

JUNE 16, 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, June 16, 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 Priksat, 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: *May 19, 2025, City Council minutes; Treasures Report for May; June 5, 2025 Park Committee minutes; April 28, 2025 Enhancement Committee minutes; Maintenance Report; May 2025 Washington County Sheriff's Statistics.* With members Richardson, Priksat, Schuler, and Kelly voting "Aye", motion carried.

Mayor Robinson presented the June bills. Motion by Priksat second by Schuler to approve the following bills: ABE'S TRASH SERVICE, INC. - 599.75 - SER, ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING - 645.81 - SER, BERGER, ELLIOTT & PRITCHARD - 4807.00 - PROF, BOK FINANCIAL - 46520.00 - PYMT, 52700.00 - PYMT, 11100.00 - PYMT, 55751.25 - PYMT, 28975.00 - PYMT, BOMGAARS - 819.83 - SUP, BRIAN'S TREE SERVICE - 3800.00 - SER, CENTRAL TAX & BOOKKEEPING SERVICES - 480.00 - SER, CITY OF BLAIR - 3538.48 - UTL, 4191.88 - UTL, CNA SURETY - 625.00 - INS, CONOCO FLEET - 486.97 - FUEL, CORBAN HELMANDOLLAR - 210.98 - EXP, COX BUSINESS - 526.48 - UTL, DAVE WESTERHOLT - 300.00 - EXP, ELECTRIC PUMP, INC. - 1411.85 - EXP, ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP - 81.35 - SER, 241.06 - SER, FUNFLICKS OUTDOOR MOVIES - 818.94 - EXP, IDEAL PURE WATER - 66.00 - SER, JDW MIDWEST, LLC - 965.60 - SER, JEO CONSULTING GROUP, INC. - 1470.00 - PROF, JUDY BOYD - 8.76 - REIMB, KAMB & C ENTERPRISES - 67.93 - SER, LEWIS AND CLARK GREAT PLAINS TOURISM FUN - 1500.00 - EXP, M.U.D. - 50.00 - UTL, NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENV LAB - 30.00 - TEST, NEBRASKA DEQ - 5776.18 - PYMT, 14899.21 - PYMT, NEBRASKA SALES TAX - 2902.30 - TAX, O.P.P.D. - 3839.56 - UTL, ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC - 50.29 - SER, PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER N. R.D. - 11922.01 - UTL, 1605.60 - UTL, 11922.01 - UTL, 1605.60 - UTL, POSTMASTER - 204.96 - EXP, S E SMITH & SONS - 194.37 - EXP, TALBOT LAW OFFICE - 525.00 - PROF, THE SIGN DEPOT - 95.00 - EXP, 360.64 - EXP, TRAFFIC LOGIX CORPORATION - 1800.00 - EXP, VERIZON WIRELESS - 133.82 - EXP, VISA - 2592.19 - EXP, WASHINGTON CO. REG. OF DEEDS - 5.00 - SER, WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK - 1.14 - PYMT, WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF - 36750.20 - SER, YOUNG & WHITE LAW OFFICES - 1411.00 - PROF, Total - 321,386.00; with members Kelly, Richardson, Priksat, and Schuler voting "Aye", motion carried.

Member Schuler made a motion seconded by member Prieksat to approve the Keno request from Fort Calhoun Fire & Rescue for \$15,000 for a new air pack. With members Schuler, Kelly, Richardson, and Prieksat voting “Aye”, motion carried.

Member Kelly made a motion seconded by member Prieksat to approve the Keno request from Fort Calhoun Adams Street Plaza Events Committee for \$5,000. With members Prieksat, Schuler, Kelly, and Richardson voting “Aye”, motion carried.

Member Prieksat made a motion seconded by member Schuler to approve the Keno request from Fort Atkinson Foundation for \$10,000 for Phase 3 restoration of the Northeast section of the North Fort wall/barracks. With members Richardson, Prieksat, Schuler, and Kelly voting “Aye”, motion carried.

Lucas Billesbach gave an update on the West Monroe Paving District project. Construction is scheduled to start at the end of June/beginning of July. There are three septic systems along the project area and they need to put in stub outs for sewer during this project so the street doesn't have to be torn up later. There will be a change order next month.

Member Schuler made a motion seconded by member Richardson to approve Pay Application No. 1 from M’s Contracting, LLC for the Betts Circle Drainage Repairs project. With members Kelly, Richardson, Prieksat, and Schuler voting “Aye”, motion carried.

Member Kelly made a motion seconded by Schuler to approve the first reading of **Ordinance 814 Annexation of Tax Lots 96, 112, 113, 122, and Mattison's Willow Acres Lots 1 & 2**. The Planning Commission recommended annexation for the tax lots. Jeff Ray explained that it is the Planning Commissions responsibility to look at annexation. Member Prieksat asked if there is a reason we are annexing and are we putting it out there for the public/landowners to be made aware of the annexation and questioned whether the language in the ordinance was sufficient. City Attorney, Edmond Talbot, said the ordinance follows State Statute. Lucas Billesbach, City Engineer, explained that from an engineering and utility perspective the areas can be served with water and some with sanitary and there are a multitude of ways to serve sanitary service. He also stated that some tax lots in the annexation area have been looked at for potential developments. John Genoways, Tax Lot 113, said slow and steady growth makes sense but will never pay to have sewer brought to property to be developed and stated that he has not heard anything from the city for a year regarding developing property. Lucas Billesbach told John Genoways that the city has discussed working out cost-share for sanitary sewer extensions. Stu Sprick, 1610 Lincoln St, stated that there is nothing the city has to offer to want to be annexed. Rachel Mattison, 6523 Lin Su Lane, explained to the council that they requested subdivision of property for parents to build and one stipulation to do so was not to object annexation. Clint Lewis, Tax Lot 112, asked why they are being forced to annex and stated there are utility issues and easement confusion along the road. Lucas Billesbach and Edmond Talbot discussed the Township road and tried to clear up the confusion. With members Schuler, Kelly, and Richardson voted “Aye”, member Prieksat voting “Nay”, motion carried.

Resolution 2025-3 Land Water Conservation Program Grant was tabled.

The Fort Calhoun Housing Supplemental Study Report was reviewed and accepted. Member Prieksat said he isn’t happy with the report and that it doesn’t tell us anything we don’t already know. Lucas Billesbach said that he was happy with the document and thought there was really good discussion and feedback from the focus group meetings.

Following a motion and vote, Mayor Robinson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Mitch Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST: Alicia Koziol, City Clerk