

Osmond City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 10, 2026

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 10th day of August 2026, 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 July 7th regular meeting were prepared and sent to Council Members. Councilman Haselhorst motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Seconded by Councilman Timmerman. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Judith Stanton, Pierce County Economic Development Director (PCED), called into the meeting to review different grant options for both a street project and the park swing set project. She mentioned that the Nebraska Game and Parks had grant applications that would be opening soon to apply for the Land and Water Conservation Fund which has a large project application with a minimum request of \$150,000 and a small project application which has a maximum of \$60,000 and minimum request of \$20,000. This grant would require a 50/50 match, which the Park Board has raised enough funds to cover, and a letter of intent would need to be submitted by September 15th and full application by October 30th. The street grant that was discussed was the Nebraska Environmental Trust grant which would include using recycled plastic bags to incorporate into an asphalt street and does not require a match. After some discussion the council agreed to move forward with the LWCF grant application and discuss more about the street grant at another time.

Councilman Wattier made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-2 authorizing the City of Osmond to submit a letter of intent and full application to the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Seconded by Councilman Wattier Schmit. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried. The passage and adoption of said resolution having been concurred 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 2026-2

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF OSMOND, NEBRASKA, TO SUBMIT A LETTER OF INTENT AND A FULL APPLICATION TO THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND (LWCF) FOR THE OSMOND CITY PARK SWINGSET PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), administered by the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission, provides federal matching grants for the development and improvement of public outdoor recreation facilities; and

WHEREAS the City of Osmond seeks to enhance the quality, safety, and accessibility of the Osmond City Park through the installation of a new swing set and related play features; and

WHEREAS, the Osmond Parks Board has recommended pursuing LWCF funding for the swing set project and has expressed its support for preparing the necessary documentation and project materials; and

WHEREAS, LWCF guidelines require the submission of a **Letter of Intent by September 15, 2026**, and a complete grant application by **October 30, 2026**, for the project to be considered for the 2026 funding cycle; and

WHEREAS, the LWCF program requires a **50/50 local match**, and the City of Osmond acknowledges its responsibility to provide the required non-federal cost share through cash contributions, donations, or other eligible sources; and

WHEREAS the City of Osmond recognizes that all improvements funded through LWCF must remain dedicated to public outdoor recreation in perpetuity, consistent with federal Section 6(f)(3) requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OSMOND, NEBRASKA, that City staff, in coordination with the Osmond Parks Board, are hereby authorized and directed to prepare, finalize, and submit the LWCF Letter of Intent by **September 15, 2026**, and the full LWCF application by **October 30, 2026**, for the Osmond City Park swing set project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT City staff, and the Osmond Parks Board are authorized to assemble project cost estimates, site plans, supporting documentation, and all other materials required for the LWCF submission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Osmond affirms its commitment to providing the required local match and to maintaining the improved park facilities in accordance with LWCF program rules.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of August 2026.

Dennis Kuhl, Mayor, City of Osmond

ATTEST:

Brittney Timmerman, City Clerk

The future of continuing the Osmond Food Pantry doesn't seem hopeful, after few ideas were tossed around about where to relocate the food pantry to some of the discussion didn't seem to be feasible due to the size of the room needed and manpower to operate. Chris Adamson and Kelly Hodson, both members of the United Methodist Church, discussed with council what it takes to currently make the food pantry operate and hoped they would be able to relocate instead of closing the pantry. Food donations and monetary donations are plentiful to keep it functioning, but they were hoping to find a location where it would allow people to utilize it during the week with normal hours instead of needing to contact a member of the food pantry to access it. Adamson and Hodson will take the discussion back to the church board to discuss what the future will look like.

While some enjoy the sounds of engine breaking, others certainly do not. The discussion was once again brought before council about engine breaking in city limits. Currently there are no signs posted since past discussions on this topic were simply left at, we don't feel there's a need since we are a farming and trucking community. Resident Mike Johnson referenced state Statute 6680 which allows municipalities to place engine breaking signs outside of the city limits and lets them set a fine for any engine breaking inside the city limits. After some discussion Councilman Schmit made a motion to put up engine breaking signs on the East, West and South Highway 121 coming into town. Seconded by Councilman Wattier. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried. Clerk Timmerman reminded council an ordinance will be put together and brought before them at next month's meeting and Police Chief Wells will assist with filing the necessary paperwork with the State to be able to put the signs up.

Mayor Kuhl opened the public hearing at 7:45pm to receive public comments concerning allowing shipping containers in Residential Districts. Clerk Timmerman read to council the proposed ordinance before them and stated that the Planning and Zoning Board had come up with these regulations if they chose to allow shipping containers to be permitted in Residential Districts. Most of the discussion was against allowing them due to the ones that were already grandfathered in were not being kept up or they felt the size of some were too large for the residential district. Timmerman informed them if they adopt the ordinance to allow them and want to put a size restriction on it then they could adopt with that added in. After a little more discussion the Mayor closed the public hearing. Council decided against adopting the ordinance so shipping containers will remain NOT permitted in Residential Districts.

Next, an ordinance was put together after July's council meeting for the updated Rate Codes for billing out water, sewer and garbage. Mayor Kuhl introduced Ordinance 2026-7 User Charge Ordinance (Rate Codes). Councilman Wattier moved that the statutory rule requiring a reading on three different days be suspended. Councilman Haselhorst 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 2026-7. Said Ordinance 2026-7 was then read by title and thereafter Councilman Timmerman moved for final passage of said Ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilman Wattier. The Mayor then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance 2026-7 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 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.

Moving on, an ordinance was brought before council as requested by the Nebraska Department of Transportation to update an ordinance from November 1989 for speed limits within the corporate limits. Maintenance pointed out that there are certain blocks around Poolside Park that are only 15 miles per hour so changes will be made on the ordinance to state that. Mayor Kuhl introduced Ordinance 2026-8 Speed Limits within Corporate Limits. 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 Ordinance 2026-8. Said Ordinance 2026-8 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 2026-8 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 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 spoke on behalf of the Del & Lonnie Gardner family who was asking for council's permission to put a memorial bench along State Street in front of the telephone building. After some discussion Councilman Schmit made a motion to approve the memorial bench placement. Seconded by Councilman Timmerman. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried. Mayor Kuhl reminded Wattier that the family will still need to get final approval from the business owners as well.

Moving on, Clerk Timmerman mentioned to council that a few people had approached her about putting together a food truck day during the weeks of nice weather starting next year. She mentioned that since 3rd Street Bar and Grill is closed on Mondays that would be the day she would consider hosting the food truck day. Timmerman also mentioned that if council approved, she would try to put together a farmers' market twice during the summer next year to show how many small business vendors we have in and around our community. Council asked where she would consider hosting these events and vendors at, she suggested at the park and hoped this would help the community gather at the park like the music in the park event did this past Sunday. Council agreed to the ideas.

Councilman Schmit made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-4 authorizing the Mayor to sign the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2026 form. Seconded by Councilman Wattier. 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 2026-4
SIGNING OF THE
MUNICIPAL ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE
2026

Resolution No. 2026-4

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 10th day of August, 2026 at Osmond, Nebraska.

City Council/Village Board Members:

Dennis Haselhorst

Daniel Timmerman

Neil Wattier

Doug Schmit

City Council/Village Board Member Doug Schmit

Moved the adoption of said resolution

Member Neil Wattier Seconded the Motion

Roll Call: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 0 Absent

Resolution adopted, signed, and billed as adopted.

Attest:

Brittney Timmerman, Clerk

Since last meeting both vacant properties have been cleaned up and asked if there were any others that needed to be added to the list or any nuisance properties to deliver a letter too. Questions on a property located along Hill Street will be investigated and issue a letter if necessary.

Mayor Kuhl had a quote for the cost of the permanent pickleball courts which included the following: two permanent nets at \$349.99 each, \$700.00; one five-gallon of green court & floor paint \$560.00; one two-gallons of blue floor paint \$208.00; one one-gallon of floor stripe paint \$47.00; one stencil kit for \$28.00 totaling \$1543.00 with adding an estimated \$150.00 for freight and any tax for a final total of \$1693.00 with the city crew mounting the nets. Questions were asked about what courts will still be usable if they are wanting these two pickleball courts to be permanent. Mayor Kuhl stated that it would leave one tennis court and half court basketball with the two permanent pickleball courts on east side. Clerk Timmerman brought some public concerns before council one of which about how other organizations have had to raise funds to help cover the cost of certain projects before the council would agree to help fund. Council asked about using KENO Funds to cover the cost and Timmerman suggested not to, she stated that she understands it's only \$1700.00 but when others had raised funds to help cover cost is the group of players willing to help cover some of the cost to put the courts in. Kuhl explained that they would be donating the labor painting the courts. Nolan Aschoff was in attendance and reminded council that the Summer Youth has had to raise funds to help cover certain costs at the ballfield, while Councilman Haselhorst stated the Park Board is also raising funds to help cover their project. It was decided that the discussion be postponed till next month's meeting on September 14th so the pickleball players can attend the meeting and answer questions before a decision is made.

Next, Treasurer Timmerman provided council with the budget worksheet put together by the accountants with AMGL. She explained that all the information was submitted regarding the requested budget items and believe they are all included in and asked council if they have any questions for each of their departments. Councilman Wattier asked for council's input on whether to start budgeting \$6,000 each fiscal year, starting next year, to have money set aside for when the pool needs to be repainted and caulked again seven to eight years down the road, to which they agreed would be a good idea rather than to come up with the almost \$40,000 at the time it needs to be done.

Treasurer Timmerman handed to council at the beginning of the meeting the General Checking statement and reconciliation for July 2026 to review. No questions or concerns were brought up.

Before approving claims Treasurer Timmerman stated that she had reached out to the local Department of Revenue office in Norfolk to ask questions on what additional items they should be paying sales tax on monthly and it was discovered that both the pool admissions and donated camper pad funds should be included in the monthly report. Timmerman stated that this month she has caught up on the camper pad donations for the year and pool admissions through the month of June on sales tax. She also mentioned that when she reported her final claims list in the paper she calculated the QuickBooks per employee fee as \$87.20 and it was debited out of the account as \$87.21 so the actual total claims for the end of July was \$96,622.20.

Next, Timmerman also reported on total claims in the amount of \$138,773.79. Councilman Haselhorst made a motion to approve to pay all bills, seconded by Councilman Wattier. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea; Schmit, 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. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Abstaining: Schmit. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Clerk Timmerman presented current building permits. Joe Aschoff (Ag Land Auction & Reality), accessory building and Dylan Cerny, extension on concrete patio.

Mayor Kuhl stated city sales tax for May 2026 was a total of \$22,204.98 (of that amount \$7,132.89 is from motor vehicle tax).

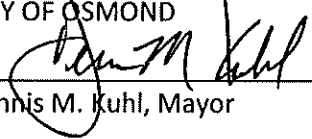
No correspondence to report.

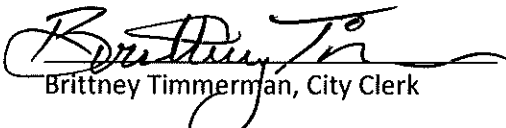
Police Chief Wells presented a report on recent activity within the city including one parking complaint, one report of child custody issues/civil matter, four neighbor disputes, two citizen information request, two DMV update referencing abandoned motor vehicle to name a few.

No attorney matters to report.

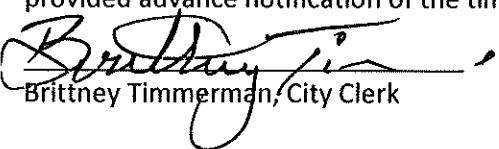
With no further business, motion was made by Councilman Timmerman, seconded by Councilman Wattier to adjourn the Council meeting at 8:25 p.m. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea; Schmit, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

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

