

**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

**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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April 7, 2025

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 7th day of April 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: 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 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 APRIL 7, 2025**

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Ferguson to approve the agenda as amended by moving Item 8 to follow Item 4. 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 17, 2025**

A motion was made by Council person F. Killingsworth and seconded by Council person Leyden to approve the minutes for March 17, 2025, 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 APRIL 8, 2025**

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Buckminster 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.

**MONTHLY REPORT OF THE SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA LAND BANK**

A motion was made by Council member Leyden and seconded by Council member K. Killingsworth to approve the monthly report of the Southeast Nebraska Land Bank 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.

**REQUEST TO CLOSE THE 2500 BLOCK OF CHASE STREET FROM 7:30AM TO 12:00 PM ON MAY 5, 2025 FOR THE FARMS 2 YOU PROGRAM | UNL EXTENSION RICHARDSON COUNTY - KAYTLYN KENNEDY**

A motion was made by Council member Leyden and seconded by Council member Ferguson to approve the request 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.

**RESPONSE PLAN FOR ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION TEAM OPERATIONS**

Nussbaum presented a written report providing a summary of events and plan for continued service. Public provided comment. A motion was made by Council member F. Killingsworth and seconded by Council member K. Killingsworth to enter into closed session for the discussion of response plan for Electric Distribution Team Operations. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Kaster. "NAY" Buckminster, Ferguson, Leyden, Ruiz. "ABSENT" None. Mayor Harkendorff voted "NAY" breaking the tie. Motion failed.

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

A motion was made by Council member Leyden and seconded by Council person Ferguson to approve the appointments recommended by Mayor Harkendorff 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.

**APPOINTMENT OF ZACHARY ADAMS AS A POLICE OFFICER EFFECTIVE APRIL 27, 2025 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE POLICE & FIRE HIRING BOARD AND MAYOR HARKENDORFF**

A motion was made by Council member F. Killingsworth and seconded by Council person K. Killingsworth to approve the appointment of Zachary Adams as police officer as recommended by Mayor Harkendorff. 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.