

JULY 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, July 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.

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 the following consent agenda: *June 16, 2025, City Council minutes; Treasures Report for June; July 1, 2025 Special City Council minutes; June 30, 2025 Enhancement Committee minutes; June 2025 Washington County Sheriff's Statistics.* With members Richardson, Prieksat, Schuler, and Kelly voting "Aye", motion carried.

The July 1, 2025 Park Committee minutes were separated from the consent agenda. Member Prieksat questioned if they should approve minutes before they are approved by the committees. The mayor and council agreed that starting next month they will just accept minutes rather than approve. Member Kelly made a motion seconded by member Prieksat for approval of the minutes. With members Kelly, Richardson, Prieksat, and Schuler voting "Aye", motion carried.

The Maintenance Report was separated from the agenda. Member Prieksat asked questions and Corban Helmandollar, Maintenance Supervisor, answered them.

Mayor Robinson presented the July bills. Motion by Prieksat second by Schuler to approve the following bills:
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE, INC. - 390.75 - SER, ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING - 392.18 - SER, AFLAC - 88.92 - , 16.25 - , ALICIA KOZIOL - 29.94 - EXP, AMGL CPAS & ADVISORS - 6850.00 - PROF, BARCO - 3457.45 - EXP, BI-STATE MOTOR PARTS, INC. - 121.32 - SUP, BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD OF NE - 3741.58 - , BUDDIES RENTALS - 160.50 - EXP, 111.00 - EXP, CENTRAL TAX & BOOKKEEPING SERVICES - 120.00 - SER, CITY OF BLAIR - 3880.73 - UTL, CORE & MAIN - 3649.46 - SUP, COX BUSINESS - 98.00 - UTL, 428.48 - UTL, EFTPS - 1556.62 - , 364.06 - , 901.73 - , EMBRIS GROUP, LLC - 2335.00 - PROF, 2363.75 - PROF, 1235.00 - PROF, 935.00 - PROF, ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP - 49.99 - SER, 254.24 - SER, 31.36 - SER, GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT CORP. - 30.00 - EXP, HENTON TRENCHING, INC. - 4812.75 - EXP, IDEAL PURE WATER - 45.00 - SER, INDEPENDENCE PYRO CO - 500.00 - EXP, JDW MIDWEST, LLC - 2963.10 - SER, JEFF MOORE - 300.00 - EXP, JEO

CONSULTING GROUP, INC. - 1028.75 - PROF, 840.00 - PROF, JM ONLINE - 78.00 - SER, KAMB & C ENTERPRISES - 150.00 - SER, 500.00 - SER, LEAGUE OF NEBR. MUNICIPALITIES - 90.00 - EXP, M'S CONTRACTING, LLC - 69852.72 - CAPIMP, M.U.D. - 50.58 - UTL, 102.02 - UTL, MASLOSKIE CONSTRUCTION, INC. - 3175.00 - EXP, MY INDEPENDENCE DAY - 500.00 - EXP, NE DEPT REV-LOTTERY TAX - 1216.00 - TAX, NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENV LAB - 545.00 - TEST, NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE - 383.35 - , NEBRASKA SALES TAX - 2927.22 - TAX, O.P.P.D. - 4337.73 - UTL, ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC - 51.54 - SER, PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER N. R. D. - 675.69 - UTL, POSTMASTER - 205.52 - EXP, TALBOT LAW OFFICE - 822.50 - PROF, THE AMERICAN FUNDS GROUP - 1895.26 - , VERIZON WIRELESS - 133.82 - EXP, VISA - 1084.93 - EXP, WASHINGTON CO. REG. OF DEEDS - 106.00 - SER, WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF - 7350.04 - SER, YOUNG & WHITE LAW OFFICES - 327.65 - PROF, Total - 140643.48; with members Schuler, Kelly, Richardson, and Prieksat voting "Aye", motion carried.

Member Prieksat made a motion seconded by member Kelly to approve the request Washington County Museum to close Monroe Street between 14th and 15th on Saturday, August 9th, from 10:00 – 4:00 p.m. for cornerstone installation ceremony at the new Museum addition. With members Richardson, Prieksat, Schuler, and Kelly voting "Aye", motion carried.

Member Kelly made a motion seconded by member Prieksat to approve the request to close a portion of Adams Street between 7th and 8th on October 3rd - 5th. With members Kelly, Richardson, Prieksat, and Schuler voting "Aye", motion carried.

Member Schuler made a motion seconded by member Kelly to approve Enhancement Committee's recommendation to appoint Nicole Fangman to the committee. With members Schuler, Kelly, Richardson, and Prieksat voting "Aye", motion carried.

Member Schuler made a motion seconded by member Kelly to approve Enhancement Committee's recommendation to appoint Nicole Fangman to the committee. With members Prieksat, Schuler, Kelly, and Richardson voting "Aye", motion carried.

Member Kelly made a motion seconded by member Richardson to approve Resolution 2025-3 Land Water Conservation Program Grant. Deb Sutherland, Community Coordinator, spoke on behalf of the grant. She also clarified that approving the resolution doesn't mean they are committing to the project, just applying for the grant for the project. Members of the community spoke in support of new restrooms at the fields. With members Richardson, Schuler, and Kelly voting "Aye" and member Prieksat voting "Nay", motion carried.

Monthly bill review:

Kris Richardson
Bob Prieksat
Nick Schuler
John Kelly

Fort Calhoun High School Homecoming Parade: Friday, September 19th

The public relating to THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF TAX LOTS 96, 112, 113, 122, WILLOW ACRES LOTS 1 & 2 ALL IN SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST OF THE 6TH P.M., WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA (SEE ANNEXATION PLAT FOR REFERENCE) opened at 7:40 p.m. With no written or public comments the public hearing closed 7:40 p.m.

The public relating to THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF TAX LOT 28 IN SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST OF THE 6TH P.M., WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA (SEE ANNEXATION PLAT FOR REFERENCE) opened at 7:41 p.m. There were no written comments. Jeff and Kelli Shaner, 225 N 7th, spoke against the annexation. Kelli mentioned that their property was looked at in 2021 for annexation and the Planning Commission denied it and City Council did not approve it either and the Shaners are questioning why it is being looked at again if nothing has changed and there are no plans for future development. Member Schuler said that there new members on the council now and he believes it is a good property to annex because it abuts the city limits and they access city streets and utilities. Jeff Ray noted that the property is not currently hooked up to sanitary sewer but there is a plan in place for that to happen if they were annexed and they are currently hooked to public water and street system Council members discussed. Member Schuler acknowledged that they have all the benefits of a resident within the city limits, which is why he is in favor of the annexation. Public hearing closed at 8:00 p.m.

Member Kelly made a motion seconded by member Schuler to approve the second reading of Ordinance 814 Annexation of Tax Lots 96, 112, 113, 122, and Mattison's Willow Acres Lots 1 & 2. With members Richardson, Schuler, and Kelly voting "Aye" and member Prieksat voting "Nay", motion carried.

Member Schuler made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 815 Annexation of Tax Lot 28. Motion failed due to the lack of a second.

Following a motion and vote, Mayor Robinson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Mitch Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST: Alicia Koziol, City Clerk