

## NOVEMBER 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 7:00, on Monday, November 17, 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/accept the following consent agenda: *October 17, 2025, City Council minutes; Treasurers Report for October; October 27, 2025 Enhancement Committee minutes; November 12, 2025 Christmas in Calhoun minutes; October 2025 Washington County Sheriff's Statistics.* With members Prieksat, Schuler, Kelly, and Richardson voting "Aye", motion carried.

Maintenance Report was separated. Member Prieksat noted an error in the report. Member Prieksat made a motion seconded by member Schuler for approval of the minutes with the amendment. With members Kelly, Richardson, Prieksat, and Schuler voting "Aye", motion carried.

Mayor Robinson presented the November bills. Motion by Prieksat second by Schuler to approve the following bills: ABE'S TRASH SERVICE, INC. - 375.75 - SER, ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING - 396.68 - SER, BOMGAARS - 59.07 - SUP, BOWSER TRANSFER LLC - 1301.65 - EXP, BUDDIES RENTALS - 150.00 - EXP, CENTRAL TAX & BOOKKEEPING SERVICES - 120.00 - SER, CITY OF BLAIR - 4631.44 - UTL, CONOCO FLEET - 406.54 - FUEL, COX BUSINESS - 857.16 - UTL, EMBRIS GROUP, LLC - 3795.00 - PROF, 1100.00 - PROF, ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP - 98.29 - SER, GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT CORP. - 3500.00 - DUES, IDEAL PURE WATER - 26.00 - SER, JASON & AMY ELOFSON - 93.64 - EXP, JDW MIDWEST, LLC - 4134.01 - SER, JEO CONSULTING GROUP, INC. - 5118.75 - PROF, 1560.00 - PROF, 1032.50 - PROF, JM ONLINE - 291.95 - SER, M.U.D. - 71.87 - UTL, MULHALL'S LANDSCAPE - 324.98 - SER, NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENV LAB - 278.00 - TEST, NEBRASKA SALES TAX - 3308.49 - TAX, 3003.78 - TAX, O.P.P.D. - 3685.18 - UTL, ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC - 86.29 - SER, PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER N. R. D. - 11743.61 - UTL, 1672.50 - UTL, POSTMASTER - 215.33 - EXP, TALBOT LAW OFFICE - 280.00 - PROF, THIELE GEOTECH, INC. - 2563.50 - SER, VERIZON WIRELESS - 119.82 - EXP, VISA - 1654.01 - EXP, WASHINGTON

COUNTY BANK - 1911.64 - PYMT, WASHINGTON COUNTY ROADS - 2295.00 - SUP, Total – 62262.43; with members Schuler, Kelly, Richardson, and Prieksat voting “Aye”, motion carried.

Member Prieksat made a motion seconded by member Schuler to approve the request to close 15th Street from Court to Monroe Street and Monroe Street from 15th Street to 16th Street on Saturday, November 29th from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. for the Annual Tree Lighting and Parade of Lights. With members Richardson, Prieksat, Schuler, and Kelly voting “Aye”, motion carried.

Member Kelly made a motion seconded by member Richardson to accept the Certificate of Substantial Completion issued by JEO Consulting Group for the 2023 Monroe Street Extension. City Engineer, Lucas Billesbach, indicated that the concrete is poured, the road is open for use and final grading and clean-up is getting done. He said that approving certificate of substantial completion will allow the city to obtain financing for the project. Mayor Robinson shared pictures and expressed concerns with work. Member Schuler, as a council member and property owner within the project area, expressed concerns as well. Tim Oelke, 1724 Monroe St, said he was upset with some work contractors did. With members Prieksat, Kelly, and Richardson voting “Aye”, Schuler abstaining, motion carried.

Member Kelly made a motion seconded by member Richardson to approve Pay Application No. 4 for the 2023 Monroe Street Extension from ME Collins in the amount of \$95,969.19. With members Richardson, Prieksat, and Kelly, voting “Aye”, Schuler abstaining, motion carried.

Member Prieksat made a motion seconded by member Kelly to table the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the 2025 Betts Circle Drainage Repairs. With members Kelly, Richardson, Prieksat, and Schuler voting “Aye”, motion carried.

Member Kelly introduced Ordinance 816:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT CALHOUN, NEBRASKA AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION VARIOUS PURPOSE BONDS IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$875,000) TO PROVIDE FINANCING FOR THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING IMPROVEMENTS IN STREET IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NOS. 2022-1 AND 2022-2; PRESCRIBING CERTAIN TERMS AND FORM OF SUCH BONDS AND PROVIDING FOR THE SETTING OF CERTAIN TERMS AND FORM OF SUCH BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES TO PAY THE INTEREST ON AND PRINCIPAL OF SUCH BONDS; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM; AND RELATED MATTERS

Member Kelly made a motion to waive the three readings. Member Prieksat seconded the motion. With members Richardson, Prieksat, and Kelly voting “Aye”, member Schuler abstaining, motion carried. Member Kelly made a motion seconded by member Richardson to approve Ordinance 816. With members Prieksat, Kelly, and Richardson voting “Aye”, member Schuler abstaining, motion carried.

Mike Rooks, Washington County Gateway Director, discussed vacant building with the council and the benefit of passing an ordinance address the issue. Mayor Robinson appointed members Prieksat and Kelly to a committee to research the process.

Member Schuler made a motion seconded by member Kelly to approve the purchase of a 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 (based off Nebraska state contracts). With members Schuler, Kelly, Richardson, and Prieksat voting “Aye”, motion carried.

Member Prieksat made a motion seconded by member Schuler to approve the purchase of a new snow plow for \$9,700.00. With members Prieksat, Schuler, Kelly, and Richardson voting “Aye”, motion carried.

Member Prieksat made a motion seconded by member Schuler to approve auction through Big Iron for sale of 2010 F250. With members Richardson, Prieksat, Schuler, and Kelly voting “Aye”, motion carried.

Member Kelly made a motion seconded by member Prieksat to go into closed session to discuss Monroe Street litigation at 7:50 p.m. With members Kelly, Richardson, Prieksat, and Schuler voting “Aye”, motion carried.

Return to open session at 7:59 p.m. No action taken during closed session.

Following a motion and vote, Mayor Robinson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Mitch Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST: Alicia Koziol, City Clerk