

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NELIGH, NEBRASKA
April 8, 2025

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Neligh was held at the City Council Chambers on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. Present were Mayor Joe Hartz and Council Members Steph Lundgren, Tyler Pedersen, Leonard Miller, and Ted Hughes. Also in attendance were City Attorney James McNally, City Supt. Dan Donaldson, Economic Development Director Lauren Sheridan-Simonsen, City Clerk Danielle Klabenes, Police Chief Logan Lawson, Sergeant Aubrey Miller, Officer Riley Schroeder, News Reporters Kelli Garcia and Carrie Pitzer, Cameron Paulk, Adam Mortensen, Lyle Juracek, Austin Partridge, Bobbi Pettit, Doug Christiansen, Mike Mortensen, Matt Henery, Doug Bolling, Doug Jessen, Rich Burgess, Randy Marcove, Sue Williams, Dewey Teel, Carla Teel, Allen Vraspir, Lisa Vraspir, Phyllis Eichberger, Kelly Oltjenbruns, Tom Parks and Ray Connot. Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Antelope County News on April 2, 2025. 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 is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Council of this meeting. Mayor Hartz offered a prayer before opening the meeting. All proceedings thereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Mayor Hartz presided over the meeting and noted that a copy of the Open Meetings Law, located on the east wall of the City Council Chambers, was available to the public. City Clerk Danielle Klabenes recorded the minutes. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council member Pedersen moved to approve the March 11th regular meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Hughes. Roll call votes in favor were Miller, Hughes, Lundgren, and Pedersen. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT

Clerk Klabenes reported that the spinning reserves for February reported in March were \$4822. She reported 7 Nebraska communities had voted to start or increase a city sales tax effective April 1st with one community thirty miles away. Discussion noted that while city property tax was paid by residents within the city limits that a city sales tax was shared by all residents and tourists coming to or through town. *Hughes moved to approve the March 2025 treasurer's report as presented.* Seconded by Lundgren. Roll call votes in favor were Pedersen, Lundgren, Miller, and Hughes. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were heard, and no action was taken.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR BLIGHT & SUBSTANDARD STUDY FOR REDEVELOPMENT AREA #4 RESOLUTION 2025-7

A public hearing was held for public comment prior to consideration of a declaration of an area as blighted and substandard and in need of redevelopment as Redevelopment Area #4. Mayor Hartz opened the hearing at 7:07PM. Bobbi Pettit of Five Rule Rural Planning reported on the completed blighted and substandard study based on Community Development Law for Area #4 that included 1st Street and C Street to 7th and K Street in a stair-step pattern. She reported 4 of 6 substandard factors were present, which required two. She reported six of the subjective factors and two objective factors were present. She reported that having a completed blight and substandard study and redevelopment plan allowed for eligibility for incentives and grant funds. She reported that the Planning Commission had met earlier that evening to approve and recommend the blight and substandard study and redevelopment plan for Area #4. There being no public comment, the hearing was closed at 7:13 PM. *Council member Pedersen introduced and moved for passage Resolution 2025-7 adopting the blight & substandard study for Redevelopment Area #4 as prepared by Five Rule Rural Planning.* Seconded by Miller. Roll call votes in favor were Hughes, Lundgren, Pedersen, and Miller. Opposed: none. Thereupon Mayor Hartz declared Resolution 2025-7 adopted.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR GENERAL REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR AREA #4 RESOLUTION 2025-8

A public hearing was held for public comment prior to consideration of a General Redevelopment Plan for Area #4. Mayor Hartz opened the hearing at 7:14PM. Bobbi Pettit reported a General Redevelopment Plan included the maps of existing and future land use from the Comprehensive Plan, age of structures, and any projects proposed would need to match the criteria set forth on page 6 of the Redevelopment Plan. Pettit explained that any project proposed would come back to the City Council as an Amendment to the Redevelopment Plan. Pettit reported that page 7 of the Redevelopment Plan stated the authority to contract with a redeveloper for an area within the redevelopment plan. She reported a project could be made within the Redevelopment Plan other than tax increment financing, including paving streets, and the city would be more competitive in applying for grants because a Redevelopment Area was in place. There being no public comment, the hearing was closed at 7:19PM. *Council member Pedersen introduced and moved for passage Resolution 2025-8 adopting the General Redevelopment Plan for Redevelopment Area #4 as prepared by Five Rule Rural Planning.* Seconded by Lundgren. Roll call votes in favor were Miller, Lundgren, Pedersen, and Hughes. Opposed: none. Motion carried. Thereupon Mayor Hartz declared Resolution 2025-8 adopted.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR BLIGHT & SUBSTANDARD STUDY FOR REDEVELOPMENT AREA #5 RESOLUTION 2025-9

A public hearing was held for public comment prior to consideration of a declaration of an area as blighted and substandard and in need of redevelopment as Redevelopment Area #5. Mayor Hartz opened the hearing at 7:20PM. Bobbi Pettit of Five Rule Rural Planning reported on the completed blighted and substandard study based on Community Development Law for Area #5 that included Highway 14 and east from 11th Street to 4th Street and to N Street in a stair-step pattern. She reported 4 of 6 substandard factors were present, which required two. She reported five of the subjective factors and one objective factor was present. She reported the Planning Commission had met earlier that evening to approve and recommend the blight and substandard study and redevelopment plan for Area #5. There being no public comment, the hearing was closed at 7:22PM. *Council member Miller introduced and moved for passage Resolution 2025-9 adopting the blight & substandard study for Redevelopment Area #5 as prepared by Five Rule Rural Planning.* Seconded by Lundgren. Roll call votes in favor were Hughes, Pedersen, Lundgren, and Miller. Opposed: none. Thereupon Mayor Hartz declared Resolution 2025-9 adopted.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR GENERAL REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR AREA #5 RESOLUTION 2025-10

A public hearing was held for public comment prior to consideration of a General Redevelopment Plan for Area #5. Mayor Hartz opened the hearing at 7:22PM. Bobbi Pettit reported a General Redevelopment Plan including the maps of existing and future land use from the Comprehensive Plan, age of structures, and any projects proposed would need to match the criteria set forth on page 6 of the Redevelopment Plan. Pettit explained that any project proposed would come back to the City Council as an Amendment to the Redevelopment Plan. Pettit reported that page 7 of the Redevelopment Plan stated the authority to contract with a redeveloper for an area within the redevelopment plan. There being no public comment, the hearing was closed at 7:23 PM. *Council member Pedersen introduced and moved for passage Resolution 2025-10 adopting the General Redevelopment Plan for Redevelopment Area #5 as prepared by Five Rule Rural Planning.* Seconded by Miller. Roll call votes in favor were Lundgren, Hughes, Pedersen, and Miller. Opposed: none. Motion carried. Thereupon Mayor Hartz declared Resolution 2025-10 adopted.

ORDINANCE 660 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES FOR WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

Austin Patridge of Northland Securities presented an ordinance for the issuance of bond anticipation notes not to exceed \$3,000,000 for the construction costs of the water and sewer improvement projects. He reported that as of that day and with the volatile market planning for tariffs, interest on a one-year note was about 3.6% to 3.7% though the interest rate would not be locked in until the bonds were issued.

Council member Pedersen introduced Ordinance 660 entitled as follows:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENT BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED THREE MILLION DOLLARS (\$3,000,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF NELIGH, NEBRASKA AND NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO; PROVIDING FOR A PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR OF THE NOTES; AGREEING TO ISSUE BONDS TO PAY THE NOTES AND ACCRUED INTEREST AT MATURITY; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF THE NOTES; AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF THE NOTES TO THE PURCHASER AND ORDERING THE PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM.

And moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different times be suspended. Council Member Lundgren seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote on the motion, the following Council Members voted YEA: Pedersen, Lundgren, Hughes, and Miller. 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.

Said ordinance was then read by title and thereafter, *Council member Hughes moved for final passage of the ordinance*, which motion was seconded by Council member Miller. The mayor then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 660 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Council Members voted YEA: Lundgren, Miller, Hughes, and Pedersen. The following voted NAY: None. The passage and adoption of said ordinance, having been concurred in by three-fourths of all members of the City Council, the Mayor declared the ordinance was adopted and approved of the same and affixed his signature thereto and ordered the City Clerk to publish said ordinance in pamphlet form as prescribed by law.

RESOLUTION 2025-11 FOR RESOLUTION OF REIMBURSEMENT

Austin Partridge of Northland Securities presented the resolution of reimbursement which allowed the city a protective measure for funds spent so far could be reimbursed for the prior 60 days with the bond anticipation note proceeds. *Council member Pedersen introduced and moved for passage Resolution 2025-11 declaring intent to incur indebtedness for water and sewer utility improvements and to reimburse expenditures of the city with the proceeds of indebtedness.* Seconded by Hughes. Roll call votes in favor were Hughes, Lundgren, Pedersen, and Miller. Opposed: none. Thereupon Mayor Hartz declared Resolution 2025-11 adopted.

PUBLIC HEARING AN APPEAL FOR THE DANGEROUS BUILDING AT 507 EAST 4TH STREET AND 301 J. STREET

City Attorney Jim McNally explained the city ordinances set out the procedure for a public hearing and it was for the property owner, Ray Connot, to provide evidence that the residences at 507 East 4th Street and 301 J Street were not dangerous buildings as determined by the City Council at their February 2025 regular meeting. The City Attorney reported the hearing was for Mr. Connot to provide evidence that the council's determination was in error. He explained that the City Council could reverse or affirm their previous decision. The hearing was opened at 7:32 P.M. Mr. Connot presented no written evidence, written reports, or expert evidence concerning the buildings on the property. He did report that he was painting and changing the siding and had conducted a mold test on 301 J Street with no mold detected. He reported he was working on floors estimated for completion in a couple of weeks. City Attorney McNally asked Connot if he had any written, documentary or expert evidence to provide to the Council other than his oral testimony. Mr. Connot stated that he did not have any such evidence. After receiving such oral testimony from Mr. Connot, *Council Member Hughes moved that the previous decision of the City Council in determining that the residential buildings at 301 J Street and 507 East 4th Street were dangerous buildings be affirmed.* Seconded by Pedersen. Roll call votes in favor were Miller, Lundgren, Pedersen, and Hughes. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

JULY 27TH STREET CLOSURE ON MAIN STREET FOR A CAR SHOW

Doug Bolling requested consideration for a street closure on Main Street in front of the Antelope County Courthouse between 6th and 5th Street and one block south to 4th Street for a Car Show on July 27th. He reported that Sly's Family Bar & Grill would like to participate in the event. Bolling reported he had talked to some main

street businesses and would talk to Adorn Boutique and 719 Fitness. Bolling reported the event registration would begin at 10:00 AM and the event concluded about 3:00 PM. *Pedersen moved to approve a street closure on July 27th on Main Street between 4th and 6th Street from 10AM to 3PM for a Car Show.* Seconded by Hughes. Roll call votes in favor were Hughes, Miller, Pedersen, and Lundgren. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

NELIGH YOUNG MEN'S CLUB REQUEST FOR LIGHTS ON NELIGH MILL BRIDGE

Neligh Young Men's member Adam Mortensen reported the club had approved to put lights on the Mill Bridge and planned for completion by July 4th. Discussion was held to close the road and bridge to allow for the installation and coordination of that schedule to be made with the City Supt. so the city could replace bridge planks on the south bridge at the same time. Neligh Young Men's Club Member Cameron Paulk also requested authorization to use Fred Penn Park for the fireworks display and requested a donation for the fireworks. *Hughes moved to approve a \$5,500 donation to the Neligh Young Men's Club for Old Mill Days fireworks as budgeted from the Electric Dept. and to authorize the use of Penn Park for the display of fireworks on July 4th and authorize the distributor to display the fireworks, and to close the Mill Bridge and south N Street subject to the City Supt. discretion for the install of lighting on the Neligh Mill Bridge.* Seconded by Lundgren. Roll call votes in favor were Miller, Pedersen, Hughes, and Lundgren. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BIDS FOR PUMPER TRUCK

Fire Chief Mike Mortensen reported that the Truck Committee had recommended that to keep firefighters safe, the backup 1994 pumper truck needed to be updated and had gathered specs to purchase the next pumper. He reported that the fire department would like to release bids to both FireTek and Danko for a pumper truck estimated between \$600-\$650,000 as a shared bond with the Rural Fire Department. He reported the Rural Fire would bond the full purchase and Neligh Fire Department would make payments to Rural Fire through an interlocal agreement. He reported Neligh Fire Department had approximately \$75,000 in certificates of deposits to apply toward the purchase, that the 1993 pumper truck would be listed for sale, and the equipment from the '93 truck would come off and go on the new truck. *Hughes moved to authorize the Fire Chief and Neligh Fire Department to seek bids for a new pumper truck with the Rural Fire Department.* Seconded by Lundgren. Roll call votes in favor were Miller, Lundgren, Hughes, and Pedersen. Opposed: none. Motion carried. City Supt. Donaldson thanked the Fire Department for their assistance in the trailer fire at the Compactor and fire issues at the Tree Dump. The City Supt. reported the siren west of Highway 14 was out and not repairable and a new system would consist of two sirens instead of the current four sirens. He reported he was looking for a replacement siren to fill the need until the new budget.

STREET CLOSURE FOR SERGEANT FRED BENNING DEDICATION

Lyle Juracek reported for the American Legion Post #172 on preparations for the celebration of Sergeant Fred Benning with a dedication on April 15th renaming Fort Moore to Fort Benning with the Department of Army. He requested a street closure for July 3rd on 3rd Street from the alley to N Street for the unveiling of a new sign on the north side of the American Legion to honor Sergeant Benning. He reported on various officials and dignitaries to be in attendance including Governor Pillen, Barry DeKay, and Deb Fischer. He requested the street to be closed in the morning for setup of bleachers, during lunch, and for afternoon cleanup. Discussion was held for Juracek to talk to the Postmaster at the post office about the event. *Pedersen moved to approve a street closure on July 3rd between the alley and N Street from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM for the Sergeant Fred Benning dedication.* Seconded by Hughes. Roll call votes in favor were Lundgren, Pedersen, Miller, and Hughes. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 661 GREAT PLAINS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

Clerk Klabenos reported she incorrectly stated the franchise fee of 5% at last month's meeting while confusing it with the occupation tax of 5%. She stated the franchise fee of 3% was equally paid by both Great Plains and Stealth in 15-year agreements. She reported while Great Plains agreed to an increase to 5% for their franchise renewal, that Great Plains requested the same rate be asked of the other companies upon their

renewal dates. She reported Stealth's agreement would come up for renewal in 2036. She reported the ordinance presented was prepared by Great Plains for a 5% franchise fee to begin July 1, 2025.

Council member Pedersen introduced Ordinance 661 entitled as follows:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING RENEWAL OF THE NONEXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO GREAT PLAINS CABLE TELEVISION TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF NELIGH, NEBRASKA, SETTING FORTH CONDITIONS ACCOMPANYING RENEWAL OF THE FRANCHISE, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND PROVIDING WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

And moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different times be suspended. Council Member Hughes seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote on the motion, the following Council Members voted YEA: Miller, Lundgre, Pedersen, and Hughes. 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.

Said ordinance was then read by title and thereafter, *Council member Pedersen moved for final passage of the ordinance*, which motion was seconded by Council member Lundgren. The mayor then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 661 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Council Members voted YEA: Hughes, Lundgren, Miller, and Pedersen. The following voted NAY: None. The passage and adoption of said ordinance, having been concurred in by three-fourths of all members of the City Council, the Mayor declared the ordinance was adopted and approved of the same and affixed his signature thereto and ordered the City Clerk to publish said ordinance one time as prescribed by law.

STREET CLOSURE FOR ONE STEP AT A TIME EVENT

Sergeant Aubrey Miller reported he had the City Attorney help establish the Neligh Police Foundation, a non-profit company to help with community projects and youth events. He reported a kickoff event for June 21st was being planned with free food, kids' games, and a dunk tank. He reported the non-profit would operate on grants to fund the events. He requested consideration for a street closure on 3rd Street from the alley to N Street on June 21st from 10:00AM to 3:00 PM. Discussion was held for Sergeant Miller to talk to the Postmaster at the post office about the event. *Pedersen moved to approve a street closure on 3rd Street from the alley to N Street on June 21st from 10:00AM to 3:00PM for the Neligh Police Foundation event called One Step at a Time.* Seconded by Hughes. Roll call votes in favor were Lundgren, Hughes, Miller, and Pedersen. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

STREET CLOSURE FOR LUCKY JOE LIQUOR STORE

No discussion was held, no action was taken, and the matter was tabled.

MOVING PERMIT 2025-12 FOR TERESA SCHINDLER

Clerk Klabenes reported Teresa Schindler filed application for a moving permit for a shed to be moved out of town in preparation for a new detached garage to be built. *Pedersen moved to approve the Moving Permit 2025-12 for Teresa Schindler for 301 East 2nd Street.* Seconded by Hughes. Roll call votes in favor were Hughes, Miller, Lundgren, and Pedersen. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Hartz recommended the appointment of Terry Jensen to the Board of Adjustment to fill the unexpired term to December 2027, and the re-appointment of Nathan Hughes to the Tree Board 3-year term, and re-appointment of Tom Parks to the Neligh Housing Authority 5-year term. *Lundgren moved to approve the appointments as presented.* Seconded by Pedersen. Roll call votes in favor were Pedersen, Miller, Lundgren, and Hughes. Opposed: none. Motion carried. Mayor Hartz extended a thank you to all the volunteers serving on all the city boards.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORS REPORT

Economic Development Director Lauren Sheridan reported that the 2024 housing audit for the market rate housing loan was pending review from the auditors, AMGL. She reported the six-plex improvements were looking great with the new siding installed and soffit work to begin. She reported that the Assistant Director was reviewing previous leadership recertification applications to help with strategic planning, had assisted Sergeant Miller with a brochure for the One Step at a Time event, and was working on scheduling an Artificial Intelligence class with the Center for Rural Affairs in May. She reported despite a collaborative effort with other agencies that Invenergy's local management had not worked with the office and other agencies for transitioning job opportunities. She reported the members of the Neligh Area Community Foundation and Nebraska Community Foundation would be meeting with students and teachers at the end of the month as follow up to the Youth Engagement Survey. She reported the Chamber awards at the annual March Chamber banquet went to Community Member of the Year - Antelope Memorial Hospital, Lifetime Achievement – Blackstrap, Inc, and Chamber Member of the Year – American Legion Post 172. She reported new Chamber members included Arrowhead Realty and Hilltop Community Pharmacy. She reported Clearwater projects included working with NPPD on a new website. *Peterson moved to approve the Economic Development Director's report as presented.* Seconded by Lundgren. Roll call votes in favor were Miller, Hughes, Lundgren, and Pedersen. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held for consideration to move the Economic Development Director position from a contract position to a permanent position. *Pedersen moved to approve the transition of the Economic Development Director position to a permanent position instead of a contract position.* Seconded by Hughes. Roll call votes in favor were Pedersen, Miller, Hughes, and Lundgren. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

POLICE REPORT

Chief of Police Logan Lawson reported he and Sergeant Miller were both providing orientation to Officer Schroeder on ordinances, state statutes, policies, operations, and procedures. He reported Officer Shroeder was accepted and will begin attending the training center at the end of the month with graduation in mid-August. He reported a number of calls involving vapes at the school and thanked Principal Williams for her diligence in working with the police and school safety. He reported that the Neligh Police Department also assisted the Antelope County Sheriff's Office on a wire fraud case. He reported training for continue education requirements for Miller and himself included bias training, de-escalation, Brady-Giglio, and pursuit liability training. He reported on a fun extension of the DARE program in partnering with Trooper Ray Johnson of the Nebraska State Patrol for Neligh-Oakdale 5th and 6th grade students with the impairment goggles. *Hughes moved to approve the March written police report as presented.* Seconded by Lundgren. Roll call votes in favor were Pedersen, Hughes, Miller, and Lundgren. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

CITY SUPT. & ELECTRIC REPORT

City Supt. Donaldson reported the street mastic machine had arrived and was tested on potholes. He reported grading of streets was beginning and a culvert was installed in the east ditch on the northeast side of the Countryside Acres Second Addition subdivision. He reported activity in Park included students on April 30th with various flower planting or clean up projects and included one grade preparing the main street flowerpots for the season. He reported professional painters would be painting lines of the pickleball courts next week and a permanent net would be set up. He reported all the equipment for a 9-hole disc (frisbee) golf arrived and Ray Johnson had mapped out a course for the installation. He reported a sixty-foot roll out fishing dock for Fred Penn Park with ADA accessibility and a bench at the end of the dock was purchased. He reported new concrete deck was completed, the city currently had sixteen lifeguards hired, and the pool would be open on Mondays this year. He reported the Highway 275 sewer project was done except for electrical and pumps. He reported Project #5 near the hospital would not need to be completed as it was found that an 8 inch line was already in place, however an insert-a-valve would be inserted in the water line to allow or shut off water backflow to the hospital

if needed. He reported that the sewer plant had processed 3million gallons during the past month. He reported the city was notice of award of a baler and would begin with cardboard first, then plastics and tin cans. He thanked Garret Schindler for assistance with a fire in the trash trailer. He reported the new electric meters were being fine tuned and commended Josh Capler and Jennifer Pellatz for a lot of work in getting the system working and updating with Tantalus meters which allowed Pellatz to place disconnects and reconnects from the office and provided hourly usage reports. He reported the system was also available on tablets for the electric personnel to locate outages in town. The Supt. reported generation requests were down to three times and Verizon had an issue with allowing text notifications to disperse. *Council member Pedersen moved to approve the City Superintendent report as presented.* Seconded by Lundgren. Roll call votes in favor were Pedersen, Lundgren, Miller, and Hughes. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Lundgren moved to approve the hiring of Steve Christiansen as seasonal Park Department at \$16.50 per hour and upon successful completion of pre-employment testing. Seconded by Hughes. Roll call votes in favor were Miller, Hughes, Pedersen, and Lundgren. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

NEW MOON THEATER REPORT

Theater Liaison Lundgren reported the theater was showcased on Channel 10/11 Pure Nebraska with an interview with Grace McDonald. She reported that the Theater Board was planning summer events for movies in the park and throughout the county with one event to take place at the pool for floating on the pool with a movie. She reported that the operational grant through Sherwood Foundation could pay for movie licensing which was estimated at \$400 and pay for a popcorn machine. *Pedersen moved to approve the New Moon Theater report as presented.* Seconded by Hughes. Roll call votes in favor were Pedersen, Hughes, Miller, and Lundgren. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Hughes moved to approve Pay Application #6 to Rutjens Construction for \$270,408.60 for sewer project #1. Seconded by Miller. Roll call votes in favor were Hughes, Miller, Lundgren, and Pedersen. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Pedersen moved to approve the Blackstrap invoices for weigh tickets totaling \$70.00. Seconded by Lundgren. Roll call votes in favor were Miller, Pedersen, and Lundgren. Abstain: Hughes. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Miller moved to approve the Boyd's Electric invoice for the VFD upgrades totaling \$42.50. Seconded by Lundgren. Roll call votes in favor were Hughes, Miller, Lundgren, and Hughes. Abstain: Pedersen. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Lundgren moved to approve the current claims as presented, except for Blackstrap and Boyd's Electric invoices. Seconded by Miller. Roll call votes in favor were Hughes, Miller, Pedersen, and Lundgren. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held for extending utility assistance to the Neligh Community Center after a 6-month period ended at the end of the month. Discussion was held for the great benefit the Center provided to the community and while facility rentals had increased, the Center would still benefit with continued utility assistance. *Pedersen moved to approve the extension of financial assistance for the internet, natural gas, and Neligh utility bills to the Neligh Community Center for 6-months from the neligh Lottery Fund.* Seconded by Hughes. Roll call votes in favor were Lundgren, Miller, Pedersen, and Hughes. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

There being no further business to conduct, *Miller moved to adjourn.* Seconded by Lundgren. Roll call votes in favor were Miller, Lundgren, Pedersen, and Hughes. Opposed: None. Thereupon Mayor Hartz declared the meeting adjourned. Time 9:19 P.M.

Joe Hartz, Mayor

ATTEST

Danielle Klabenes, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Neligh, Nebraska, hereby certify that on April 8, 2025; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available for public inspection at least twenty-four hours before the meeting; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

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City Clerk