

## Osmond City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 8, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. Present were: Mayor Dennis M. Kuhl, Council Members Dennis Haselhorst, Daniel E. Timmerman, Douglas A. Schmit, 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 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.

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

Mayor Kuhl asked if there was any unfinished business to come before the Council before reorganizing. The following old business was brought forth:

Truck show committee requested to be postponed till the January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Next, Mayor Kuhl informed council that he had requested Clerk/Treasurer Timmerman to conduct the interviews for the vacant deputy clerk position. Since running the help wanted advertisement there had only been three applicants and only one returned a call for an interview. Timmerman stated she had completed the interview process with Adriona Buchanan the end of November and felt confident in offering her a position based on her past job experiences as well as reference checks. She suggested to council to hire Buchanan to start next Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> with a starting wage of \$19.00 per hour due to past work experience. After some questions from council, Councilman Schmit made a motion to hire Adriona Buchanan at \$19.00 per hour starting Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Councilman Timmerman. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Timmerman, yea; Schmit, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

With one month to think about the information from last month's flood reduction project update from the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resource District (LENRD) some councilmembers discussed conversations they have had residents and don't feel encouraged to keep moving forward using local tax payer dollars. After discussing different options Councilman Schmit made a motion to continue into the design phase using Osmond's remaining grant funds until those are all expended. Seconded by Councilman Haselhorst. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Timmerman, yea; Schmit, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried. Clerk Timmerman asked council if there was a future agenda they would like to rediscuss different flood reduction options the City could do to help prevent some flooding issues in town, council agreed to put it on the March agenda.

After receiving a call from a Laserfische representative, Clerk Timmerman decided to bring the discussion back before council this month due to a price increase happening after the first of the year. Timmerman provided council with the quotes again from the company for initially scanning all binders and books for minutes, ordinances and resolutions in the amount of \$6,020 as well as two different annual subscriptions. After some discussion Councilman Schmit made a motion to accept their initial scanning quote and chose price option one digital essentials package for \$1,788.00 annually. Seconded by Councilman Wattier. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Timmerman, yea; Schmit, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Looking ahead to spring of 2026 projects, 6<sup>th</sup> Street from Main Street to Meadow Street repairs were brought back to council before the planned discussion on the February agenda. Maintenance workers Caleb Eckstrom and Bert Wattier started putting together estimates for replacing that section of 6<sup>th</sup> Street with concrete

instead of asphalt. After some discussion about the cost to the property owners, Councilman Schmit will talk to the abutting owners to see if they are still interested to have the street replaced come spring. An update will be provided at the January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Updates on a few vacant properties along State Street were provided. While one building is on the schedule to be demolished by end of winter, the discussion about the second property, the old city office, came to a standstill when council decided to postpone any work on the building until a later date due to the possible cost of upcoming street projects for this fiscal year.

Mayor Kuhl asked if there was any other unfinished business to come before the Council. Since there was not, Councilman Wattier moved to adjourn for reorganizing, seconded by Councilman Timmerman. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Timmerman, yea; Schmit, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

At 7:32 p.m., Mayor Dennis Kuhl opened the meeting for reorganization and read the open meeting law notice and advised of it being posted in the meeting room.

Mayor Kuhl announced the following annual appointments for 2026:

### **Council Members**

President of the Council – Street Commissioner - Douglas A. Schmit  
Park, Cemetery, and Tree Board Commissioner – Dennis Haselhorst  
Auditorium, Library and Pool Commissioner - Neil E. Wattier  
Water, Sewer and Garbage Commissioner - Daniel E. Timmerman

### **City Office**

Mayor – Dennis Kuhl  
City Clerk/Treasurer – Brittney Timmerman  
City Deputy Clerk – Vacant

### **Other Appointments**

Physician - Kevin Lauck, PA-C  
Newspaper - Osmond Republican  
Attorney - Jewell & Collins  
Engineering Firm – JEO Consulting Group, Inc.  
Street Superintendent – Andrew Wilshusen  
Emergency Management Director – Missy Hoppe  
Police Chief – Tyler C. Wells  
NENEDD Representative – Councilman Daniel E. Timmerman  
LENRD Representative – Councilman Neil E. Wattier

**Library Board (2 consecutive 4-year terms):** Justin Orr (2<sup>nd</sup> term expiring 2026); Jennifer Wisely (1<sup>st</sup> term expiring 2026); Rebecca Geneski (1<sup>st</sup> term expiring 2026); Blake Gutz (1<sup>st</sup> term expiring 2027); and Denise Schmit (1<sup>st</sup> term expiring 2027).

**Health Board:** Mayor Dennis Kuhl; Council President Doug Schmit; Kevin Lauck, PA-C; Doug Ketelsen; Osmond Police Chief Tyler C. Wells; and Dr. Tony Miller (Heartland Vet Clinic, Plainview)

**Tree Board (2-year terms):** Clark Wilke, Kathy Wilke, Melissa Lind, Boyd Doyle, and Tom Kruse. All terms will expire in 2027.

**Housing Authority (3-year term):** Grant Albers (expires 2026); Doug Ketelsen (expires 2027); Walter Aschoff (expires 2027); Kelly Hodson (expires 2028); and Jim Schmit (expires 2028).

**Park Board (3-year term):** Marvin Kumm (expires 2026); Patti Ketelsen (expires 2026); Brian Gunther (expires 2027); Regina Lorenz (expires 2027); Mark McCabe (expires 2028); and Barb Johnson (expires 2028).

**Summer Youth Committee (1-year term):** Alli Aschoff will report any changes of the Committee members, LaVail Aschoff, Alan Steinkraus, Vanessa Steinkraus, Melanie Gutz, Calvin Gardner, Andrea Gardner, Erin Kumm, Tiffany Friedrich and Jennifer Gansebom.

**Zoning Board:** Phil Gutz; Brandon Brunckhorst; Paul Reineke; Kelly Hodson; Michael Koehler; Justin Bahr; and Steve Lind.

After some discussion, Councilman Haselhorst motioned to appoint JEO Consulting Group, Inc, as the City Engineer for the City of Osmond for the year 2026. Motion was seconded by Councilman Timmerman. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Timmerman, yea; Schmit, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Schmit to appoint Baylor Bestgen (License #S-1728 Class A) of JEO Consulting Group, Inc. as the City of Osmond's Street Superintendent (contract consultant) for 2026, seconded by Councilman Haselhorst. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Timmerman, yea; Schmit, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

With a busier bulk water season this year, the bulk water rate and set-up fee were discussed and compared to a few other municipalities' rates. A motion was then made by Councilman Schmit to increase the set-up fee from \$50.00 to \$250.00, increasing the per thousand-gallon charge from \$2.50 to \$5.00 and requiring companies to sign a meter & backflow preventer damage waiver. Seconded by Councilman Timmerman. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Timmerman, yea; Schmit, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Next, Mayor Kuhl introduced **ORDINANCE No. 2025-2 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: HOURS OF SALE**. This Ordinance shall terminate at noon on January 1, 2027, and shall then revert to the hours effective prior to the passing of this Ordinance. Councilman Wattier moved that the statutory rule requiring a reading on three different days be suspended. Councilman Schmit seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote on the motion, the following members voted: Haselhorst, yea; Timmerman, yea; Schmit, yea; Wattier, yea. The following voted nay: none. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths of the Council and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of said Ordinance No. 2025-2. Said Ordinance No. 2025-2 was then read by title and thereafter Councilman Schmit moved for final passage of said Ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilman Haselhorst. The Mayor then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 2025-2 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following members voted: Haselhorst, yea; Timmerman, yea; Schmit, yea; Wattier, yea. The following voted nay: none. The passage and adoption of said Ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the Council, the Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted and the Mayor, in the presence of the Council, signed and approved the Ordinance and the Clerk attested the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto. A true, correct and complete copy of said Ordinance is available for inspection and distribution at the offices of the City Clerk at the City Office.

Councilman Timmerman moved for the City to remove, for free, all natural (no artificial) Christmas trees without any ornaments from curbs until Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Seconded by Councilman Wattier. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Timmerman, yea; Schmit, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Treasurer Timmerman presented the suggested Christmas remembrances in Osmond Dollars list for regular and part-time employees/volunteers. Councilman Haselhorst moved to approve Christmas remembrances of \$50 in Osmond Dollars for regular & office employees and \$25 in Osmond Dollars for part time employees/volunteers. Seconded by Councilman Wattier. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Timmerman, yea; Schmit, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Clerk Timmerman presented the list of City Council meeting dates for 2026 and stated no holidays were an issue with scheduling the normal council meetings on the second Monday of every month. Councilman Schmit moved to set the City Council meeting dates for 2026 as follows:

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| January 12 <sup>th</sup> | February 9 <sup>th</sup> | March 9 <sup>th</sup>      |
| April 13 <sup>th</sup>   | May 11 <sup>th</sup>     | June 8 <sup>th</sup>       |
| July 13 <sup>th</sup>    | August 10 <sup>th</sup>  | September 14 <sup>th</sup> |
| October 12 <sup>th</sup> | November 9 <sup>th</sup> | December 14 <sup>th</sup>  |

Seconded by Councilman Timmerman. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Timmerman, yea; Schmit, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Treasurer Timmerman reported on a mistake she made for last month's motor vehicle transfer and informed council that all the documents to correct it were included in the claims to be approved this month. She also asked council if KENO funds were still going to be used to cover half the cost of the new mower or if they wanted to do another transfer as well to cover the other portion, after some discussion it was decided to only do half the cost transfer from KENO. Timmerman went on to report total claims in the amount of \$266,262.87. Councilman Schmit moved to approve to pay all non-conflicting bills, seconded by Councilman Wattier. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Timmerman, yea; Schmit, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Councilman Wattier moved to pay the bill submitted by Allstar Parts, LLC. Seconded by Councilman Timmerman. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Abstaining: Schmit. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Both November and December reconciliations and bank statements were reviewed this month with no questions.

There was no building or floodplain permits to review.

Mayor Kuhl stated city sales tax for September 2025 was \$17,761.56 (of that amount \$3,634.24 is from motor vehicle tax).

Correspondence received was a thank you from the Osmond Community School trick or treaters, Norfolk Implement for the purchase of the new mower, a letter providing an update for the water tower roof to which council discussed switching back to white to prevent another fading issue to the colored top. Clerk Timmerman reminded councilmembers that if their terms are up this next year the incumbent filing deadline is February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 5:00 pm and the non-incumbent filing deadline is March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 at 5:00 pm, both of which have to pay filing fees to the city office before filing at the County Clerk's office.

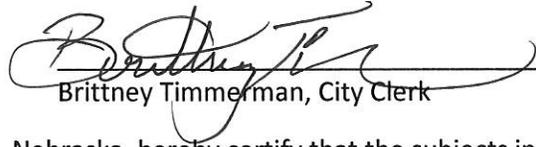
Police Chief Wells presented a report on a busy month's recent activity within the city including one property welfare check, one report of harassment, one extra patrol request, one report of erratic driver, questions on a dog ordinance and five DHHS intakes to name a few. Wells informed council that the agency is officially accredited through the Nebraska Commission on law enforcement and criminal justice.

No attorney matters to report.

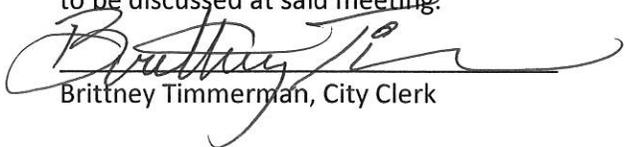
There being no further business, motion was made by Councilman Timmerman, seconded by Councilman Wattier to adjourn the Council meeting at 8:08 p.m. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Timmerman, yea; Schmit, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

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