTALING \$22,000.00 FOR THE 2025 COST OF SERVICE AND RATE STUDY FOR ELECTRIC, WATER, SEWER AND GAS UTILITIES 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 Fouraker to approve the request as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Buckminster, F. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT WITH NEBRASKA RURAL GENERATION, LLC|PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR - TREVOR CAMPBELL

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

INSTALLATION OF THREE-WAY STOP SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF EAST 28TH STREET & MCLEAN STREET|CITY COUNCIL PERSON - KENNY KILLINGSWORTH

A discussion was held and no action was taken.

RESOLUTION TO ASSESS UNPAID VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION FEES FOR 923 EAST 11TH STREET|BUILDING INSPECTOR - BLAKE BUCKMINSTER

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

RESOLUTION TO ASSESS UNPAID VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION FEES FOR 2411 HARLAN STREET|BUILDING INSPECTOR - BLAKE BUCKMINSTER

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

RESOLUTION TO ASSESS UNPAID VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION FEES FOR 920 MCLEAN STREET|BUILDING INSPECTOR - BLAKE BUCKMINSTER

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

RESOLUTION TO ASSESS UNPAID VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION FEES FOR 1701 WILSON STREET|BUILDING INSPECTOR - BLAKE BUCKMINSTER

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

RESOLUTION TO ASSESS UNPAID VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION FEES FOR 2212 HILAND AVENUE|BUILDING INSPECTOR - BLAKE BUCKMINSTER

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

RESOLUTION TO ASSESS UNPAID VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION FEES FOR 2101 BARADA STREET|BUILDING INSPECTOR - BLAKE BUCKMINSTER

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

RESOLUTION TO ASSESS UNPAID VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION FEES FOR 918 FULTON STREET|BUILDING INSPECTOR - BLAKE BUCKMINSTER

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

CONCRETE ENTRANCE ON SOUTH SIDE AND EAST STAIRS OF PRICHARD AUDITORIUM|CITY COUNCILPERSON - SHAWN FOURAKER

A discussion was held and no action was taken.

EMERGENCY SIRENS (4 TOTAL) IN FALLS CITY|CITY COUNCILPERSON - SHAWN FOURAKER


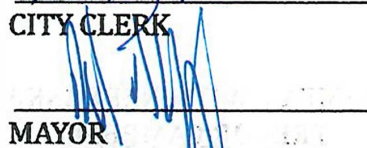
A discussion was held and no action was taken.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:18pm

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 3, 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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MAYOR