

May 20, 2026

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 20th day of May 2026, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday, as the meeting originally scheduled for Monday was postponed to Wednesday at 6:00 PM by Mayor Harkendorff due to the threat of severe weather. Mayor Harkendorff was absent. President Leyde called the meeting to order, Clerk Jorn recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Buckminster, Fouraker, Ferguson, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden. Absent: Ruiz. 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. President Leyden 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 was presented. No formal action was required.

AGENDA APPROVAL FOR MAY 20, 2026

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

MINUTES APPROVAL FOR MAY 4, 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, Fouraker, Ferguson, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden. "NAY" None. "Absent" Ruiz. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVAL FOR MAY 19, 2026

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

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR APRIL 2026

A motion was made by Council person Fouraker and seconded by Council person K. Killingsworth to approve the Treasurer's Report for April 2026 as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Fouraker, Ferguson, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden. "NAY" None. "Absent" Ruiz. Motion carried.

MOU BETWEEN FALLS CITY RECREATION, INC. AND THE CITY OF FALLS CITY | FALLS CITY RECREATION, INC.

Derrick Leyden spoke for Summer Recreation. A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person F. Killingsworth to approve the MOU between the City and Summer Recreation. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Fouraker, Ferguson, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth. "NAY" None. "Abstain" Leyden. "Absent" Ruiz. Motion carried.

PROPOSAL FOR UPDATING PARKING BAN ON SIDE STREETS | VINCENT & CARLA BEHRENS

Vincent Behrens spoke in favor of updating the existing parking ban from a 24-Hour parking rule to a 7-Day standard

rule. Ron Kelly and Bing Bindrum spoke against this update. The action died due to lack of motion.

REQUEST TO USE THE CITY LOT NORTH OF THE LIBRARY AT 15TH AND STONE STREET FOR AN EVENT FOR LEMONADE DAYS | AMBER HOLLE – CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTOR

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

RECOMMENDATION FROM BOPW FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2000 DITCH WITCH 920L DIRECTION DRILL AND 2000 BELSHE DIRECTIONAL DRILL TRAILER WITH MUD MIXER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000.00 FROM SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA COMMUNICATIONS, INC | TREVOR CAMPBELL – BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Fouraker to approve the purchase of the Directional Drill for \$30,000.00 from SNC, Inc. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Fouraker, Ferguson, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden. "NAY" None. "Absent" Ruiz. Motion carried.

LSLI SRF LOAN PREAPPLICATION | BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

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

ESTIMATE FROM NEBRASKA COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT FOR AN UNDERGROUND LOCATOR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,186.00 | TREVOR CAMPBELL – BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

A motion was made by Council person Fouraker and seconded by Council person K. Killingsworth to approve the locator bid for \$21,186.00. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Fouraker, Ferguson, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden. "NAY" None. "Absent" Ruiz. Motion carried.

RECORDS DESTRUCTION LIST

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

UTILITY BILLING, GENERAL LEDGER, & PAYROLL SOFTWARE

Brad Griffen, Kevin Malone, and Megan Stamper spoke. A motion was made by Council person Buckminster and seconded by Council person F. Killingsworth to approve the purchase of Power Manager and PayCom. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Fouraker, Ferguson, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden. "NAY" None. "Absent" Ruiz. Motion carried.

OFFER OF \$340,000 FOR HOUSE AT 1612 FULTON

A motion was made by Council person Fouraker and seconded by Council person F. Killingsworth to accept the offer of \$340,000 for the house at 1612 Fulton. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Fouraker, Ferguson, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden. "NAY" None. "Absent" Ruiz. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION- PROPERTY NEGOTIATION- TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S INTEREST

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person F. Killingsworth to enter into closed session at 6:47 pm to discuss a property negotiation to protect the public’s interest. Attendees for the closed session included City Council Members, Chief of Police Baker, City Administrator Jorn, Deputy City Treasurer Stamper. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: " YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden. "NAY" None. "Absent" Ruiz. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council person Buckminster and seconded by Council person Fouraker to end the closed session at 7:02 pm and resume the regular session. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: " YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden. "NAY" None. "Absent" Ruiz. Motion carried.

No motion was made.

CLOSED SESSION- PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Council person Buckminster and seconded by Council person F. Killingsworth to enter into closed session at 7:03 pm to discuss personnel. Attendees for the closed session included City Council Members, Chief of Police Baker, City Administrator Jorn, Deputy City Treasurer Stamper. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: " YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden. "NAY" None. "Absent" Ruiz. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Buckminster to end the closed session at 7:18 pm and resume the regular session. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: " YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden. "NAY" None. "Absent" Ruiz. Motion carried.

No motion was made.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:18 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 May 20, 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 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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