# Osmond City Council Meeting Minutes
**Monday, September 14, 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 14th day of September 2026, at 7:05 o'clock p.m. directly after the Budget Hearing as posted. Present were: Mayor Dennis M. Kuhl, Council Members Dennis Haselhorst, Douglas A. Schmit, Daniel E. Timmerman, and Neil E. Wattier. Absent: none. 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 is 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.

A review of the municipal insurance policy was given by Lisa Schmit and Andrew Wolff of Highstreet Insurance company. The review showed a lower premium increase than anticipated of just a two percent overall increase. At the end of the meeting Councilman Wattier made a motion to accept the insurance renewal as proposed. Seconded by Councilman Schmit. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Grant Albers, pickleball player, was in attendance to review an updated quote with council which totaled an estimated $2,817.31. He explained they were asking permission to turn the west tennis court into two east and west pickleball courts using permanent pickleball nets. Maintenance Supervisor Caleb Eckstrom suggested instead of using the permanent nets and disabling full court basketball if the group would consider two pickleball courts where the existing tennis courts are by utilizing the tennis net poles and drilling in the flooring additional holes to allow the nets to be taken down and put up for either tennis or pickleball. John Aschoff was in attendance to speak about other organizations who were required to raise funds to have projects completed and wanted to remind council if they chose to move forward and cover the whole project expense they would be setting a precedent moving forward. Councilman Haselhorst made a motion to approve the City Office to purchase the supplies not to exceed $3,500. Seconded by Councilman Schmit. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

With the concrete project on 6th Street between Main Street and the west alley complete Phil Gutz thanked the maintenance crew for all their work on the street. He also wanted to share information with the council that the billed concrete amount had come in approximately double what was originally estimated from the beginning of the project and suggested with any future projects similar to this one they may want to consider adding a percentage onto the estimate provided to allow for any unforeseen circumstances.

Minutes of the August 10th regular meeting were prepared and sent to Council Members. Councilman Wattier pointed out that the fifth paragraph stated the same councilmember for both motions, Clerk Timmerman apologized and will make the correction. Councilman Haselhorst motioned to approve the minutes with the corrections made. Seconded by Councilman Timmerman. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Councilman Wattier motioned at 7:34 p.m. to open the public hearing on the One- and Six-Year Street Plan. Seconded by Councilman Haselhorst. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried. Clerk Timmerman reviewed the plan with those in attendance and reminded them that the one year plan are the streets that the current street grant was applied for. Maintenance Supervisor Eckstrom reminded council that Prairie Street from Main to the west edge of city limits is now the

city's responsibility and may want to consider adding it to the plan next year. With no further questions, Councilman Schmit motioned at 7:38 p.m. to close the public hearing on the One- and Six-Year Plan. Seconded by Councilman Wattier. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Councilman Schmit motioned to approve Resolution 2026-3 One- and Six-Year Plan. Seconded by Councilman Haselhorst. 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 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 2026-3**

The following resolution was introduced by Schmit, who moved its adoption, seconded by Haselhorst.

"WHEREAS, the City Street Superintendent has prepared and presented a One Year and Six Year Plan for Street Improvement Program for the City, and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on the 14th day of September, 2026, to present this plan and there were no objections to said plan;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Mayor and City Council of Osmond, Nebraska, that the plans and data as furnished are hereby in all things accepted and adopted."

Upon roll call vote as follows:

Dennis Haselhorst: Yea
Doug Schmit: Yea
Dan Timmerman: Yea
Neil Wattier: Yea

Approved the 14th day of September, 2026.

CITY OF OSMOND, NEBRASKA
Dennis M Kuhl, Mayor

ATTEST:
Brittney Timmerman, City Clerk

Next, Councilman Timmerman motioned to adopt the FY 26-27 budget as presented during the Budget Hearing earlier this evening at 7:00 o'clock p.m. Seconded by Councilman Haselhorst. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Councilman Schmit made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-5 to set the property tax request. Seconded by Councilman Wattier. 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 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 SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST**
**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-5**

**WHEREAS,** Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of the City of Osmond passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

**WHEREAS,** a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Governing Body of the City of Osmond resolves that:

1. The 2026-2027 property tax request be set at:
   General Fund: $331,947.47
   Bond Fund: $165,000.00

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 7.99 percent.

3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be 0.640388 per $100 of assessed value.

4. The City of Osmond proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.67368 per $100 of assessed value.

5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the City of Osmond will increase (or decrease) last year's budget by 16.66 percent.

6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2026.

Motion by Schmit, seconded by Wattier to adopt Resolution #2026-5.

| Voting yes were: | Voting no were: |
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| Dennis Haselhorst | |
| Doug Schmit | |
| Daniel Timmerman | |
| Neil Wattier | |

Dated this 14th day of September, 2026.

Dennis M Kuhl, Mayor

Brittney Timmerman, Clerk

Next, Treasurer Timmerman presented quotes from Josh Sirek with Highstreet Insurance on voluntary vision and dental insurance. She explained it would be billed to the city with voluntary participation for the full-time city employees with a payroll deduction for the premium amounts. Timmerman said it requires two city employees to be on the plan for it to be offered. Councilman Wattier made a motion to approve the voluntary dental and vision at no cost to the City. Seconded by Councilman Schmit. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Kuhl stated that the street grant topic will be tabled till the October 12th meeting.

Maintenance Supervisor Eckstrom brought to council's attention a drainage swale at Park and 7th street that they have attempted to clean up a few different times but have always been halted by a nearby resident. With no progress made to maintain the area the maintenance crew is requesting council's input on what should be done. It was agreed that Councilman Schmit and the maintenance crew will meet at the specified area to come up with a plan.

Moving on, an ordinance was brought before council as requested from last month's meeting when council decided to move forward with prohibiting engine breaking in city limits. Mayor Kuhl introduced Ordinance 2026-9 Engine Breaking. Councilman Schmit moved that the statutory rule requiring a reading on three different days be suspended. Councilman Wattier 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 2026-9. Said Ordinance 2026-9 was then read by title and thereafter Councilman Timmerman moved for final passage of said Ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilman Haselhorst. The Mayor then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance 2026-9 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 motioned to approve the Lot Split Application from property owner Ron Stech. The Stech Lot Split of Parcel ID 700014798 North along Highway 20 on the South side of the North Fork Elkhorn River and between Parcels 700014444 and 700014805, Osmond, Nebraska 68765, Pierce County, Nebraska was seconded by Councilman Schmit. Roll call vote: Wattier, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea. Absent: Aschoff. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Councilman Wattier made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-6 to accept land donation from Ronald & Terri Stech. Seconded by Councilman Haselhorst. 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 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 2026-6**

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT, the City of Osmond, Nebraska, hereby accepts land donation from Ronald & Terri Stech located at Parcel 700014798 North along Highway 20 on the South side of the North Fork Elkhorn River and between Parcels 700014444 and 700014805, Osmond, Nebraska 68765.

ADOPTED at Osmond, Nebraska this 14th day of September 2026.

Dennis Kuhl, Mayor

Attest:
Brittney Timmerman, City Clerk

Next, Clerk Timmerman brought to council's attention that there were municipal building codes adopted back in 2019 that seems like they were adopted to assist with building demolition processes so the council at that time had appointed the City Clerk as the code enforcement officer. After speaking with the planning and zoning administrator it was discovered that the person appointed to that position is required to take a class and be certified/licensed in doing that task. She asked council what they would like her to do. Council agreed to investigate who is licensed in the area and report back at next month's meeting.

Treasurer Timmerman requested the city make a payment to the Senior Citizens Center for $1,000.00 for the Down Memory Lane utilities. The city has made an annual payment of $1,000.00 since 2017. Councilman Wattier moved to approve the $1,000.00 annual payment to the Senior Citizens Center for the Down Memory Lane utilities this month. Seconded by Councilman Schmit. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Clerk Timmerman presented the Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement By and Between the County of Pierce, NE and the City of Osmond. It was received and signed by the mayor after last month's meeting, since it

was due back to the county by the end of last month. This Agreement will provide $11,220 for the City's Library budget for the 26-27 fiscal year.

Councilman Schmit made a motion to approve 3rd Street Bar & Grill special designated liquor license application for a paint and sip at Lew Crew Creations on October 24th. Seconded by Councilman Timmerman. Roll call vote: Wattier, yea; Haselhorst, yea; Timmerman, yea; Schmit, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

After reviewing the August 2026 reconciliation and bank statement, council had no questions or concerns.

Treasurer Timmerman reported on total claims in the amount of $84,977.39. Councilman Haselhorst made a motion to approve to pay all non-conflicting bills, seconded by Councilman ~~Haselhorst~~ Timmerman. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Schmit, yea; Timmerman, yea; Wattier, yea. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Wattier, seconded by Councilman Haselhorst, 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.

Before approval of the claims, after the council reviewed the claims list Treasurer Timmerman asked council if they had any questions on any claims, with no response she informed them that there was a test claim on the list this month. She pointed out the Eakes claim for the new copier in the amount of $4,000.00. Timmerman reminded them that the new copier was on next fiscal years budget, not the current one and that the amount approved was not $4,000.00.

Clerk Timmerman reviewed the following approved building permits: Kristie Schultze, addition onto existing garage; Marvin Lambrecht, new house/shop/garage; Russell Taylor, prebuilt storage shed; Josh Hasler, lean too and Dylan Hall, storage shed.

Mayor Kuhl stated city sales tax for June 2026 was a total of $26,394.45 (of that amount $4,840.38 is from motor vehicle tax).

No correspondence to report.

Police Chief Wells presented a report on recent activity within the city including one intoxicated domestic incident, three parking complaints, one request from Norfolk PD, three follow up on case, one verbal warning for speeding and one civil matter questions to name a few. Wells also reported that he attended domestic violence training in Wayne and another training on the County Attorney program for evidence submission.

Lastly, with a formal request for review letter of an approved building permit submitted and reviewed Mayor Kuhl stated that all planning and zoning regulations have been met with no violations. He informed those in attendance that other items in the letter are a civil matter between them and the applicant. After some discussion the requesting party stated they would be submitting additional questions and will await a response from Planning and Zoning Admin Heather McWhorter. There are no other attorney matters to report.

With no further business, motion was made by Councilman Timmerman, seconded by Councilman Haselhorst to adjourn the Council meeting at 8:10 p.m. Roll call vote: Haselhorst, yea; Schmit, 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