

JANUARY 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 Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at the Fort Calhoun Council Chamber, 110 S 14th St, in Fort Calhoun, Nebraska.

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

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 the following consent agenda: *December 16, 2024, City Council minutes; Treasures Report for November; January 6, 2024 Planning Commission minutes; January 8, 2025 Christmas in Calhoun minutes; Maintenance Report; December 2024 Washington County Sheriff's Statistics.* With members Richardson, Prieksat, Schuler, and Kelly voting "Aye", motion carried.

Mayor Robinson presented the January bills. Motion by Schuler second by Kelly to approve the following bills: ABE'S TRASH SERVICE, INC. - 325.75 - SER, ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING - 366.84 - SER, ALICIA KOZIOL - 41.97 - EXP, AMGL CPAS & ADVISORS - 4400.00 - PROF, BLIZZARD BOYS, LLC - 2245.46 - EXP, BOMGAARS - 187.02 - SUP, CENTRAL TAX & BOOKKEEPING SERVICES - 120.00 - SER, 120.00 - SER, CITY OF BLAIR - 3741.13 - UTL, COLONIAL RESEARCH - 407.05 - SUP, 1517.60 - SUP, CONOCO FLEET - 280.29 - FUEL, CORE & MAIN - 1970.27 - SUP, COX BUSINESS - 526.15 - UTL, DEB SUTHERLAND - 493.37 - EXP, ELECTRIC PUMP, INC. - 49650.00 - CAPIMP, EMBRIS GROUP, LLC - 3155.00 - PROF, ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP - 20.90 - SER, 137.26 - SER, 9.54 - SER, 9.54 - SER, 112.11 - SER, FASTENAL COMPANY - 49.23 - SUP, HOWARD D. THOMPSON AGENCY - 67739.00 - INS, HSA-HELMANDOLLAR - 3000.00 - BENE, HSA-KNIGHT - 3000.00 - BENE, HSA-KOUGIAS -

3000.00 - BENE, HSA-KOZIOL - 3000.00 - BENE, HSA-NELSON - 3000.00 - BENE, J.P. COOKE CO. - 45.03 - EXP, JDW MIDWEST, LLC - 5264.77 - SER, JEO CONSULTING GROUP, INC. - 20000.00 - PROF, 1000.00 - PROF, 730.79 - PROF, 562.50 - PROF, 1762.50 - PROF, KAMB & C ENTERPRISES - 500.00 - SER, 150.00 - SER, LIBERTY CORE CONSULTANTS LLC - 1500.00 - SER, M.U.D. - 390.84 - UTL, MENARDS - 186.39 - EXP, 313.70 - EXP, 89.72 - EXP, MICHAEL TODD INDUSTRY SUPPLY - 261.60 - EXP, MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC./NE - 439.49 - EXP, NE DEPT REV-LOTTERY TAX - 1092.00 - TAX, NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENV LAB - 30.00 - TEST, 515.00 - TEST, NEBRASKA SALES TAX - 3065.90 - TAX, O.P.P.D. - 3649.66 - UTL, ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC - 19.96 - SER, POSTMASTER - 203.84 - EXP, SPARQDATA SOLUTIONS - 4100.00 - SER, SPECIALIZED TRANSMISSIONS, INC - 4703.80 - EXP, ST JOHNS CATHOLIC CHURCH - 376.00 - DON, TALBOT LAW OFFICE - 315.00 - PROF, VERIZON WIRELESS - 133.82 - EXP, VISA - 4772.48 - EXP, WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF - 7350.04 - SER, WASHINGTON COUNTY TREASURER - 1500.00 - EXP, WOODHOUSE FORD CHRY - 112.91 - EXP, YOUNG & WHITE LAW OFFICES - 1407.67 - PROF, Total – 219170.89; with members Kelly, Richardson, Prieksat, and Schuler voting “Aye”, motion carried.

At 7:04 p.m., Mayor Robinson stated in accordance with the published notice, it is now time to conduct the public hearing relative to hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations relating to THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT APPLICATIONS FOR MATTISON’S WILLOW ACRES LOTS 1 & 2, BEING A PLATTING OF TAX LOTS 61, 62, AND 163, LYING IN SECTION 11, T17N, R12E OF THE 6TH P.M., WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA. There were no written comments. Lucas Billesbach, City Engineer, and Rachel Mattison, 6523 Lin Su Ln, discussed the plat. The driveway will be to the north on TL 163. Rachels parents will be building on the second lot. Mayor Robinson declared the public hearing closed at 7:06 p.m.

Grant Anderson, MAPA Community Development Manager, gave an introduction and update. MAPA provides transportation and community development to the six counties they support. They also provide grant writing and grant management.

Member Kelly made a motion seconded by member Richardson to approve the request from the Fort Calhoun Post Prom Committee for \$3,500 in Keno funds for post prom on March 22, 2025. With members Schuler, Kelly, Richardson, and Prieksat voting “Aye”, motion carried.

City Engineer, Lucas Billesbach, gave an update on the West Monroe Street Paving District project. The condemnation hearing was a few weeks ago. Bids were received in December with the lowest bid being around \$417,000. Approval to award a contract will be on the February meeting.

City Engineer, Lucas Billesbach, gave an update on the Trail Extensions Phase 3 & 4 project. The contractor continuing to make progress on punch list.

Member Kelly introduced **Ordinance 813 Mattison’s Willow Acres** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE MATTISON’S WILLOW ACRES, A SUBDIVISION IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA, CONSISTING OF TAX LOTS 61, 62, and 163

Member Kelly made a motion to waive the three readings. Member Prieksat seconded the motion. With members Prieksat, Schuler, Kelly, and Richardson voting “Aye”, motion carried. Member Kelly made a motion for final approval and member Richardson seconded. With members Richardson, Prieksat, Schuler, and Kelly voting “Aye”, motion carried.

Member Schuler made a motion seconded by member Prieksat to approve the purchase of storage cabinets for the Maintenance Shop in the amount of \$2,775.80. With members Kelly, Richardson, Prieksat, and Schuler 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 7:19 p.m.

Mayor Robinson declared the meeting in open session at 7:28 p.m. No action was taken.

Following a motion and vote, Mayor Robinson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Mitch Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST: Alicia Koziol, City Clerk