

DECEMBER 15, 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, December 15, 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.

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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 Schuler made a motion seconded by member Kelly to approve/accept the following consent agenda: *November 17, 2025, City Council minutes; Treasurers Report for November; November 2025 Washington County Sheriff's Statistics.* With members Richardson, Prieksat, Schuler, Kelly voting "Aye", motion carried.

Maintenance Report was separated. Member Prieksat asked about some code violations under the Code Enforcement section. Member Kelly made a motion seconded by member Prieksat for approval of the minutes with the amendment. With members Kelly, Richardson, Prieksat, Schuler voting "Aye", motion carried.

Mayor Robinson presented the December bills. Motion by Schuler second by Richardson to approve the following bills: ABE'S TRASH SERVICE, INC. - 375.75 - SER, ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING - 392.18 - SER, BLAIR ACE HARDWARE - 90.88 - SUP, BOBCAT OF OMAHA - 189.74 - EXP, BOK FINANCIAL - 6100.00 - PYMT, 187391.25 - PYMT, BOMGAARS - 794.28 - SUP, CLINE WILLIAMS - 37.00 - PROF, CONOCO FLEET - 252.61 - FUEL, CORNHUSKER PRESS - 88.70 - SUP, COX BUSINESS - 0.86 - UTL, DEB SUTHERLAND - 94.30 - EXP, EMBRIS GROUP, LLC - 2985.00 - PROF, 715.00 - PROF, ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP - 136.06 - SER, HENTON TRENCHING, INC. - 24387.13 - CAPIMP, JDW MIDWEST, LLC - 275.00 - SER, JEANNE KNIGHT - 1000.00 - EXP, JEO CONSULTING GROUP, INC. - 1000.00 - PROF, 1153.75 - PROF, 62.50 - PROF, 1462.50 - PROF, KATIE KNIGHT - 58.98 - REIMB, M.E. COLLINS CONTACTING - 95969.19 - CAPIMP, M.U.D. - 278.38 - UTL, NE MUNICIPAL CLERKS ASSOC. - 100.00 - DUES, NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENV LAB - 30.00 - TEST, NEBRASKA DEQ - 5776.18 - PYMT, 14859.47 - PYMT, NYE TECHNOLOGY - 336.00 - SER, 4327.36 - CAPIMP, O.P.P.D. - 3694.00 - UTL, ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC - 31.86 - SER, PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER N. R. D. - 9460.09 - UTL, 1389.29 - UTL, POSTMASTER - 211.67 - EXP, POWERMANAGER - 8150.49 - SER, TALBOT LAW OFFICE - 470.00 - PROF, THE SIGN DEPOT - 30.25 - EXP, VISA -

6777.93 - EXP, WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF - 8159.18 - SER, 8159.18 - SER, YOUNG & WHITE LAW OFFICES - 9293.95 - PROF, Total - 406547.94; with members Schuler, Kelly, Richardson, Prieksat voting "Aye", motion carried.

Member Kelly made a motion seconded by member Prieksat to approve the request from the Fort Calhoun Post Prom Committee for \$3,500 in Keno funds for post prom in March 2026. With members Prieksat, Schuler, Kelly, Richardson voting "Aye", motion carried.

Member Kelly made a motion seconded by member Richardson to approve Pay Application No. 5 in the amount of \$25,016.46 from ME Collins Contracting Co., for the 2023 Monroe Street Extension project. City Engineer, Lucas Billesbach, said there are a couple issues being resolved and said that weather has stalled the work. Member Schuler commented that project deadline keeps getting pushed. With members Prieksat, Kelly, and Richardson voting "Aye", Schuler abstaining, motion carried.

Member Prieksat introduced **Resolution 2025-8 – Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent** and moved for its passage and adoption. Member Schuler seconded the motion. On roll call the following voted "Aye" Richardson, Prieksat, Schuler, Kelly. The passage and adoption of said Resolution having been concurred by most of all members of the Council, the Mayor declared the Resolution adopted and, in the presence of the Council, signed and approved the Resolution and the Clerk attested the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto.

A true and complete copy of the said Resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-8

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2302, and 39-2511 through 39-2515 details the requirements that must be met in order for a municipality to qualify for an annual Incentive Payment; and

Whereas: The State of Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) requires that each incorporated municipality must annually certify (by December 31st of each year) the appointment(s) of the City Street Superintendent(s) to the NDOT using the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent form; and

Whereas: The NDOT requires that each certification shall also include a copy of the documentation of the city street superintendent's appointment, i.e., meeting minutes; showing the appointment of the City Street Superintendent by their name as it appears on their License (if applicable), their License Number (if applicable), and Class of License (if applicable), and type of appointment, i.e., employed, contract (consultant, or interlocal agreement with another incorporated municipality and/or county), and the beginning date of the appointment; and

Whereas: The NDOT also requires that such Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent form shall be signed by the Mayor or Village Board Chairperson and shall include a copy a resolution of the governing body authorizing the signing of the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent form by the Mayor or Village Board Chairperson.

Be it resolved that the Mayor of Fort Calhoun is hereby authorized to sign the attached Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent form.

Adopted this 15th day of December, 2025 at Fort Calhoun, Nebraska.

Member Prieksat made a motion seconded by member Schuler to terminate the FCYSO Ball Field Agreement. Member Schuler stated they are looking at a new agreement for the ball fields and how they can be handled/maintained. It is currently too costly for schools/FCYSO's expectations. With members Kelly, Richardson, Prieksat, Kelly voting "Aye", motion carried.

Member Schuler made a motion seconded by member Kelly to approve the recommendation of Bob Prieksat as Council President. With members Kelly, Richardson, and Schuler voting "Aye", Prieksat voting "Nay", motion carried.

Member Prieksat made a motion seconded by member Schuler to approve the following appointments:

City Clerk: Alicia Koziol

Treasurer: Katie Knight

Code Enforcement Officer: Dan Kougias

City Attorney/Prosecutor: Edmond Talbot
Park Commissioner: Richardson
Sewer Commissioner: Kelly
Street Commissioner: Prieksat
Water Commissioner: Schuler
City Engineer: Lucas Billesbach, PE, Embris Group
Street Superintendent: Steven A. Parr, Principal, JEO Consulting Group, Inc.
Planning Commission: Eric Herbert, Aaron Schrum (2026-2028)
Park Board: Karli Johnson (2026-2028)
Enhancement Committee: Lynn Teeter (2026-2028)

Future meeting dates: Tuesday, January 20th & Tuesday, February 17th

Following a motion and vote, Mayor Robinson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Mitch Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST: Alicia Koziol, City Clerk