

MARCH 17, 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 7:10, on Monday, March 17, 2025, at Northern Lights Venue, 310 N 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: Nick Schuler, John Kelly, Kris Richardson, and Bob Prieksat.

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: *February 18, 2025, City Council minutes; Treasures Report for February; March 6, 2025 Park Committee minutes; Maintenance Report; February 2025 Washington County Sheriff's Statistics*. With members Prieksat, Schuler, Kelly, and Richardson voting "Aye", motion carried.

Mayor Robinson presented the February bills. Motion by Prieksat second by Kelly to approve the following bills: ABE'S TRASH SERVICE, INC. - 320.86 - SER, ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING - 392.18 - SER, AFLAC - 118.95 - , 16.25 - , BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD OF NE - 3741.58 - , CARQUEST - 43.27 - EXP, CITY OF BLAIR - 3988.64 - UTL, CLINE WILLIAMS - 400.50 - PROF, CONOCO FLEET - 451.19 - FUEL, CORE & MAIN - 1111.97 - SUP, 4167.25 - EXP, COX BUSINESS - 526.35 - UTL, CUMMINS SALES AND SERVICE - 422.25 - SER, CURZON PROMOTIONAL GRAPHICS - 275.00 - EXP, EFTPS - 1566.08 - , 366.26 - , 962.19 - , EMBRIS GROUP, LLC - 3492.50 - PROF, ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP - 12.72 - SER, 11.36 - SER, 99.54 - SER, GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT CORP - 150.00 - EXP, GREAT PLAINS APPRAISAL, INC - 1500.00 - SER, IDEAL PURE WATER - 25.50 - SER, JDW MIDWEST, LLC - 275.00 - SER, JEO CONSULTING GROUP, INC. - 1037.50 - PROF, JM ONLINE - 371.40 - SER, JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL - 235.07 - EXP, JOHNSON CONTROLS - 337.00 - SER, LIBERTY CORE CONSULTANTS LLC - 7026.80 - SER, M.U.D. - 430.44 - UTL, NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENV LAB - 30.00 - TEST, NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE - 407.11 - , NEBRASKA SALES TAX - 2874.46 - TAX, O.P.P.D. - 3926.12 - UTL, ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC - 7.38 - SER, PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER N. R. D. - 8173.38 - UTL, 1230.96 - UTL, PLAN IT SOFTWARE LLC - 2500.00 - DUES, POSTMASTER - 192.64 - EXP, RVR BANK - 12921.73 - PYMT, TALBOT LAW OFFICE - 402.50 - PROF, THE AMERICAN FUNDS GROUP - 1324.45 - , VERIZON WIRELESS - 133.82 - EXP, VISA - 2322.33 - EXP, WASHINGTON CO. REG. OF DEEDS - 40.00 - SER, YOUNG & WHITE LAW OFFICES - 228.00 - PROF, Total – 68,810.48; with members Richardson, Prieksat, Schuler, and Kelly "Aye", motion carried.

The public hearing relating to APPROVAL OF THE 2025 FIREWORKS LICENSES: MY INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS & INDEPENDENCE PYRO COMPANY (ON BEHALF OF FCYSO) opened at 7:13 p.m. There were no written or public comments. The hearing closed at 7:14 p.m.

Member Schuler made a motion seconded by member Richardson to approve the Fireworks License: My Independence Day Fireworks. With members Kelly, Richardson, Prieksat, and Schuler voting "Aye", motion carried.

Member Schuler made a motion seconded by member Kelly to approve Fireworks License: Independence Pyro Company. With members Schuler, Kelly, Richardson, and Prieksat voting "Aye", motion carried.

Member Schuler made a motion seconded by member Kelly to approve FCYSO's request to provide a "VIP Parking Spot" near the ball field entrance for a high-achieving volunteer. With all members voting "Aye", motion carried.

Member Prieksat made a motion seconded by member Kelly to approve plans for the Bett's Circle Drainage Repairs and authorize Embris Group to advertise, obtain bids/quotes, and to work with the clerk to set the bid opening date for the same. There were drainage improvements done a couple of years ago and the residents have had some issues. With members Prieksat, Schuler, Kelly, and Richardson voting "Aye", motion carried.

Member Prieksat made a motion seconded by member Schuler to approve **Resolution 2025-1 – Requiring a Special Election**. The passage of the resolution will require a public vote through a special election to determine if the Omaha Police Department will be allowed to build a gun range, by leasing or selling land and approving necessary permits, in Fort Calhoun, Nebraska, within the city limits or extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ). With members Richardson, Prieksat, Schuler, and Kelly voting "Aye", motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT CALHOUN, NEBRASKA, REQUIRING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO DECIDE IF THE OMAHA POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL BE ALLOWED TO BUILD A GUN RANGE BY LEASING OR SELLING LAND AND APPROVING NECESSARY PERMITS, IN FORT CALHOUN, NEBRASKA (WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OR EXTRA-TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION).

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT CALHOUN, NEBRASKA:

WHEREAS, the public will need to decide at a special election if the Omaha Police Department will be allowed to build a gun range, by leasing or selling land and approving necessary permits, in Fort Calhoun, Nebraska, within the city limits or extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ).

It is further directed pursuant to Section 18-2524 that the City Clerk cause the measure to be submitted at a special election.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council adopt Resolution No. 2025-1.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 17th day of March 2025.

Member Prieksat made a motion seconded by member Schuler to approve the mayor's appointments of Larry Pringle and Jane Prieksat to the Park Board. With members Kelly, Richardson, Prieksat, Schuler voting "Aye", motion carried.

Annual Spring Clean-Up, providing dumpsters at the City of Fort Calhoun Wastewater Treatment Facility/Pump House (must provide ID or water bill): Saturday, April 5th through Sunday, April 27th. **Note, FCFD Fire Chief Dan Mallory will allow Open Burning with a BURN PERMIT during this time*

Mayor Robinson presented a timeline of the gun range discussions for the public.

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 7:35 p.m.

Mayor Robinson declared the meeting in open session at 7:42 p.m. No action was taken.

Following a motion and vote, Mayor Robinson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Mitch Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST: Alicia Koziol, City Clerk