

NOVEMBER 18, 2024 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 18, 2024, at the Fort Calhoun Council Chamber, 110 S 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: Andy Bowser, Bob Prieksat, and Nick Schuler. Member John Kelly was absent.

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 Bowser to approve the following consent agenda: *October 21, 2024, City Council minutes; Treasures Report for October; November 7, 2024 Park Committee minutes; October 28, 2024 Enhancement Committee minutes; Maintenance Report; October 2024 Washington County Sheriff's Statistics.* With members Schuler, Bowser, and Prieksat voting "Aye", motion carried.

Mayor Robinson presented the November bills. Motion by Schuler second by Bowser to approve the following bills: ABE'S TRASH SERVICE, INC. - 325.75 - SER, ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING - 369.56 - SER, AFLAC - 118.95 - , 16.25 - , 118.95 - , 16.25 - BENE, BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD OF NE - 3741.58 - , 3741.58 - , CITY OF BLAIR - 3406.27 - UTL, CONOCO FLEET - 275.30 - FUEL, DEB SUTHERLAND - 198.48 - EXP, EFTPS - 1532.12, 358.32, 952.43, 1507.24, 352.50, 914.67 - TAX, EMBRIS GROUP, LLC - 2009.50 - PROF, 4711.25 - PROF, ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP - 63.16 - SER, 17.72 - SER, 159.54 - SER, FASTENAL COMPANY - 351.43 - SUP, 13.28 - SUP, GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT CORP. - 25.00 - EXP, GEIGER BUILT HOMES - 44.50 - REIMB, IDEAL PURE WATER - 25.50 - SER, JDW MIDWEST, LLC - 275.00 - SER, JEO CONSULTING GROUP, INC. - 1762.50 - PROF, JM ONLINE - 291.95 - SER, KATE GEIGER - 175.00 - EXP, LIBERTY CORE CONSULTANTS LLC - 9781.40 - SER, M.U.D. - 98.76 - UTL, MUTUAL OF OMAHA - 18.00 - BENE, NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE - 422.71 - , 411.30 - , O.P.P.D. - 3437.54 - UTL, ODEY'S INC. - 5158.00 - EXP, ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC - 18.36 - SER, PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER N. R. D. - 13072.69 - UTL, 1685.88 - UTL, POSTMASTER - 203.28 - EXP, POWERMANAGER - 7617.28 - EXP, TALBOT LAW OFFICE - 359.14 - PROF, TEXT MY GOV - 2000.00 - SER, THE AMERICAN FUNDS GROUP - 1336.03 - , 1311.46 - , THIELE GEOTECH, INC. - 2344.00 - EXP, VERIZON WIRELESS - 133.82 - EXP, VISA - 2030.57 - EXP, WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK - 1911.64 - PYMT, WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF - 7350.04 - SER, WASHINGTON COUNTY TREASURER - 750.00 - EXP, YOUNG & WHITE LAW OFFICES - 2279.90 - PROF, Total - 91603.33; with members Prieksat, Schuler, and Bowser voting "Aye", motion carried.

At 7:04 p.m., Mayor Robinson stated in accordance with the published notice, it is now time to conduct the public hearing relative to hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations relating to AN AMENDMENT TO THE FORT CALHOUN ZONING ORDINANCE OF ARTICLE 5, SECTION 5.18 - PUD: PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.

There were no written comments. Jeff Ray, City Planner, discussed their recommendation of removing item “I” of section 5.18, regarding the setbacks. Mayor Robinson declared the public hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.

Member Prieksat made a motion seconded by member Schuler to approve the Conservation easement application from Washington County Historical Association. Frahm House received a grant from the State Historical society which requires a preservation easement and needs to be approved by the Planning Commission and City Council. With members Bowser, Prieksat, and Schuler voting “Aye”, motion carried.

Member Schuler made a motion second by Prieksat to approve the Substantial Completion for the Fort Calhoun Trail Extension Phase 3 & 4 with a substantial completion date of October 25, 2024. With members Schuler, Bowser, and Prieksat voting “Aye”, motion carried.

Member Prieksat introduced **Ordinance 811 Zoning Ordinance Amendment – PUD: Planned Unit Development** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT CALHOUN, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND THE FORT CALHOUN ZONING ORDINANCE OF ARTICLE 5, SECTION 5.18 – PUD: PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT; TO REPEAL ANY AND ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Member Prieksat made a motion to waive the three readings. Member Schuler seconded the motion. With members Prieksat, Schuler, and Bowser voting “Aye”, motion carried. Member Schuler made a motion for final approval and member Prieksat seconded. With members Prieksat and Schuler voting “Aye”, Bowser voting “Nay”, motion carried.

Member Schuler made a motion seconded by member Prieksat to approve the Housing Study proposal contingent on Gateway Development splitting the cost of the study with the city. Jeff Ray, City Planner, discussed the process for the study. He said they would look at specific needs for the community and hold focus groups to gather data. A housing study is an important document to have when developers are looking to build in the city. With members Prieksat and Schuler voting “Aye”, member Bowser voting “Nay”, motion carried.

Member Prieksat made a motion seconded by member Schuler to approve the closure of 15th Street from Court to Monroe Street and Monroe Street from 15th Street to 16th Street on November 30th from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. for the Annual Tree Lighting and Parade of Lights. With members Schuler, Bowser, and Prieksat voting “Aye”, motion carried.

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 7:26 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