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MAYOR

November 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 November 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, K. Killingsworth, F. 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 and Chief of Police were presented. No formal action was required.

AGENDA APPROVAL FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2025

A motion was made by Council person Leyden 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, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVAL FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2025

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

CLAIMS APPROVAL FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2025

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

TREASURERS REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2025

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING NON-UNION WAGE SCALES AND BENEFIT ADJUSTMENTS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 12, 2025

Council person Buckminster spoke on behalf of the Non-Union/Management Negotiation Committee consisting of himself and Council persons Leyden, Kaster and Ruiz. City Administrator Nussbaum submitted a written report and presented the resolution for consideration as recommended by the Non-Union/Management Negotiation Committee. Upon review, a motion was made by Council person Fouraker and seconded by Council person F. Killingsworth to amend the presented resolution by reducing the FY2026 hourly equivalent wages of the City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer (General Manager of Operations) from \$65.00 to \$55.29, the Chief of Police from \$53.85 to \$51.92, the Public Works Director/Utility Superintendent from \$62.50 to \$53.85; and striking the FY2027 and FY2028 wage schedule for all listed positions. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth "NAY" Buckminster, Ferguson, Leyden, Ruiz. Mayor Harkendorff elected to not cast a vote to break the tie. Motion failed. Upon failure of that motion, a motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Buckminster to adopt the resolution presented by the Non-Union/Management Negotiation Committee. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Leyden "NAY" Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Ruiz. Motion failed. No further action was taken.

CONSIDER APPLICATION TO USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,452.22 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A FULLY EQUIPPED 2026 DODGE DURANGO PURSUIT AWD POLICE CRUISER

Mayor Harkendorff declared a public hearing open at 6:48 P.M. Chief Baker presented the proposed grant application. 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 6:49 P.M. A motion was made by Council person K. Killingsworth and seconded by Council person Kaster to adopt the resolution as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF NICHOLAS AITKEN AS A POLICE OFFICER EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 18, 2025

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

2026 ANNUAL APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

A letter detailing officer elections officers was provided by the Falls City Volunteer Fire Department. Upon review, A motion was made by Council person F. Killingsworth and seconded by Council person Ruiz to approve the appointment of Matt Beer as Fire Chief, Jon McQueen as First Assistant Chief and Tim Daniels as Second Assistant Chief. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

AGREEMENT FOR ENGAGEMENT OF PREPARATION OF ADJUSTING JOURNAL ENTRIES

Administrator Nussbaum submitted a written report in addition to an agreement for services. Upon review, a motion was made by Council person Ferguson 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, K. Killingsworth, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION FOR THE SIGNING OF THE 2025 YEAR END CERTIFICATION OF CITY STREET SUPERINTENDENT

A resolution was presented to be executed as recommended by the Board of Public Works. Upon review, a motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Buckminster to adopt the resolution and authorize execution of the year-end certification. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF BRIAN FRIEDRICHSEN, CLASS A SUPERINTENDENT'S LICENSE S-1704 & ENGINEER'S LICENSE 17653, AS THE CITY STREET SUPERINTENDENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026 BY MUNICIPAL CONTRACT

A recommendation of appointment and cost of services agreement was submitted by the Board of Public Works. A motion was made by Council person Kaster and seconded by Council person Buckminster to appoint Brian Friedrichsen, Class A Superintendent's License S-1704 & Engineer's License 17653, as the City Street Superintendent for Calendar Year 2026 by municipal contract. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. Motion carried.


CONSIDER AN AGREEMENT WITH SEL ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC. TOTALING \$98,605.00 FOR THE POWER PLANT SCADA CONTROLS UPGRADE PROJECT

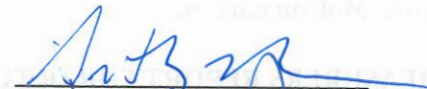

An agreement for services was provided for review and approval as recommended by the Board of Public Works. Upon review, a motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Kaster to authorize execution of the agreement. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:56 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 November 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 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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November 19, 2025

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 19th day of November 2025, at 7:00 o' clock P.M. Council met in special 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, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. Absent: Kaster. 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. Minutes of the regular meeting held on November 17, 2025 was made available for public inspection at the meeting. 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.

RESOLUTION CONSIDERING NON-UNION WAGE SCALES AND BENEFIT ADJUSTMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026, 2027 AND 2028

City Administrator Nussbaum provided a verbal report. During the report, two wage scale options were presented for the City Council's review. The first option was for the Council to reconsider the wage resolution recommended by the Non-Union/Management Negotiation Committee, which had previously been submitted for consideration at the regular City Council meeting held on November 17, 2025. The second option presented was to consider the wage scale proposal offered by Councilperson Fouraker at the November 17, 2025 meeting, with the added condition of providing premium pay to exempt employees.

Upon discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Ferguson and seconded by Councilperson Leyden to adopt the resolution considered at the November 3rd meeting. Although a resolution with a similar title had been considered on November 3rd, the intent of the motion, as reflected in the materials provided and discussed, was to act upon the resolution submitted at the November 17th meeting titled "Approving Non-Union Wage Scales and Benefit Adjustments Effective October 12, 2025." Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth. "Absent" Kaster. Motion carried.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:33 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 November 19, 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 (3) 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