

Osmond City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 12, 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 12th day of May 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. 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, all members of the Council. 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 April 14th regular meeting was prepared and sent to Council Members. Councilman Wattier motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Councilman Haselhorst. Roll call vote: Wattier, yea; Schmit, yea; Haselhorst, yea; Timmerman, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Kris Schramm and Tucker Timmerman, Chrome and Smoke Truck Show committee members, came before council to put a plan B together for this year's show in case of rain. After some discussion about how many trucks showed up last year and knowing that they may need more parking area for plan B they asked Council to consider allowing them to use a few of the side streets for overflow parking if needed. Different ideas on parking were considered but ultimately council agreed to allow them to close State Street from the alley by Lind-Gubbels to 4th Street and use certain side streets for overflow with the exception that they work with the businesses along State Street to prevent loss of business. The committee members also mentioned they would consider changing the time they would allow trucks to move in on Friday if plan B would have to be used to prevent closing streets all day Friday and Saturday.

Mayor Kuhl read a letter from Amanda Schieffer requesting to sell fireworks in Osmond at the East edge of the MiniMart lot adjacent to Hwy 20. Councilman Haselhorst motioned to approve the request from Schieffer to sell fireworks this year. Seconded by Councilman Schmit. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Clerk Timmerman reminded council that an emergency item needed to be added to the agenda. Councilman Wattier stated they needed to discuss and approve emergency repairs to the swimming pool as there was a possibility of a busted pipe causing the pool to slowly lose water. Council agreed to adding the item. After discussing the unknown cost of locating and repairing the damage council agreed to set a repair cost, however, Councilman Wattier mentioned the lost wages of the employees if the pool is unable to open for a while. With the discussion going back and forth about the wages it was agreed to pay the pool employees 40 hours a week each during the downtime for necessary pool repairs. Councilman Wattier made a motion to set a repair limit to \$29,900 and pay each pool employee for 40 hours each week while the repairs are being done to the pool. Seconded by Councilman Schmit. Roll call vote: Wattier, yea; Schmit, yea; Haselhorst, yea; Timmerman, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Next, Mayor Kuhl informed council Boyd Doyle was hired for a part-time position and asked council to consider their wage discussed at last months meeting along with the new health insurance stipend for the part-time office and maintenance position. Councilman Schmit made a motion to set Mr. Doyle's wage at \$20 per hour and pay him the \$400 a month health insurance stipend. Seconded by Councilman Wattier. Roll call vote: Wattier, yea; Schmit, yea; Haselhorst, yea; Timmerman, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Moving ahead concerns were brought up about the part-time maintenance position and if emergency water, sewer situations arise the new part-time employee may not be able to come to assist. Mayor Kuhl asked council to consider jumping ahead to item seven on the agenda, they agreed. Kuhl explained he was contacted by the newest on-call employee Bill Hansen who inquired whether they would consider moving him to a part-time position instead of

being on call. After more discussion council asked Mayor Kuhl to contact him and offer a part-time position with pay of \$20 an hour plus \$400 monthly health insurance stipend. He agreed to and will report back to council next month.

Jumping back to item six on the agenda Councilman Schmit made a motion to hire Alexa Aschoff as a summer intern for the library's summer reading program and set her contract labor wage at \$200 for the program period. Seconded by Councilman Timmerman. Roll call vote: Wattier, yea; Schmit, yea; Haselhorst, yea; Timmerman, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

After the transmission went out in one of the maintenance pickups a transmission swap was done between the two 2008 pickups. There was discussion about budgeting for another maintenance pickup for next fiscal year and having a local scrap company haul the nonworking pickup out this month. The budgeting topic will be on next month's agenda.

Councilman Wattier informed everyone that the proposed pool opening date will be May 25th and the advertisement will run in the paper. He stated that the opening date may change depending on repairs needed to the pool.

Next, Councilman Haselhorst brought the plan and cost back to the council for a cemetery directory and stated they received a \$500 grant from Pierce County Visitors Bureau for this project. After some discussion Councilman Wattier made a motion to erect a cemetery directory at the city cemetery not to exceed \$5,000. Seconded by Councilman Schmit. Roll call vote: Wattier, yea; Schmit, yea; Haselhorst, yea; Timmerman, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

In a letter from the Tree Board, it was mentioned about removing and replacing some of the older trees in Poolside Park, board member Clark Wilke stated that there is a grant application opening on June 1st that would provide up to ten free larger trees and if successful they would need a location to plant them. Councilman Haselhorst asked council to allow him to take this to the next Park Board meeting to be discussed before anything is officially decided. Clerk Timmerman stated there is a Forestry Incentive Program grant application that comes out next January through the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resource Department that if successful could possibly help with the removal cost if this project wasn't going to take place till next year.

After discussion between Police Chief Wells and Clerk Timmerman it was discovered that there was no need to make changes to the dog at large ordinance, but rather change the newspaper yearly ad to state what ordinance code 6-106 actually reads.

Maintenance employee Bert Wattier explained that the trash pump at the pool had quit working and was replaced this month, but they were looking at purchasing a smaller 2" trash pump to utilize for water repairs if council approved. With the department being under Councilman Timmerman, he and the rest of council decided to not purchase another pump this year due to the unknown costs of the pool repairs.

Up next to be discussed was vacant properties. Mayor Kuhl gave updates on the following properties: house on Maple Street will be demolished soon as the equipment is currently in town; a vacant camper will be moved out of town by the end of this month and the Highway 20 property will no longer be burned down by the fire department and Mayor Kuhl will notify the owner of this change. Councilman Wattier stated he had been questioned by some members of the community about the condition of the old Wally's shop building and if anything has been discussed about it. Mayor Kuhl will talk to the owners of the building and report back at next month's meeting.

Clerk Timmerman reviewed some changes that were made to the Lane Mile report by Maintenance Supervisor Caleb Eckstrom and herself after meeting with the new street superintendent from JEO. She explained they found some paved streets that were missing and some streets that were just missing all together which helps the city receive more state funds. No additional changes were needed so the report will be signed and submitted to the State by the end of this month.

Treasurer Timmerman requested to receive her required treasurer's continuing education hours by recordings from this coming June conference instead of attending in person which would only cost the City \$395.00. Councilman

Wattier made a motion to approve her request. Seconded by Councilman Haselhorst. Roll call vote: Wattier, yea; Schmit, yea; Haselhorst, yea; Timmerman, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Included in their council packets were the General Checking statement and reconciliation for April 2025, for review. Treasurer Timmerman stated she would follow up on some of the outstanding checks from the past few months. No further questions were asked.

The following building permit was reviewed: Bryan Manzer, constructing the rest of a fence on his property.

Mayor Kuhl stated city sales tax for February 2025 was a total of \$16,002.88 (of that amount \$2,634.25 is from motor vehicle tax).

Next, Treasurer Timmerman reported on total claims in the amount of \$65,347.62. Councilman Timmerman made a motion to approve to pay all non-conflicting bills, seconded by Councilman Haselhorst. Roll call vote: Wattier, yea; Schmit, yea; Haselhorst, yea; Timmerman, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

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

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

Some of council questioned a claim that was made out to Brittney Timmerman that was for \$10.00 and stated the memo line read fake reimbursement for ink. Treasurer Timmerman stated that was their quarterly test on finding a fraudulent claim on the bill list and thanked council for catching it.

Two correspondences were reported by Mayor Kuhl. The first one was from NENEDD thanking the City for continuing to pay their annual dues and provided their annual report of what funds have been spent within the city. Second one was from a visitor staying at the camper pads.

Police Chief Wells presented a report on recent activity within the city including one parking complaint, one VIN run for a stolen vehicle, one report of a dog bite (deemed potentially dangerous dog) and one open door report to name a few. Chief Wells also informed council that he attended the required implicit bias/office wellness training in Norfolk as well as a meeting with the attorney general.

There were no attorney matters to be discussed.

There being no further business, motion was made by Councilman Wattier, seconded by Councilman Schmit to adjourn the Council meeting at 8:19 p.m. Roll call vote: Wattier, yea; Schmit, yea; Haselhorst, yea; Timmerman, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

CITY OF OSMOND


Dennis M. Kuhl, Mayor
Brittney Timmerman, City Clerk

I, Brittney Timmerman, Clerk 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.


Brittney Timmerman, City Clerk

