

October 6, 2025

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 6th day of October 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 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 Mayor, City Administrator, Chief of Police, and the Southeast Nebraska Land Bank were presented. No formal action was required.

AGENDA APPROVAL FOR OCTOBER 6, 2025

A motion was made by Council person F. Killingsworth and seconded by Council person Ferguson 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 SEPTEMBER 29, 2025

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person K. Killingsworth to approve the minutes for September 29, 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 OCTOBER 7, 2025

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person K. Killingsworth to approve the claims for October 7, 2025. 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 FOR A SPECIAL DESIGNATED LIQUOR (SDL) LICENSE FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2025, AT PRICHARD AUDITORIUM

An SDL application from Successful Ventures LLC, was submitted to the City Clerk for local governing body review. A motion was made by Council person Leyden 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" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" None. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF JOHN SAMPLE TO THE FALLS CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AS RECOMMENDED BY MAYOR HARKENDORFF

A motion was made by Council person F. Killingsworth and seconded by Council person K. Killingsworth to appoint John Sample to the Falls City Volunteer Fire Department. 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 BLOCK OF LANE STREET FROM 19TH TO 26TH STREET ON OCTOBER 31, 2025 FROM 5 TO 9 PM FOR TRICK-OR-TREAT EVENT

Holly Westengaard of 2421 Lane Street provided a street closure request for consideration. A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person F. Killingsworth to approve the street closure as requested. 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.

REVIEW BUDGET COMMITTEE ROLES/RESPONSIBILITIES AND QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULE

Council President Leyden proposed a quarterly meeting schedule for the budget committee to review current budget and begin planning for next fiscal budget. City Administrator Nussbaum stated that defining roles and responsibilities was part of the management statement for the fiscal year 2023-2024 audit finding response and request the budget committee develop roles/responsibilities for clarity. A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person F. Killingsworth for the budget committee to meet quarterly beginning November 12, 2025 at 4 PM. 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.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A LABOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FALLS CITY AND THE COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA (CWA) AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CWA NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE

A CWA ratified agreement was presented for review. Upon review, a motion was made by Council person F. Killingsworth and seconded by Council person Ruiz to authorize execution of the agreement. 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.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A LABOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FALLS CITY AND THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS (IBEW) LOCAL 1536 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE IBEW NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE

An IBEW ratified agreement was presented for review. Upon review, a motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person F. Killingsworth to authorize execution of the agreement. 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.

CONSIDER RENEWAL OF INSURANCE WITH MILLER-FARRELL FOR ENTERPRISE OPERATIONS AND BOILER/MACHINERY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026

A motion was made by Council person Buckminster and seconded by Council person F. Killingsworth to authorize execution of the renewal 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 6:10 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 Mayor Harkendorff and Council on October 6, 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 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

October 20, 2025

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 20th day of October 2025, at 6:00 o' clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Council President Leyden called the meeting to order, and Clerk Nussbaum recorded the minutes of the meeting. Mayor Harkendorff was absent from the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. Absent: Buckminster, K. 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 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 OCTOBER 20, 2025

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Kaster 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, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Buckminster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVAL FOR OCTOBER 6, 2025

A motion was made by Council person F. Killingsworth and seconded by Council person Kaster to approve the minutes for October 6, 2025, as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Buckminster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVAL FOR OCTOBER 21, 2025

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Kaster to approve the claims for October 21, 2025, as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Buckminster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

Nussbaum informed the governing body that the Treasurers report was not yet finalized due to time constraints and short staffing. A request was made to table the item until the next regular meeting, however the report would be completed before the end of the week and submitted to council members for review. A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Ruiz to table the September 2025 Treasurers Report to the next regular meeting contingent upon council receiving the finalized report by the end of the week. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Buckminster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO UTILIZE 1506 STONE STREET PROPERTY ON NOVEMBER 28, 2025, AND FOR TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF STONE STREET FROM 15TH TO 18TH STREET ON THE SAME DAY FROM 5 TO 8 PM FOR THE LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE EVENT

A written request was provided by Falls City Chamber & main Street. Upon review, a motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Leyden 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, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Buckminster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

CONSIDER A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO UNION PACIFIC FOR THE UNION PACIFIC AND NORFOLK SOUTHERN MERGER

A written request for a letter of support was provided by David Black of Union Pacific. Upon review, a motion was made by Council person F. Killingsworth and seconded by Council person Ruiz to authorize providing a letter of support as requested. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Buckminster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

FALLS CITY EDGE QUARTERLY REPORT FOR QUARTER 3 OF 2025

Falls City EDGE Director, Lucas Froeschl, presented the Falls City EDGE quarterly report for 2025. No formal action was required.

CONSIDER AN INDUSTRIAL PARK LISTING AGREEMENT

Falls City EDGE Director, Lucas Froeschl, presented a listing agreement to formally list the city owned industrial lots with local relators. A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Kaster to approve the listing agreement as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Buckminster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried.