

MAY 19, 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, May 19, 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: *April 21, 2025, City Council minutes; Treasures Report for April; May 1, 2025 Park Committee minutes; Maintenance Report; April 2025 Washington County Sheriff's Statistics.* With members Prieksat, Schuler, Kelly, and Richardson voting "Aye", motion carried.

Mayor Robinson presented the May bills. Motion by Prieksat second by Schuler to approve the following bills: ABE'S TRASH SERVICE, INC. - 1507.75 - SER, ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING - 393.38 - SER, AFLAC - 88.92 - , 16.25 - , 88.92 - , 16.25 - , BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD OF NE - 3741.58 - , BOBCAT OF OMAHA - 3500.00 - EXP, BOMGAARS - 29.31 - SUP, COMMONWEALTH ELECTRIC COMPANY - 1596.52 - EXP, CONOCO FLEET - 843.85 - FUEL, COX BUSINESS - 526.48 - UTL, EFTPS - 1606.06 - , 375.60 - , 953.96 - , 1749.30 - , 409.12 - , 1189.13 - , EMBRIS GROUP, LLC - 1560.00 - PROF, ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP - 569.00 - SER, 21.95 - SER, 64.00 - SER, 87.72 - SER, 10.00 - SER, JDW MIDWEST, LLC - 275.00 - SER, JEO CONSULTING GROUP, INC. - 1685.00 - PROF, 262.50 - PROF, KINGHORN GARDENS - 3000.00 - EXP, M.U.D. - 128.89 - UTL, NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENV LAB - 267.00 - TEST, NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE - 459.32 - , 407.55 - , NEBRASKA SALES TAX - 2948.50 - TAX, 2659.09 - TAX, O.P.P.D. - 3918.58 - UTL, ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC - 38.77 - SER, PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER N. R. D. - 9301.76 - UTL, 1382.60 - UTL, POSTMASTER - 204.96 - EXP, QUILL CORPORATION - 43.88 - SUP, TALBOT LAW OFFICE - 1120.00 - PROF, THE AMERICAN FUNDS GROUP - 2069.13 - , 1889.06 - , VISA - 5946.79 - EXP, WASHINGTON CO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - 400.00 - EXP, WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK - 1911.64 - PYMT, WASHINGTON COUNTY CLERK - 2567.30 - EXP, YOUNG & WHITE LAW OFFICES - 2710.50 - PROF, Total - 66542.87; with members Richardson, Prieksat, Schuler, and Kelly "Aye", motion carried.

Member Prieksat made a motion seconded by member Schuler to approve the Franchise Agreement between the City of Fort Calhoun and Windstream Nebraska, Inc., subject to changing the wording on restoration of disturbed areas (Section 2C). With members Kelly, Richardson, Prieksat, and Schuler voting "Aye", motion carried.

The request from Kate Hoefker to add a fuel tank to her property at 1013 Monroe Street was denied. The Municipal Code permits it with council approval, but the Zoning Regulations do not allow fuel tanks in a residential district. Member Prieksat suggested checking with businesses zoned industrial and seeing if they can work out an agreement to store it.

Member Prieksat made a motion seconded by member Schuler to approve the request for \$1,500 in Keno funds to support the 2025 Friends of Lewis & Clark Bicentennial. With members Kelly, Richardson, Prieksat, and Schuler voting "Aye", motion carried.

Lucas Billesbach gave an update on the West Monroe Paving District project. Project will begin mid-June to early- July with completion in November.

Member Schuler made a motion seconded by member Kelly to approve proposal from Thiele Geotech to perform material testing services for the Monroe Street Extension project. With members Schuler, Kelly, Richardson, and Prieksat voting "Aye", motion carried.

Lucas gave an update on the Betts Circle Drainage Repairs project. The contracts are executed and should take about three weeks.

The council discussed the bid proposal from Core & Main for AMI upgrade and Corban Helmandollar, Maintenance Supervisor, answered questions. The upgrade is seen more as a convenience than a necessity. Member Richardson thought the annual fee was very high. The request for the AMI upgrade was denied.

Member Kelly made a motion seconded by member Prieksat to close a portion of 12th Street from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for the Morning Market Events on June 21st, July 26th, August 23rd, and September 20th. With members Prieksat, Schuler, Kelly, and Richardson voting "Aye", motion carried.

Following a motion and vote, Mayor Robinson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Mitch Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST: Alicia Koziol, City Clerk