

Osmond City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 11, 2025

A meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Osmond, Nebraska, was held in the conference room at 325 North State Street, in said City on the 11th day of August 2025, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. Present were: Mayor Dennis M. Kuhl, Council Members Dennis Haselhorst, Daniel E. Timmerman, and Neil E. Wattier. Absent: Douglas A. Schmit. 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. 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.

Councilman Timmerman made a motion to accept the absence of Councilman Schmit from today's meeting. Seconded by Councilman Haselhorst. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Minutes of the July 14th regular meeting were prepared and sent to Council Members. Councilman Wattier pointed out the following corrections needing made to the minutes: Councilman ~~Neil~~ Wattier made a motion to approve Main Street Alley special designated liquor license application for a wedding on September 6th and 13th, 2025. Seconded by Councilman ~~Wattier~~ Schmit. Roll call vote: Wattier, yea; Haselhorst, yea; Schmit, yea. Abstaining: Timmerman. Voting nay: none. Motion carried. Councilman Haselhorst motioned to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Councilman Wattier. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Wattier, yea; Timmerman, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Jason Bolz brought before council an issue with a neighbor's tree branches constantly falling on his property and vehicles. He stated he has spoken to Mayor Kuhl about the issue and have had many conversations with the neighbor but the issue keeps happening. Bolz mentioned the trees are not maintained and sit in the city right of way and asked if there were any ordinances or regulations in regards to trees in the right of way. Also in attendance was Cory Hille, the owner of the trees, who informed council that the trees were just recently trimmed to 13 feet on the street side and 8 feet over the sidewalk. After some conversation Mayor Kuhl stated there are no current ordinances, resolutions or codes about tree maintenance in the right of ways for the City and he would check with the legal counsel to know if this was a city matter or more a civil matter. Bolz requested this item return to next meeting agenda to follow up.

Next, Clerk Timmerman asked for clarification on what changes are needing made to the one- and six-year plan since it wasn't discussed last month which streets were being moved to the one-year plan. It was decided the following blocks will be moved to the one year plan: six and a half blocks of Prairie Street, Logan Street from Fourth Street to Prairie Street, Eighth Street from Fulton to half a block east of State Street, Seventh Street from Fulton to half a block east of State Street, Sixth Street from Main Street to Hill Street and around the curve to Seventh Street, Fifth Street from Fulton to half a block east of State, Meadow Street from Third Street to Fourth Street and Third Street from Maple Street to Hill Street. The six-year plan will be Sixth Street from Main Street to Meadow Street.

Councilman Timmerman made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-4 authorizing the Mayor to sign the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2025 form. Seconded by Councilman Haselhorst. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried. The passage and adoption of said resolution having been concurred in by majority of all members elected to the Council, Mayor Kuhl declared said resolution passed and adopted. A true, correct and complete copy of said resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2025-4
SIGNING OF THE
MUNICIPAL ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE
2025**

Resolution No. 2025-4

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2115, 39-2119, 39-2120, 39-2121, and 39-2520(2), requires an annual certification of program compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards; and

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statute, section 39-2120 also requires that the annual certification of program compliance by each municipality shall be signed by the Mayor or Village Board Chairperson and shall include the resolution of the governing body of the municipality authorizing the signing of the certification.

Be it resolved that the Mayor X Village Board Chairperson of Osmond is hereby authorized to sign the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance.

Adopted this 11th day of August, 2025 at Osmond, Nebraska.

City Council/Village Board Members:

Dennis Haselhorst
Daniel Timmerman
Neil Wattier
Doug Schmit-Absent

City Council/Village Board Member Dan Timmerman

Moved the adoption of said resolution

Member Dennis Haselhorst Seconded the Motion

Roll Call: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 1 Absent

Resolution adopted, signed, and billed as adopted.

Attest:

Brittney Timmerman, Clerk

Treasurer Timmerman informed council of a recent letter she received from the state inquiring information on the State Revolving Loans for both water and sewer. After some discussion council requested, she contact the city auditor to receive input on how to handle the inquiry. Timmerman will report back to council at next month's meeting.

Next, Clerk Timmerman reported that the Community Sign is up and she will be training on how to use it this Thursday so the office will be closed during that time.

Mayor Kuhl informed council that maintenance employee Bert Wattier has passed the CDL course and purposed he receives a dollar raise since he had completed the requirement. Some of council stated that wages were already increased at last month's meeting and didn't understand why we would do another wage increase. Kuhl stated that in the past raises were given for when others had obtained their CDL, in which Treasurer Timmerman mentioned that past employees had their CDL at time of hire to her knowledge so the additional raise wasn't needed. Maintenance supervisor Caleb Eckstrom asked council if they would consider setting a specific wage increase for any future licenses/certificates obtained so future councilmembers would have something to go on instead of everyone trying to remember what was done in the past. After some discussion Councilman Wattier made a motion to give maintenance employee Wattier a fifty-cent raise. No councilmember made a second so the motion failed. Councilman Timmerman stated he feels that since wages were just increased another increase wasn't needed again this year. He mentioned his opinion is that wages should be increased annually, not every time a certificate/license is obtained and at the annual wage increase is when they should take into consideration any of those that have been obtained in the past year. After some discussion Councilman Wattier made a motion again to give maintenance employee Wattier a fifty-cent raise. Again, no councilmember seconded the motion, so the motion failed.

Moving ahead, Mayor Kuhl informed council after recent maintenance employee Jason Erickson turned in his notice quitting effective immediately, he reached out to past applicant Todd Eckstrom and offered him a full-time position starting July 28th with wage starting at \$21.00/hour. Treasurer Timmerman asked council if they were ok with Mr. Eckstrom attending the local upcoming sewer course in October, since it was during his probationary period and she would need to cut the check this month for both him and employee Wattier. Some of council asked why he would be

attending during the probation period and it was mentioned that this is the only local class in the area for the year otherwise the rest of the courses are held farther away which would cost the city more to send him to. Councilman Timmerman made a motion to send and pay for new maintenance employee Eckstrom to attend the sewer course in October. Seconded by Councilman Haselhorst. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Wattier, yea; Timmerman, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

With sealed municipal bids scheduled originally to be opened this month Clerk Timmerman informed council that two of the three companies had requested an extension to the September meeting to give enough time to put together an accurate bid. She mentioned the bids will now be opened and decided on at the September meeting so the policy can go into effect October 1st.

Since last meeting another vacant property along Logan Street has been cleaned up and a property along the highway is in the process of being sold to a new owner who intends to remove the structure and put in a new building. Mayor Kuhl also mentioned the property along State Street will be removed once the demolition crew gets back to town, hopefully this month. A few other properties were discussed and letters will be issued to address the condition of properties.

Next, Clerk Timmerman informed council that they received a letter notifying that the City FY 24-25 audit is scheduled for Wednesday, October 22nd. She went on to mention an email received from our auditor in regard to the FY 25-26 budget and needed clarification on funds being used for certain expense items. Timmerman stated that they are just waiting on the valuation to come out to know if they will be required to attend the joint budget hearing.

Council set the budget hearing to be Monday, September 8th at 6:30pm.

Included in their council packets were the General Checking statement and reconciliation for June and July 2025, for review. No questions or concerns were brought up.

Before approving claims Treasurer Timmerman stated that the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy were for both maintenance employees, she also mentioned that the off-street help for Todd Eckstrom was paid at \$20/hour as she was instructed to and asked council to put it into a motion if that dollar amount was correct. Councilman Wattier made a motion to pay Eckstrom's off street help at \$20.00/hour. Seconded by Haselhorst. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried. Timmerman also mentioned the credit card bill was sent out in the mail that day to meet the deadline, which moving forward will be due on the 22nd of the month. She provided an explanation on how the dues were calculated for the League of Municipalities. After all payment explanations were provided, she asked if council had questions on any other invoices. No councilmen had any other questions; however, Treasurer Timmerman informed them that she had submitted fraudulent claim test this month and asked council to look over the claims again. After some time, she explained that the TextmyGov \$2500.00 charge for August fees was not an actual claim as they just paid the annual fee last month and moving forward the claim should be \$1500.00 annually.

Next, Timmerman also reported on total claims in the amount of \$124,719.56. Councilman Timmerman made a motion to approve to pay all bills, seconded by Councilman Haselhorst. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Clerk Timmerman presented current building permits. Adam Rice, addition onto commercial building; Brad Adamson, addition onto existing detached garage and Jeff & Kathy Moore, new house build.

Mayor Kuhl stated city sales tax for May 2025 was a total of \$13,256.51 (of that amount \$1,623.94 is from motor vehicle tax).

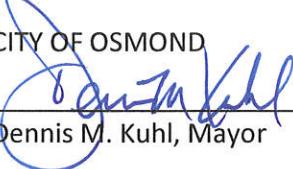
Mayor Kuhl read the correspondence from TextmyGov thanking the city for taking the time to go through the training and utilizing their services.

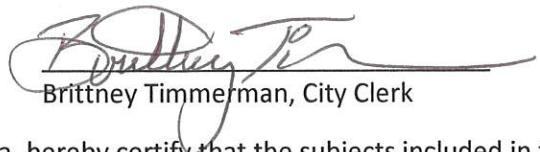
Police Chief Wells presented a report on recent activity within the city including five dog at large, two calls of cattle out, one 911 call follow up, one peddler permit instructions given and one lost wallet (not turned in) to name a few.

No attorney matters to report.

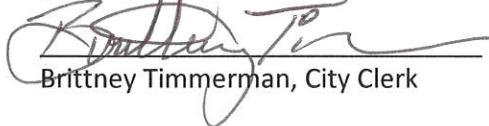
With no further business, motion was made by Councilman Timmerman, seconded by Councilman Wattier to adjourn the Council meeting at 8:45 p.m. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

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