

**Osmond City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, March 10, 2025**

A meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Osmond, Nebraska, was held at the Conference Room at 325 North State Street, in said City on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. Present were: Mayor Dennis M. Kuhl, Council Members Dennis Haselhorst, Douglas A. Schmit, Daniel E. Timmerman and Neil E. Wattier. Absent: none. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication and was posted in three conspicuous public places in said City. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all members of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda are on file at the City Clerk's office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Mayor Kuhl 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 posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

Minutes of the February 10th regular meeting were prepared and sent to Council Members. Councilman Wattier motioned to approve the minutes as printed. Seconded by Councilman Haselhorst. Roll call vote: Wattier, yea; Schmit, yea; Haselhorst, yea; Timmerman, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

An update on vacant properties was next. Mayor Kuhl said he had received written confirmation that one property was being sold and the new owner planned to remodel it as a rental property. Since the former deadline on making repairs or tearing down this building was March 31, council agreed to give the new owner sufficient time to get that property restored to livable condition. Two other property owners are asking the Fire Department to burn their structures. Mayor Kuhl advised he was seeking State Fire Marshall approval on one of those structures before the local fire department would agree to burn it. Council was pleased with the progress being made on eliminating or improving vacant buildings this year.

Councilman Wattier said with the increase in salaries and expenses, he feels it is necessary to increase swimming pool fees this year. He proposed changing the Family Season Pass from \$110 to \$125 and Individual Season Pass from \$55 to \$60. Individual Daily admission will remain \$5. Wattier will also take care of changing the sign prices and may move the sign inside the lobby area to prevent vandalism. Councilman Wattier made a motion to increase prices for the 2025 pool season to \$125 for Family Pass and \$60 for Individual Pass. Individual Daily admission will remain \$5. Seconded by Councilman Schmit. Roll call vote: Wattier, yea; Schmit, yea; Haselhorst, yea; Timmerman, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Wattier advised he has six applications and is hoping to get three more from people he has spoken to individually. He did not want to set wages until other towns have set theirs. The employment ad will not be run again until he hears from the people he has already talked to.

The citywide Cleanup Day is set for May 15, 2025 with an alternate bad weather date of May 19. Bert Wattier said he will coordinate with the school and have all supplies and paint ready for the cleanup day.

Mayor Kuhl informed the council that he has already received three applications for the maintenance position and has heard from others who plan to apply. He does not think the advertisement needs to run again so the last ad will run on March 12.

Caleb Eckstrom is the city's only licensed water operator at this time. The state requires at least two licensed people be listed as water operators for a municipality. Bill Hansen has agreed to serve as Osmond's backup operator.

Councilman Haselhorst said there was no new information on the cemetery directory for the city cemetery. He thought the committee would be meeting soon with any new information being shared at the April council meeting.

By-laws for Pierce County Economic Development were received shortly before the council meeting with all council members receiving a copy. Council will review the by-laws. There was no new detailed quarterly report.

After meeting with Viaero, the route for boring in the cables from the tower north of the school to the new tower on 4<sup>th</sup> Street was determined with work to begin as soon as possible.

Assistant Treasurer Hoffman reported on total claims in the amount of \$88,925.54. Councilman Haselhorst made a motion to approve to pay all non-conflicting bills, seconded by Councilman Timmerman. Roll call vote: Wattier, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Haselhorst, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Haselhorst, seconded by Councilman Wattier, to pay the bill submitted by Northeast Nebraska Tire & Trailer Sales. Roll call vote: Wattier, yea; Timmerman, yea; Haselhorst, yea. Abstaining: Schmit. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Councilman Watter made at motion, seconded by Timmerman, to pay the bill submitted by All Star Parts. Roll call vote: Wattier, yea; Timmerman, yea; Haselhorst, yea. Abstaining: Schmit. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

The General Checking account statement and reconciliation for February 2025, were reviewed.

There were no new building or floodplain permits for review.

Mayor Kuhl stated city sales tax for December 2024 was a total of \$14,730.95 (of that amount \$2,088.98 is from motor vehicle tax).

Mayor also reported that \$5,263.56 was received from Fastwyre for 2024 franchise fees.

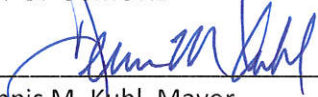
Mayor informed council the new deed showing the city as owner of the McClain donated land has been received.


Police Chief Wells presented a report on recent activity within the city including one report of trespassing, one dog barking complaint, one gun permit, and one assist Plainview PD with pursuit to name a few. Chief Wells also informed council that he had attended a zoom meeting on LB1184.

There were no attorney matters to be discussed.


There being no further business, motion was made by Councilman Schmit, seconded by Councilman Timmerman to adjourn the Council meeting at 7:40 p.m. Roll call vote: Wattier, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Haselhorst, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

CITY OF OSMOND

  
Dennis M. Kuhl, Mayor

  
Cindy Hoffman, City Clerk Pro Tem

I, Cindy Hoffman, Clerk Pro Tem of the City of Osmond, Nebraska, hereby certify that the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available at City Clerk's office, that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to said meeting; that the minutes of the meeting of the City Council of the City of Osmond, Nebraska, from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within 10 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meeting of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

  
Cindy Hoffman, City Clerk Pro Tem