

APRIL 21, 2025 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Calhoun, Nebraska, was held in open and public session at 7:00, on Monday, April 21, 2025, at the library/City Council chambers, 110 S 14th St, Fort Calhoun, NE.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication, said form of notice being a designated method for giving notice, an affidavit of publication being attached to these minutes.

Advance notice of this meeting was also given to the Mayor and all Council Members. The availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council Members.

Please note that the meeting minutes are not approved until the next regular City Council meeting.

On roll call, the following Council Members answered present: Nick Schuler, John Kelly, and Kris Richardson. Council Member Bob Priksat was absent.

Mayor Robinson 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 in the room where the meeting was being held.

Mayor Robinson led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

With a quorum present, Mayor Robinson presided, and the clerk recorded the proceedings.

Member Schuler made a motion seconded by member Kelly to approve the following consent agenda: *March 17, 2025, City Council minutes; Treasures Report for March; April 3, 2025 Park Committee minutes; March 31, 2025 Enhancement Committee minutes; Maintenance Report; March 2025 Washington County Sheriff's Statistics.* With members Kelly, Richardson, and Schuler voting "Aye", motion carried.

Mayor Robinson presented the April bills. Motion by Schuler second by Richardson to approve the following bills: ABE'S TRASH SERVICE, INC. - 325.75 - SER, ACCESS SYATEMS LEASING - 392.18 - SER, AFLAC - 90.36, 16.25, BOMGAARS - 282.89 - SUP, CITY OF BLAIR - 179.00 - TRNG, 3631.33 - SER, COX BUSINESS - 526.35 - UTL, CONOCO FLEET - 581.36 - FUEL, CUMMINS SALES AND SERVICE - 530.50 - SER, EFTPS - 1641.36, 383.86, 1065.33 - TAX, EMBRIS GROUP, LLC - 1262.50 - PROF, 2616.25 - PROF, EMC INSURANCE - 807.22 - AUDIT, ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP - 74.55 - SER, 105.45 - SER, FAMILY DOLLAR 33140 - 100.00 - EXP, GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT CORP. - 150.00 - EXP, HOWARD D. THOMPSON AGENCY - 1517.00 - INS, IDEAL PURE WATER - 26.00 - SER, JDW MIDWEST, LLC - 637.50 - SER, JEO CONSULTING GROUP, INC. - 840.00 - PROF, 2100.00 - PROF, KAMB & C ENTERPRISES - 67.93 - SER, M.U.D. - 228.98 - UTL, MUTUAL OF OMAHA - 18.00 - INS, NE DEPT OF RAV-LOTTERY TAX - 1234.00 - TAX, NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENV LAB - 278.00 - TEST, NE DEPT OF REVENUE - 436.82 - TAX, NE SALES TAX - 2812.77 - TAX, O.P.P.D. - 164.48, 3772.86 - UTL, ODEY'S INC. - 11100.00 - CAPIMP, PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER N. R. D. - 7767.52 - UTL, 1172.98 - UTL, 7176.57 - UTL, 1342.46 - UTL, POSTMASTER - 210.00 - EXP, 350.00 - EXP, TALBOT LAW OFFICE - 927.50 - PROF, THE AMERICAN FUNDS GROUP - 1372.22 - BENE, VERIZON WIRELESS - 133.82 - EXP, VISA - 1106.69 - EXP, WASHINGTON CO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - 5000.00 - EXP, WASHINGTON COUNTY TREASURER - 1248.13 - TAX, 680.00 - TAX, YOUNG & WHITE LAW OFFICES - 1563.90 - PROF, Total - 69,550.20; with Schuler, Kelly, and Richardson voting "Aye", motion carried.

Ken Mar & Lee Cordell with Habitat for Humanity to discuss Rock the Block in Fort Calhoun on Saturday, April 26th. The event will kick off at Cherry Hill. This is the second time doing this in Fort Calhoun with 16 projects in 2023. WCB, WCCF, Cargill, MCHHS are sponsoring this year. Volunteers are always needed.

The bid proposal from Core & Main for AMI upgrade for \$108,448.75 was discussed and possible approval was tabled for next month.

Lucas Billesbach gave an update on the West Monroe Paving District project. Tree clearing is complete. Utility locates by OPPD has been delayed a little due to storms. Contractor still plans to begin work early June.

Member Schuler made a motion seconded by member Kelly to approve the award recommendation of M's Contracting bid for \$66,352.72 for the Bett's Circle Drainage Repairs project. Four bids were received and one opened below cost estimate but the contractor was not on the bid list. The language in the bid invitation states that bid documents need to be obtained from Embris. Lucas recommends rejecting the low bid and awarding second lowest to preserve integrity of bid process. With members Richardson, Schuler, and Kelly voting "Aye", motion carried.

Resolution 2025-2 – Traffic Control - Remove Stop Sign was introduced. Mayor Robinson said that he received a request to remove the stop sign on Clay Street. Council discussed it and the public commented. Died due to lack of motion.

Member Kelly made a motion seconded by member Schuler to close 15th Street from Monroe Street to Court Street on April 26th from 8:00-1:00 for Rock the Block. With members Kelly, Richardson, and Schuler voting "Aye", motion carried.

Member Schuler made a motion seconded by member Kelly to change the Contractor's name for the City's Keno Lottery from Fort Calhoun Lottery, Inc. to Hangout at the Horn, LLC. With members Schuler, Kelly, and Richardson voting "Aye", motion carried.

After a vote, Mayor Robinson stated for the record, the motion was made, seconded and carried for the council to go into closed session, necessary for the protection of the public interest, to discuss property negotiations at 7:40 p.m.

Mayor Robinson declared the meeting in open session at 8:16 p.m. No action was taken.

Following a motion and vote, Mayor Robinson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Mitch Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST: Alicia Koziol, City Clerk