

September 21, 2026

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 21st day of September 2026, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. Council met in Regular Session. Mayor Harkendorff 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, 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 copies in the room where the meeting was being held.

STANDING REPORTS

A report was given by City Administrator that starting tomorrow the office will have two employees out for personal leave for the next week. The office had been closing from noon to 1p.m. instead of staggering employees through lunch periods which the staff likes. The audit was submitted to the state auditors of public accounts, they accepted it and the state paid the city highway allocation funds from May through September. The auditors did upcharge the city for extra time on the audit. City staff are doing the janitorial service for the office for CTO pay. There were two claims discussed, Watts Electric for the downtown project this is their final invoice and JEO who had an overrun on project management that increased their invoice by \$62,500 after negotiations. There are several vacancies on committees that we are looking to fill.

APPROVAL CONSENT RESOLUTION FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

WHEREAS, certain business of the City Council (Council) of the City of Falls City (City) transpires on a regular and routine basis or is not of controversial nature; and *WHEREAS*, roll call votes on each individual issue greatly extend the meeting time. *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY* the City Council that in the interest of economizing time, yet complying with the Public Meeting Laws of the State of Nebraska, which require roll call voting, the following issues are hereby consolidated in this Consent Resolution: 1. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY* the Council that the agenda for September 21, 2026 meeting is hereby approved. 2. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY* the Council that the minutes from the September 9, 2026 and September 21, 2026 Special meeting are hereby approved. 3. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY* the Council that the claims for September 21, 2026 meeting is hereby approved. 4. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY* the Council that the police report for August is hereby approved. 5. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY* the Council that the treasurer report for August is hereby approved. 6. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY* the Council that the Consent Resolution for September 21, 2026 is hereby approved.

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person K. Killingsworth to approve the Consent Resolution 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.

FINAL READING – ORDINANCE 2026-102 TO REGULATE THE USE AND OPERATION OF BICYCLES, E-BIKES, SCOOTERS, E-SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDS, E-SKATEBOARDS, HOVERBOARDS AND SKATES

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person F. Killingsworth to approve the final reading of Ordinance 2026-102. 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.

PUBLIC HEARING 2026-2027 BUDGET AND SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

Mayor Harkendorff opened the public hearing at 6:04. No one from the public wished to be heard. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:06.

RESOLUTION 2026-R114 TO APPROVE 2026-2027 BUDGET AND SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

A motion was made by Council person F. Killingsworth and seconded by Council person Fouraker to approve the Resolution 2026-R114. 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 STOP SIGNS AT 23RD AND CHASE AND 23RD AND STONE STREETS

Eve Seeba spoke. A motion was made by Council person F. Killingsworth and seconded by Council person Fouraker to approve replacing the yield signs with stop signs at these locations. 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.

RWHF PROGRAM LOAN FOR \$158,000

Adam Bek spoke. A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Fouraker to approve RWHF loan in the amount of \$158,000. 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.

INTERNAL CONTROL POLICY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Fouraker to approve internal control policy for financial reporting. 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.

IEO AMENDMENT NO. 1 FOR \$62,500 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOPW

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Buckminster to approve amendment No. 1 for \$62,500. 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 USE STREETS FOR HOMECOMING PARADE ON OCTOBER 2, 2026

Ashleigh Eickhoff spoke. A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person F. Killingsworth to approve request to use streets for homecoming parade. 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 6:21 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 September 21, 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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