

OCTOBER 20, 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 7:03, on Monday, October 20, 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 Prieksat made a motion seconded by member Schuler to approve/accept the following consent agenda: *September 15, 2025, Budget Hearing minutes; Treasurers Report for September; October 2, 2025 Park Committee minutes; September 29, 2025 Enhancement Committee minutes; October 15, 2025 Christmas in Calhoun minutes; September 2025 Washington County Sheriff's Statistics.* With members Richardson, Prieksat, Schuler, and Kelly voting "Aye", motion carried.

The September 15, 2025, City Council minutes were separated. The clerk noted an error in the minutes. Member Prieksat made a motion seconded by member Richardson for approval of the minutes with the amendment. With members Kelly, Richardson, Prieksat, and Schuler voting "Aye", motion carried.

Mayor Robinson presented the October bills. Motion by Prieksat second by Kelly to approve the following bills:
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE, INC. - 375.75 - SER, ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING - 392.18 - SER, ACREAGE LAWN & LANDSCAPE LLC - 300.00 - SER, AMGL CPAS & ADVISORS - 5150.00 - PROF, BUDDIES RENTALS - 150.00 - EXP, CENTRAL TAX & BOOKKEEPING SERVICES - 120.00 - SER, CITY OF BLAIR - 4513.53 - UTL, COLONIAL RESEARCH - 816.30 - SUP, CONOCO FLEET - 479.79 - FUEL, COX BUSINESS - 428.15 - UTL, Ci SHIRTS - 62.06 - EXP, DWEE-PUBLIC WATER OPERATORS - 115.00 - EXP, 115.00 - EXP, 115.00 - EXP, EMBRIS GROUP, LLC - 770.00 - PROF, 5932.50 - PROF, ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP - 221.06 - SER, 205.25 - SER, 173.83 - SER, GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT CORP. - 50.00 - EXP, GERALD CONRADSON - 410.00 - SER, HENTON TRENCHING, INC. - 19211.50 - CAPIMP, IDEAL PURE WATER - 26.00 - SER, JDW MIDWEST, LLC - 481.15 - SER, JEO CONSULTING GROUP, INC. - 2206.25 - PROF, 700.00 - PROF, JOHNSON SERVICE COMPANY - 23412.50 - SER, KAMB & C ENTERPRISES - 500.00 - SER, 150.00 - SER, 67.93 - SER, M.U.D. - 50.00 - UTL, 152.56 - UTL, NE DEPT REV -WASTE REDUC - 25.00 - TAX, NE DEPT REV-LOTTERY TAX - 1057.00 - , NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENV LAB - 267.00 - TEST, O.P.P.D. - 3944.42 - UTL, OMAHA NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY - 960.00 - SER, ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC - 87.23 - SER, PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER N. R. D. - 14642.61 - UTL, 1821.91 - UTL, POSTMASTER - 215.33 - EXP, TALBOT LAW OFFICE - 175.00 -

PROF, THIELE GEOTECH, INC. - 5637.50 - EXP, VERIZON WIRELESS - 119.79 - EXP, VISA - 3235.61 - EXP, WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF - 7350.04 - SER, YOUNG & WHITE LAW OFFICES - 3735.70 - PROF, Total – 111127.43; with members Schuler, Kelly, Richardson, and Prieksat voting “Aye”, motion carried.

Eric Benson, 1807 Clay St, expressed his frustrations with the city staff. He stated he called the city three times before receiving his request for a copy of the maintenance workers job descriptions. He asked the council and mayor about a copy of the maintenance workers schedule. Benson is no longer requesting the reimbursement of \$45 for his time to fill ruts from maintenance workers picking branches and limbs from the storm.

Member Prieksat made a motion seconded by member Schuler to approve the request to close 15th Street at West Market Square Park on October 31st from 4:30 to 7:30 for the annual Trunk-or-Treat event. With members Richardson, Prieksat, Schuler, and Kelly voting “Aye”, motion carried.

Member Kelly made a motion seconded by member Prieksat to approve \$2,000 in Keno funds for the Fort Calhoun Fine Arts Boosters. With members Kelly, Richardson, Prieksat, and Schuler voting “Aye”, motion carried.

Member Schuler made a motion seconded by member Richardson to approve an agreement with Nye Technology for IT services. With members Schuler, Kelly, Richardson, and Prieksat voting “Aye”, motion carried.

Lucas Billesbach, City Engineer, gave an update on the 2023 Monroe Street Extension project. The project should be complete at the beginning of November. The cluster mailboxes were being installed soon.

Member Kelly made a motion seconded by member Richardson to approve Pay Application No. 3 for the 2023 Monroe Street Extension from ME Collins Contracting Co. in the amount of \$133,096.58. With members Prieksat, Schuler, Kelly, and Richardson voting “Aye”, motion carried.

Member Kelly made a motion seconded by member Prieksat to approve Task Order No. 22-002.03 with Embris Group, LLC to perform the Forcemain H2S Control Study for a not to exceed amount of \$12,500.00. With members Richardson, Prieksat, Schuler, and Kelly voting “Aye”, motion carried.

Member Prieksat introduced **Resolution 2025-7 Preliminary Engineering Services Supplemental Agreement** and moved for its passage and adoption. Member Kelly seconded the motion. On roll call the following voted “Aye”: Kelly, Richardson, Prieksat, and Schuler. The passage and adoption of said Resolution having been concurred by most of all members of the Council, the Mayor declared the Resolution adopted and, in the presence of the Council, signed and approved the Resolution and the Clerk attested the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto.

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

Whereas: City of Fort Calhoun is developing a transportation project for which it intends to obtain Federal funds; and

Whereas: City of Fort Calhoun as a sub-recipient of Federal-Aid funding is charged with the responsibility of expending said funds in accordance with Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, policies, and guidelines applicable to the funding of the Federal-aid project; and

Whereas: City of Fort Calhoun and JEO Consulting Group, Inc. wish to enter into a Professional Services Agreement to provide Preliminary Engineering Services for the Federal- aid project.

Be It Resolved: by the City Council of Fort Calhoun that:

Mitch Robinson, Mayor of Fort Calhoun, is hereby authorized to sign the attached Preliminary Engineering Services Supplemental Agreement No. 2 between City of Fort Calhoun, Nebraska and JEO Consulting Group, Inc.

NDOT Project Number: TAP-89(36)

NDOT Control Number: 22926

NDOT Project Description: Fort Calhoun with Safe Transportation Alternatives

Adopted this 20th day of October, 2025 at Fort Calhoun, Nebraska.

Vacant properties discussion was tabled for next month.

The council discussed the option to provide dumpsters for fall clean-up. They decided to wait and discuss it at budget next year to include dumpsters for spring and fall.

Mayor Robinson announced the dates for open burn will October 31st – November 30th.

Following a motion and vote, Mayor Robinson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Mitch Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST: Alicia Koziol, City Clerk