

Osmond City Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, July 7, 2026

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 7th day of July 2026, at 5:00 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.

Curt Becker, with the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resource District, stated that they are currently working with JEO on the design phase of the project which will use up the last of the current grant funds by February of 2027. Ross Lawrence, with JEO, was in attendance and reviewed the 4th Street Flood Reduction designs. While an architect with JEO provided design plans for the concession stand and bathroom that will be removed at the baseball field and elevated above the retaining wall to move it out of the floodplain. Becker then reviewed the three options to help with flood reduction in the community and stated that if they choose to move forward with the 4th Street road raise and decide not to also put a berm in the northeast edge of town, they would need a strong reason for not moving forward with that option. The City's total dollar portion for all three project options is an estimated \$249,445 but if grant funds are obtained it could possibly turn into a 50/50 split cutting the local cost down to \$124,722.50. Becker suggested that to keep the project moving forward they would need a letter of commitment from the council to move forward and stated that decision doesn't have to be made tonight, but in order get secure a good chance of receiving funds for the project the sooner the better. After a brief discussion Councilman Schmit made a motion to approve the Clerk and Mayor to put together a letter of commitment and have the mayor sign it. Seconded by Councilman Wattier. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Next, Councilman Wattier made a motion at 5:30 pm to open the public hearing concerning an application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Seconded by Councilman Timmerman. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried. Clerk Brittney Timmerman stated the City of Osmond, Nebraska, has obtained its citizens' comments on community development and housing needs; and has conducted public hearing(s) upon the proposed application and received favorable public comment respecting the application which for an amount of \$630,000 for a Community Development Block Grant for public works funds, of which \$600,000 will be used for Street improvements within the corporate limits of the City of Osmond; \$25,000 will be used for general administration; \$5,000 will be used for construction management. The total projected cost of renovations is approximately \$792,000 and the City of Osmond will provide the matching funds of \$192,000. The project includes the mill and overlay of 4" of asphalt, with patching of the subgrade as needed on Logan Street from Prairie Street to 4th Street, 6th Street from Main Street to Hill Street, and Hill Street from 6th Street to 7th Street. It will also include the replacement of items that will be damaged or disturbed during construction, including curb & gutters, driveways, sidewalks, signs, mailboxes, and water valves. An estimated 100% of requested CDBG funds will benefit 58.1% of low-and moderate-income (LMI)

persons in the City of Osmond; no persons are anticipated to be displaced as a result of CDBG activities, however, the City of Osmond will follow its plan for assisting persons actually displaced. Mayor Kuhl asked if there was any public comment, with none Councilman Wattier made a motion to close the public hearing at 5:32 pm. Seconded by Councilman Schmit. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Councilman Wattier motioned to approve Mayor Kuhl to sign Resolution 2026-1 as follows:

RESOLUTION 2026-1
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL
TO SIGN AN APPLICATION FOR CDBG FUNDS

Whereas, the City of Osmond, Nebraska, is an eligible unit of a general local government authorized to file an application under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, and,

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An estimated 100% of requested CDBG funds will benefit 58.1% of low-and moderate-income (LMI) persons in the City of Osmond; no persons are anticipated to be displaced as a result of CDBG activities, however, the City of Osmond will follow its plan for assisting persons actually displaced; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY

The City Council and Mayor of Osmond, Nebraska be authorized and directed to proceed with the formulation of any and all contracts, documents or other memoranda between City of Osmond and the Nebraska Department of Economic Development so as to effect acceptance of the grant application.

Dennis Kuhl, Mayor
Chief Elected Official
July 7, 2026

Brittney Timmerman, Clerk
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In attendance of the meeting was Mike Fink, a member of the Osmond United Methodist Church, who brought discussion about the future of the Osmond Food Bank before council. He explained that in recent years the use of the food bank located at the Methodist Church has declined resulting in food going to waste. The members who assist with the food bank would like some ideas from the public on what the future of the food bank should be, whether it's another organization taking on the task, relocating the food bank to different

location which may interest people to use it, or an individual taking on the task. With some discussion being had Council will revisit this topic at the August 10th meeting.

Next, some of the members from the Chrome and Smoke truck show committee thanked the council for all their support and for allowing them to use the City's facilities & property during this year's show. They asked council if at next year's truck show, June 25th through the 27th, they would be able to use all the same facilities again. Council acknowledged the hard work and thanked the truck show committee for all they brought to the community. The council agreed to allow them to use the facilities as long as they communicate with Summer Youth and all work together for future plans. Some discussion was brought up about the need for expanding power source and council will check on the possibility to see if that can be done.

Minutes of June 8th regular meeting was prepared and sent to Council Members. Councilman Wattier motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Seconded by Councilman Haselhorst. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

After a brief discussion on adding additional security cameras to Poolside Park Councilman Haselhorst made a motion to purchase two cameras for \$265. Seconded by Councilman Timmerman. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

With no quotes provided for the pickleball courts this discussion was tabled till the August 10th meeting.

Moving on to the update about vacant properties Mayor Kuhl stated there is no update on both State Street and Maple Street properties.

Next, Treasurer Timmerman reviewed some key points from the treasurer's conference in June.

Clerk Timmerman informed council that there were five applicants for the Deputy Clerk position, of that three interviews were scheduled and at the end she suggested to council to offer the position to Tiffany Hasler for \$18 per hour with a start date of August 3rd. Councilman Schmit made a motion to approve hiring Tiffany Hasler for \$18 per hours starting August 3rd. Seconded by Councilman Haselhorst. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Councilman Wattier made a motion to set pool subs wages at a range of \$14.50-\$18.50 if needed for the remaining pool season. Seconded by Councilman Schmit. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Next, Councilman Wattier informed the rest of council that the closing date for the pool is currently set for August 9th and that with the paint chipping worse in the pool he had reached out to three companies to obtain quotes to sandblast, paint and caulk the pool. He mentioned so far that only one company has returned a quote, which was from Faulker's Painting for an estimated \$37,500. After some discussion a motion was made by Councilman Wattier to budget \$40,000 for next fiscal year to have the pool sandblasted, painted and caulked. Seconded by Councilman Schmit. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Next, Mayor Kuhl introduced **amended Code 3-101 Municipal Swimming Pool; Operation and Funding**. Councilman Schmit moved that the statutory rule requiring a reading on three different days be suspended. Councilman Timmerman 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 Amended Code 3-101. Said amended Code 3-101 was then read by title and thereafter Councilman Timmerman moved for final passage of said amended Code, which motion was seconded by Councilman Haselhorst. The Mayor then stated the question: "Shall amended Code 3-101 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 amended Code having been concurred by a majority of all members of the Council, the Mayor declared the amended Code adopted and the Mayor, in the presence of the Council, signed and approved the amended Code and the Clerk attested the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto. A true, correct and complete copy of said amended Code is available for inspection and distribution at the offices of the City Clerk at the City Office.

Moving on, Treasurer Timmerman and Utility Supervisor Caleb Eckstrom brought before council the discussion of rate codes billing charges. Timmerman informed council that one of the rate codes originally set up when the new billing system was implemented was a charge called base rate. She explained that this rate is typically used when a house is sitting empty and the water is left on. Timmerman and Eckstrom explained that recently it has been discovered that some of the residential properties that are being charged this rate code occasionally have family staying in them for brief periods at a time and feel that while water is being used, that sewer should be charged as well. Timmerman went on to explain that there are some business buildings that are currently set at the same rate that need to be considered in the discussion as well. With a brief discussion on the subject Councilman Timmerman made a motion to include a \$20.25 sewer charge to all base rate codes effective on the August 26th billing. Seconded by Councilman Wattier. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Kuhl proposed to increase all wages by 3% and also giving maintenance employees Bert Wattier and Todd Eckstrom an additional \$0.50 for each water & sewer license on top of their 3% increase. Councilman Wattier was informed that Library employee Jackie Schmit has requested to remain at her current wage. After all the discussion that was had about wages, and salary increases this year Councilman Schmit made a motion to increase all wages effective October 1st payroll as follows:

Library Staff

Library Director: LaVail Aschoff from \$22.43 to \$23.10 per hr
Library Aide: Helen Steckelberg from \$12.48 to \$12.85 per hr
Library Aide: Jackie F. Schmit: \$12.48 per hr
Library Aide: Lori L. Koehler from \$12.48 to \$12.85 per hr
Library Aide: Amber Brown from \$12.48 to \$12.85 per hr.
Library Cleaner: April Doyle from \$16.64 to \$17.14 per hr

Auditorium Cleaning

Cleaner: April Doyle from \$16.64 to \$17.14 per hr
Sub Cleaner: Whitney Kumm from \$14.57 to \$15.01 per hr

Police Department

Police Chief: Tyler C. Wells from \$72,800.00 to \$74,984.00 annually
Extra Duty: from \$35.27 to \$36.32 per hr
Part-Time Officer: Weston J. Torson from \$21.22 to \$21.86 per hr
Event Security Guard: Leon Herbolsheimer from \$92.24 to \$95.01 per event
Extra Duty: from \$12.17 to \$12.53 per hr

Maintenance

Maintenance & Utility Supervisor: Caleb Eckstrom from \$29.50 to \$30.39 per hr
Full-Time Maintenance: Bert Wattier from \$27.84 to \$29.68 per hr
Full-Time Maintenance: Todd Eckstrom \$23.00 to \$24.69 per hr
Off Street Help from \$20.00 to \$20.60 per hr
Tucker Timmerman from \$20.80 to \$21.42 per hr

General Office Staff

Clerk/Treasurer: Brittney Timmerman from \$28.66 to \$29.52 per hr
Deputy Clerk in Training: Tiffany Hasler: \$18.00 per hr

Floodplain/Zoning

Administrator: Heather McWhorter from \$33.28 to \$34.28 per hr

Governing Council

Mayor Annual Salary: \$3,500.00
Councilmember Annual Salary: \$3,000.00
Mayor & Councilmember Extra Meetings: \$30.00/meeting

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

Council reviewed the Profit & Loss for FY 25-26 and Treasurer Timmerman asked for any other items that needed to be budgeted for in FY 26-27. Several budget items were discussed including a pool maintenance project, new police office computer, front door and spike strips, along with budgeting another \$10,000 to transfer into a money market account for the future new patrol cruiser. Timmerman also mentioned that council would need to consider budgeting \$792,000 instead of \$720,000 for the street project as the grant application needed to match the opinion of cost to repair all of 6th Street from Main to Hill Street, Hill Street from 6th to 7th and the rest of Logan Street, council agreed to increase the budgeted number for the project.

Treasurer Timmerman informed Council that the date for the Budget Workshop will be August 17th, which is not open to the public. A budget hearing for the public will be held in September.

Council reviewed a new proposed monthly claims list, which allows the office to cut a check for any claims on the list that come in after the council meeting. Councilman Haselhorst made a motion to approve the list. Seconded by Councilman Timmerman. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

General Checking statement and reconciliation for June 2026 was reviewed and Treasurer Timmerman stated that the outstanding checks are being taken care of by the end of this month.

Treasurer Timmerman also reported on total claims in the amount of \$96,622.19. Councilman Haselhorst made a motion to approve to pay all non-conflicting bills, seconded by Councilman Wattier. Roll call vote: Wattier, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Haselhorst, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

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

No building & floodplain permits to report.

Mayor Kuhl stated that city sales tax for April 2026 was a total of \$12,719.67 (of that amount \$4,269.83) is from motor vehicle tax).

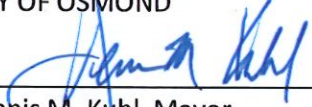
No correspondence to report.

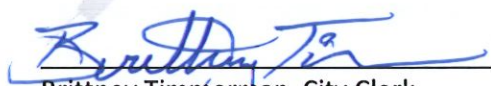
Police Chief Wells presented a report on recent activity within the city including one update on a missing person, three updates on accident report, one life alert notification, one follow up from lawyer on a case and one assist Plainview PD with a citizen to name a few. Wells also reported there were no issues during either weekend for the truck show and 4th of July.

No attorney matters to report.

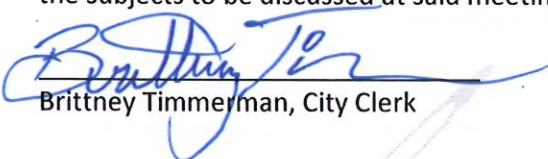
There being no further business, motion was made by Councilman Timmerman, seconded by Councilman Wattier to adjourn the Council meeting at 7:03 p.m. Roll call vote: Wattier, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Haselhorst, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

CITY OF OSMOND


Dennis M. Kuhl, Mayor


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