

AUGUST 18, 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, August 18, 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.

In accordance with Section 84-1412 sub section eight (8) of the Reissue Revised State Statutes of the State of Nebraska 1943, as amended, one copy of all reproducible written material to be discussed is available to the public at this meeting for examination and copying.

Mayor Robinson stated persons wishing to address the Governing Body on an agenda item shall wait to be identified by the Presiding Officer; then, after stating their name and address for the record, may proceed to speak. No person, other than the Council and the person having the floor will be permitted to enter any discussion without the permission of the Presiding Officer. Remarks shall be limited to five minutes unless extended or limited and repetitive or cumulative remarks may be limited or excluded by the Presiding Officer.

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: Bob Prieksat, Nick Schuler, John Kelly, and Kris Richardson.

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 Prieksat made a motion seconded by member Schuler to approve/accept the following consent agenda: *July 21, 2025, City Council minutes; August 4, 2025 Special City Council minutes; July 14, 2025 Planning Commission minutes; July 2025 Washington County Sheriff's Statistics.* With members Kelly, Richardson, Prieksat, and Schuler voting "Aye", motion carried.

The Treasures Report for July be separated. Member Prieksat asked the Treasurer, Katie Knight, for clarification on a couple funds. Member Schuler made a motion seconded by member Prieksat for approval of the report. With members Schuler, Kelly, Richardson, and Prieksat voting "Aye", motion carried.

The Maintenance Report and August 7, 2025 Park Committee minutes were separated from the consent agenda. Member Prieksat asked questions and Corban Helmandollar, Maintenance Supervisor, answered them.

Mayor Robinson presented the August bills. Motion by Prieksat second by Schuler to approve the following bills: A P PLUMBING, LLC - 560.00 - SER, ABE'S TRASH SERVICE, INC. - 375.75 - SER, ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING - 394.01 - SER, BARCO - 720.40 - SUP, BOK FINANCIAL - 3170.00 - PYMT, BOMGAARS - 43.94 - SUP, BRIAN'S TREE SERVICE 2600.00 - SER, 24000.00 - SER, BUDDIES RENTALS - 139.00 - EXP, CENTRAL TAX & BOOKKEEPING SERVICES - 120.00 - SER, CITY OF BLAIR - 3812.39 - UTL, CONOCO FLEET - 642.36 - FUEL, COX BUSINESS - 526.15 - UTL, DAVE WESTERHOLT - 300.00 - EXP, EMBRIS GROUP, LLC - 4657.50 - PROF, 4038.75 - PROF, ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP - 83.17 - SER, 288.33 - SER, IDEAL PURE WATER - 40.00 - SER, JDW MIDWEST, LLC - 523.92 - SER, JEO CONSULTING GROUP, INC. - 741.25 - PROF, 575.00 - PROF, 1920.00 - PROF, KAMB & C ENTERPRISES - 67.93 - SER, 150.00 - SER, 150.00 - SER, 500.00 - SER, 500.00 - SER, LEAGUE OF NEBR. MUNICIPALITIES - 5594.00 - , M.U.D. - 50.00 - UTL, 50.00 - UTL, NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENV LAB - 30.00 - TEST, NEBRASKA GAME & PARKS - 400.00 - SER, NEBRASKA SALES TAX - 2908.27 - TAX, O.P.P.D. - 4140.29 - UTL, OMAHA

NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY - 1505.00 - SER, ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC -68.41 - SER, 57.24 - SER, OUTDOOR RECREATION PRODUCTS - 120.38 - EXP, PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER N. R. D. - 16584.94 - UTL, 1841.98 - UTL, POSTMASTER - 223.87 - EXP, TALBOT LAW OFFICE - 455.00 - PROF, THE SIGN DEPOT - 1151.68 - SER, UTILITIES SECTION-LEAGUE - 612.00 - TRNG, UTILITIES SERVICE GROUP - 900.00 - SER, VERIZON WIRELESS - 119.73 - EXP, VISA - 3007.19 - EXP, WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF - 7350.04 - SER, YOUNG & WHITE LAW OFFICES - 1377.75 - PROF, Total - 100187.62; with Richardson, Prieksat, Schuler, and Kelly voting "Aye", motion carried.

Member Schuler made a motion seconded by member Kelly to approve the request from Fort Calhoun Schools for a special firework display after the football game for homecoming on September 19th. With members Kelly, Richardson, Prieksat, and Schuler voting "Aye", motion carried.

Member Schuler made a motion seconded by member Richardson to approve Change Order No. 1 for the 2023 Monroe Street Reconstruction with ME Collins Contracting in the amount of \$24,815.70. They had to work through utility conflicts, site issues and mailbox concerns. Grading is expected to start this work. With members Schuler, Kelly, Richardson, and Prieksat voting "Aye", motion carried.

Member Schuler made a motion seconded by member Kelly to approve Pay Application No. 1 for the 2023 Monroe Street Reconstruction with ME Collins Contracting in the amount of \$94,388.86. With members Prieksat, Schuler, Kelly, and Richardson voting "Aye", motion carried.

Member Schuler made a motion seconded by member Richardson to approve Change Order No. 2 for the 2023 Monroe Street Reconstruction with ME Colling Contracting in the amount of \$13,376.70. With members Richardson, Prieksat, Schuler, and Kelly voting "Aye", motion carried.

Cameron with Embris Group provided an update on the Transportation Alternatives (TAP) Grant Trail Project. The project is being funded by NDOT (90%) and is completely in their control and on their timeline. There will be additional public engagement in 2026.

Corban discussed the storm damage from Saturday, August 9th. Mayor Robinson publicly thanked Ben Ruthven, Joshua Freivald, and George Taylor for their help with clean-up along with many others that showed up to help their neighbors and community.

Member Prieksat made a motion seconded by member Schuler to approve the transfer \$50,000 from Building fund to General fund to cover costs for the storm-related tree removal and repairs. With members Kelly, Richardson, Prieksat, and Schuler voting "Aye", motion carried.

Mayor Robinson made a recommendation to appoint Kris Richardson, Nick Schuler, Mark & Heather Gochanour, Sara Ruthven and John Linton to a Campground Committee. Mayor Robinson said they will be looking at the city land by the wastewater plant. Member Prieksat said that we shouldn't spend any money and a campground is not a high priority. He also said we should look at the land and see what best use for it is. Member Schuler said they will be looking at where the best spot for a campground is in the city and it doesn't need to be exclusive to that property. With members Kelly, Richardson, and Schuler voting "Aye", and member Prieksat voting "Nay", motion carried.

Following a motion and vote, Mayor Robinson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Mitch Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST: Alicia Koziol, City Clerk