

Osmond City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 12, 2026

A meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Osmond, Nebraska, was held at the City Hall at 413 North State Street, in said City on the 12th day of January, 2026, at 7:09 o'clock p.m. Present were: Mayor Dennis M. Kuhl. Council Members: Dennis Haselhorst, Douglas A. Schmit, Daniel E. Timmerman, Neil E. Wattier. Absent: none. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication. 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.

Available were two sealed bids for the 1-year street plan. An offer from Husker Asphalt for \$1,527,040.00 and another from Knife River for \$1,082,765.00. Previously, Barkley Asphalt replaced 13 blocks after the flood for approximately \$350,000. With now 23 blocks to replace, council expected an offer of or about \$750,000. After further discussion, Councilman Schmit motioned to not award any bids at this time, seconded by Councilman Haselhorst. Roll call vote: Wattier, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Haselhorst, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Present was Matt Sorenson of Northeast Power to update council about the substation/solar farm east of town. Since building up the dirt, the project is on schedule to begin end of March or beginning of April and is expected to be finished around June or July. Building of the substation will not interrupt daily power unless notified by Northeast. Shortages may occur at night, Mr. Sorenson stated, but there should be no loss of power during the day.

The city's annual health insurance policy is up for renewal on March 1, 2026. Currently, the city has Medica as their carrier. Agent Josh Sirek provided new monthly premium totals for employees currently using our health insurance coverage and stated that there was only an estimated 5% increase to the premiums and doesn't recommend switching to any other plan. Councilman Wattier made a motion to approve the renewal plan of MIC NTL NE 3400-0% - HSA with 100% Preventive RX Gold, seconded by Councilman Schmit. Roll call vote: Wattier, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Haselhorst, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Minutes of the December 8, 2025 regular meeting were prepared and sent to council members. Councilman Timmerman motioned to approve the minutes as printed. Seconded by Councilman Haselhorst. Roll call vote: Wattier, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Haselhorst, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

About two weeks ago, maintenance employee Wattier was cleaning tree debris at the park when he noticed the small yellow playground equipment north of the bathrooms had been vandalized. Upon further inspection, the equipment was cracked and multiple parts of the equipment were broken off leaving large, sharp edges. Wattier stated he looked back in records to see where the yellow playground equipment may have been purchased for replacement parts, but the needed information was not found. Without cameras at the park, maintenance employees and police are currently unaware of who may have vandalized the yellow playground equipment. Ultimately, council decided the maintenance employees should take down the playground equipment on a nicer day as soon as possible to refrain from any accidents, and a playground grant will be researched.

Councilman Schmit has been in contact with the residents of 6th street between Main and Meadow to approve street repairs. Most of the residents are on board with the street repairs, but there are a few residents Councilman Schmit hasn't been able to contact. Councilman Schmit would like to send paper letters to residents

to ensure all are notified of the repairs. Clerk Timmerman said she would set up a meeting with Councilman Schmit to discuss the letters to residents.

The street light on Dakota and 4th Street is causing issues with some residents as it's placement shines brightly into some of the resident's homes. Council agrees that the street light can be placed on the south side of the area onto an existing pole, which will allow the overhead line and current pole to be removed.

With recent septic issues in south Osmond Maintenance employees explained to council that the reoccurring issues seem to be neglect on the property owners' part with prohibited items being put down drains or flushed down the toilets. The most recent issue was a septic system had to be pumped out at which time they discovered it had just been pumped three years ago. Every time the company is called in to pump a septic tank is costing the tax payers between \$700 and \$800. After some discussion, Councilman Timmerman made a motion to change the ordinance to state that the property owner is now responsible for any part of the septic from their house to the pump pit and the city will remain responsible for the pump pit to the main. Seconded by Councilman Haselhorst. Roll call vote: Wattier, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Haselhorst, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried. The updated ordinance will go before council at the February meeting for adoption.

Dennis Collins, city attorney, reported that as of December 18, 2025 the city has now reclaimed an estimated 605 cemetery plots. Mayor Kuhl made mention to thank Clerk Timmerman for taking time to research and organize plots, which in return saved a lot of money in attorney hours. Mayor Kuhl also thanked the maintenance crew for their help finding headstone names to simplify this process that started a year ago. The city can now sell the plots to those who may be in need or to those who are interested for \$100 per plot.

An update on vacant properties was provided by Mayor Kuhl stating that the one location on State Street would be demolished, but an exact date has yet to be determined. He asked if there have been any improvements on the other property since the nuisance property letter had been delivered. Clerk Timmerman noted that there haven't been any changes. Mayor Kuhl asked council how they would like to proceed, extend to give the homeowner another 30 days to fix and clean or begin prosecution process with attorney. Councilman Schmit made a motion to give the homeowner till January 19th to fix and clean up the property or the city attorney will be contacted for prosecution, seconded by Councilman Wattier. Roll call vote: Wattier, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Haselhorst, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Kuhl has been in contact with AC Land in regards to moving the current city office in the back of 325 N State St to the front of the building in the old insurance office. Clerk Timmerman mentioned that the front office is front and center, twice the size, more accessible to residents, and with the spare space Clerk Timmerman would be able to keep more files that are in storage in the new office as needed. Councilman Timmerman made a motion to rent the larger office in front for one year, Councilman Schmit seconded. Roll call vote: Wattier, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Haselhorst, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

R&M Lawn Care submitted the 2026 annual contract quote for lawn care services at the Poolside park and camper pads would include steps 1, 3, and 5 and prices will remain the same from 2025's contract, \$2,425.00. The only request is to receive a check for the contract amount up front for a 10% discount. Councilman Haselhorst made a motion to approve 2026 annual lawn care services quote for \$2,425.00 and to send a payment to R&M this month to receive the 10% discount, seconded by Councilman Wattier. Roll call vote: Wattier, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Haselhorst, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Next, Mayor Kuhl introduced **ORDINANCE No. 2026-1** Water Service Rates-Bulk Water. 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. 2026-1. Said Ordinance No. 2026-1 was then read by title and thereafter

Councilman Schmit moved for final passage of said Ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilman Timmerman. The mayor then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 2026-1 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 Wattier is ready run the pool/lifeguard ad and earlier than previous years. Applicants can obtain an application at the city office, 325 N State Street, and must apply by March 9th. Wattier requested the ad be ran next week (Jan. 21) and an ad delivered to the school for students to notice as well.

After reviewing the work comp audit documents, Treasurer Timmerman informed the council that there will be a refund of \$2,016.00.

Treasurer Timmerman presented the last quarter profit and loss, budget vs actual to the council.

Treasurer Timmerman reported the new monthly ACH claim, Quickbooks payroll per employee fee, was taken out of the account on the 30th of last month and was not published on the claims list due to the list being turned in earlier than that date to make the paper deadline. The fee of \$47.00 for 17 employees for November's payroll was pulled on December 30th, Timmerman reached out to try to move the auto withdraw date up but was unable to per Quickbooks customer service rep. She explained moving forward an estimate will be published on the final claims list with any discrepancies being brought to council's attention at the next month's meeting to update the final claims total. The new final claims total for December is \$266,309.87. Timmerman reported on January's total claims in the amount of \$75,601.00. Councilman Timmerman made a motion to approve to pay all non-conflicting bills, seconded by Councilman Haselhorst. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

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

After reviewing the and December 2025 reconciliations and bank statements, council had no questions or concerns. One outstanding check is being monitored and researched.

There was no building or floodplain permits to review.

Mayor Kuhl stated city sales tax for October 2025 was \$18,976.17 (of that amount \$3,715.07 is from motor vehicle tax).

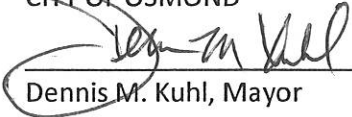
Correspondences received were Christmas cards from Leon Herbolsheimer and Patti & Doug Ketelson thanking the City Council for the Christmas remembrances, Jake Dugger with Maguire Iron, Aschoff Construction and First National Bank. Also received was a holiday card from Roger Protzman at JEO thanking the city for choosing JEO and wishing a Happy Holidays.

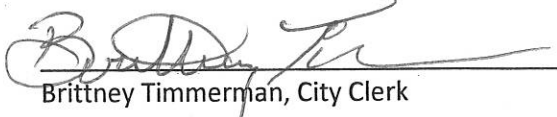
Police Chief Wells presented a short report on recent activity within the city including one DUI, two noise complaints, one question on a stolen vehicle, one rescue call, and a question from a tow company to name a few. Chief Wells also stated he completed all 32 continuing education and training hours for 2025.

There were no attorney matters to discuss.

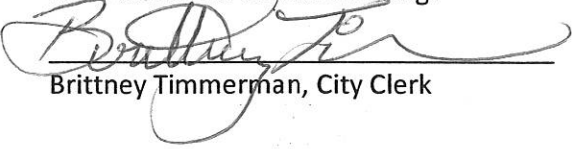
There being no further business, motion was made by Councilman Wattier, seconded by Councilman Schmit to adjourn the Council meeting at 8:10 p.m. Roll call vote: Wattier, yea; Timmerman, yea; Haselhorst, yea; Schmit, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

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