MINUTES OF BUDGET HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NELIGH, NEBRASKA
September 9, 2025

The budget hearing and regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Neligh was held at the City Council Chambers on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. Present were Council Members Leonard Miller, Steph Lundgren, Ted Hughes, and Tyler Pedersen. Absent was Mayor Joe Hartz. Also in attendance were City Attorney James McNally, City. Supt. Dan Donaldson, Economic Development Director Lauren Sheridan, City Clerk Danielle Klabenes, Police Chief Logan Lawson, Library Director Amy Baker, Lyle Juracek, Lisa Payne, and Library Board Members Laurel Miller and Megan Wingate. Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Antelope County News on September 3, 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. All proceedings thereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Council President Hughes 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.

BUDGET HEARING FOR 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR

Council President Hughes opened a public budget hearing for the proposed fiscal year 2025-2026 budget for the purpose of hearing support, opposition criticism suggestions or observations. Time 6:32 PM. Clerk Klabenes reviewed and presented each page of the budget explaining the change in property tax asking for non-bond purposes and for bond purposes, the change in certified valuation, the anticipated revenues, and expenses for the 2025-2026 year, the proposed levy, and the special reserve funds in compliance with the budget. She presented the actual/ estimated 2024-2025 expenses noting that no amended budget was needed as the expenditures were less than the authorized expenditures. She presented the actual 2023-2024 expenses and the new forms for the property tax request authority. She reviewed the allowable growth percentage, noting that the city fell below the threshold and was not required to attend a joint public hearing with any other eligible tax entities in the county. She presented the unused property tax request authority and municipal levy limit noting both complied with the budget. She reviewed the notice of budget hearing and final tax request that were both published and presented the differences between 2024 and 2025. She reviewed charts for a 25 year view of city valuations, property tax requests, and levy rates. She reviewed a pie chart for all municipal department budgets and all general fund department budgets. She reviewed a cumulative review of all municipal departments collectively. Upon no further questions or audience questions, the Council President Hughes closed the public hearing at 6:54 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council member Lundgren moved to approve the August 12th regular and August 19th special meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Pedersen. Roll call votes in favor were Hughes, Miller, Lundgren, and Pedersen. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT

Clerk Klabenes reported the July spinning reserves were $6,465 and a new high record since beginning spinning reserves. She reported an adjustment to the water revenues to remove the sewer portion of the bond anticipation note and the reimbursement from State Revolving Fund (SRF) of about $700,000 created a negative difference in the water revenue total, however actual water revenues were $29,000 for the month. She reported the Park Foundation received a reimbursement from the Park Department in sharing concrete costs of $3,163 for the concrete sidewalk finished around the Russell Park Shelters. She reviewed the fiscal year spinning reserves monthly average exceeded the monthly average bond payment for the automatic controls. *Lundgren moved to approve the August 2025 treasurer's report as presented*. Seconded by Pedersen. Roll call votes in favor were Pedersen, Hughes, Lundgren, and Miller. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lyle Juracek reported on a street crack between the curb and street in front of Spier Physical Therapy. He reported he had talked to the City Supt and city personnel would be applying patching material. City Supt. Donaldson reported the patching material worked better in cooler temperatures and the main street in front of Spier Physical Therapy would be patched. Juracek requested one handicap parking stall be made available in front of Spier Physical Therapy and discussion noted that one handicap parking stall would require the space of two parking spaces. Discussion noted the east entrance into Pinnacle Bank with the railing on the public sidewalk had not come to the city council for approval. The Council asked the City Clerk to check with a resident in a scooter if the sidewalk provided enough space to travel through the Pinnacle Bank railing and the curb. The Council directed the City Clerk to place the matter of handicap parking and sidewalks on the October agenda, and to invite a Pinnacle Bank representative to attend the October meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SETTING FINAL TAX REQUEST FOR 2025-2026

Council President Hughes declared the hearing open to hear support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations for the 2025-2026 final tax request at a different amount than the prior year's tax request. Time: 7:07 P.M. Clerk Klabenes reported the tax levy proposed was .585040. She reported on the increased city valuation of 7.58%, the increased property tax request of 4%, and the total operating budget decrease from last year's budget of 21.37%. The hearing was left open.

DOWNTOWN PARKING DURING ESU CONFERENCES

Discussion was held that downtown parking filled up the available street public parking during the Educational Service Unit (ESU) training events with an influx of people attending meetings or trainings coming from about 7 counties to Neligh. Discussion was held that the ESU contacted the American Legion Commander to utilize the Legion parking lot and the Legion agreed to supply parking to relieve pressure from main street and downtown parking. Discussion was held for communicating available parking to the educators in advance of arriving to Neligh and discussion was held for the local ESU employees to park in the American Legion parking lot to open up the street parking to the out of town attendees. Discussion was held for considering handicap parking in front of Making Waves salon at the next regular meeting. No action was taken.

DANGEROUS BUILDINGS UPDATE

City Attorney McNally reported letters would begin going out next week with any City Council action required brought to the October meeting. He reported no decision on the house demolition had been made as the judge had several trails over the last month. No action was taken.

ONE-AND-SIX YEAR STREET IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Council President Hughes opened the One-and-Six Year Street Improvement Plan Hearing at 7:32 P.M. to receive oral or written comments from the public. City Clerk Klabenes reported maintenance projects only and no new projects for street construction were included in the 1-year plan and the 6-year plan included all the gravel and asphalt roads with updated costs. Discussion was held that the city pays for residential intersections, removals, storm sewers, and sidewalks. The Clerk reported the City Council could consider a resolution for increasing sales tax in the spring of 2026 for the November 2026 general election as allowed per statute. She reported monthly updates from the Nebraska Department of Revenue show cities and villages choosing to increase sales tax to fund public improvements such as streets and that the Village of Lindsay recently increased their sales tax. The hearing was left open.

RESOLUTION 2025-16 UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS

The City Clerk reported three utility accounts were requested for write off due to bankruptcy or the statute of limitations had expired. She reported two LB840 loans for business signage were requested for write off due to a bankruptcy and a change in the grant program verbiage. *Pedersen introduced and moved for passage Resolution 2025-16 writing off uncollectible accounts for accounting purposes in the amount of $2,947.38 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025.* Seconded by Miller. Roll call votes in favor were Miller, Lundgren, Hughes, and Pedersen. Thereupon Council President Hughes declared Resolution 2025-16 adopted.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR DIAL-A-RIDE PUBLIC TRANSIT FARE INCREASE TO $1.50

Council President Hughes declared the hearing open to hear support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations for proposed increase in the Dial A Ride transit fare to $1.50 per one way trip within city limits. Time: 7:45P.M. Clerk Klabenes reported that previous discussions at earlier meetings had considered a 30% reduction in operating assistance from Nebraska Department of Transportation and considered a transit fare increase of $.50 per one way ride in city limits to offset the reduced operating assistance. She reported out of town trips would be $2.00 per mile and a minimum of $15.00 an hour for the driver time to match the new minimum wage that would be starting January 1, 2026. She reported a provision for out-of-town trips exceeding one hour was included at $3.75 for each 15 minutes after the first hour. She reported in addition to the public hearing held at the meeting that night, that a 10-day comment period was also provided to allow written comments on the increase to be submitted to City Hall up to September 19th. She reported notes of the fare increase would be handed out to riders, as well as emails to riders with an email address on file and an ad in the newspaper. She reported the four churches participating in sponsored Sunday rides would not be affected by the increase. Upon no further questions or audience questions, the Council President Hughes closed the public hearing at 7:50P.M. *Pedersen introduced and moved for passage Resolution 2025-21 to set transit fares for October 1, 2025.* Seconded by Lundgren. Roll call votes in favor were Miller, Hughes, Pedersen, and Lundgren. Thereupon Council President Hughes declared Resolution 2025-21 adopted.

2025-2026 BUDGET ADOPTION WITH APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 663

Discussion was held for using General fund cash reserves to fund the shortage projected in the cumulative total for departments funded by the general fund. *Council member Pedersen moved to adopt the 2025-2026 budget for a total expenditure requirement of $13,232,183.* Seconded by Miller. Roll call votes in favor were Hughes, Pedersen, Lundgren, and Miller. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Council Member Pedersen moved to introduce the following budget ordinance entitled as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NELIGH, ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE NAMED "THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL"; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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: Miller, Pedersen, Lundgren, 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 Miller. The Council President then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 663 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Council Members voted YEA: Pedersen, Miller, Hughes, and Lundgren. 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 Council President 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.

RESOLUTION 2025-17 TAX LEVY FOR 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR

There being no comments or objections heard, Council President Hughes declared the final tax request hearing closed at 7:39 P.M. *Council member Pedersen introduced and moved for passage Resolution 2025-17 adopting a different tax levy from last year for the 2025-2026 fiscal year:*

General Fund - $528,128.04	*Levy - .454959*
Debt Service - $151,000.00	*Levy - .130080*
Total - $679,128.04	*TOTAL - .585040*

With an assessed city valuation increase from last year of 7.58%. Seconded by Lundgren. Roll call votes in favor were Hughes, Pedersen, Miller, and Lundgren. Opposed: None. Thereupon Council President declared Resolution 2025-17 adopted.

HIRING OF CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN

Council member Lundgren moved to approve the hire of Katherine Mudry to the Children's Librarian position at $20.00 an hour effective September 8, 2025. Seconded by Miller. Roll call votes in favor were Pedersen, Lundgren, Miller, and Hughes. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORS REPORT

Economic Development Director Lauren Sheridan reported a response was received from the owner of the 6-plex noting delays resulting from contractor challenges and shared an expectation for increased communication with the city. She reported the HVAC was being installed that week. She reported changes to the application would be brought to the October meeting. She reported a developer was in negotiations to rehab a home that was previously listed on the nuisance list. She reported on the October 16th event of Connect Neligh for non-profit organizations to showcase their work and attract additional or new volunteers. She reported the 4 new Certified Local Government signs were installed. She reported the Economic Development Office, City Supt. and City Clerk had met with members of the Bike Walk Nebraska in promoting the Cowboy Trail through signage along the trail, and north of the Riverside Park underpass. She reported work in Clearwater included Community Development Block Grant applications. *Pedersen moved to approve the August economic development director's report as presented.* Seconded by Lundgren. Roll call votes in favor were and Lundgren, Hughes, Pedersen, and Miller. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The Director reported the 5 year strategic plan gave the Neligh Historic Preservation Commission direction on planning and projects. *Lundgren moved to approve the Certified Local Government Strategic Plan for 2025-2030 for Neligh Historic Preservation Commission as presented.* Seconded by Miller. Roll call votes in favor were Lundgren, Pedersen, Miller and Hughes. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

POLICE REPORT

Chief of Police Logan Lawson reported Officer Riley Schroeder's graduation from the law enforcement center was the high light of August. The Chief reported Officer Schroeder would be working alongside with Sergeant Miller and the Chief for in house and field training for a few weeks. He reported the county fair in the first week of August took most of the departments attention and one call with a child separated from their parents was quickly resolved. He reported with the start of a new school year, Sergeant Miller gave a pep talk on the first day and all officers will continue to have a presence around school now. He reported August calls included various disturbances, a theft, and mental health. He reported the department assisted the Antelope County Sheriff's Office with no issues while a 4 day trial was in session. *Pedersen moved to approve the August written police report as presented.* Seconded by Lundgren. Roll call votes in favor were Miller, Hughes, Pedersen, and Lundgren. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

CITY SUPERINTENDANT & ELECTRIC REPORT

City Supt. Dan Donaldson reported the street crew would begin patching streets, potholes and filling cracks with the mastic machine again. He reported the boxcar at the Neligh Mill was sandblasted and would soon be painted. He reported the walk door would be removed, the original sliding door would be installed, and the original lettering restored on the outside. He reported the swimming pool lines were blown out for winter and the upgrades to the pool noticed by many people including the State Inspector. He reported the ballfields were getting repaired after the county fair and a 3-point roller behind a tractor greatly helped level out the ruts. He reported the west shelter in Riverside Park was getting a new roof installed, 8 tree stumps were ground out and low hanging limbs trimmed. He reported the 9-hole disc golf was completed and he was planning a grand opening for the new amenity. He reported a VFD had arrived that day for blower one as the sewer plant would run between manual and automatic setting between the day and evening hours. He reported the plant was looking fantastic and had processed almost 4 million gallons of sewage in August. He reported the water and sewer project was almost completed with services line installation along East Highway 275 and the lift station operational. He reported and thanked Rutjens Construction for donating the materials and labor to bore a water line under the river to Russell Park in the future. He reported a water leak east of 6th and E Streets from a split in the pipe was repaired. He reported Josh Capler made a good call to get Rutjens on site for a water repair south of the Courthouse on 5th Street over the weekend. He reported water pumped for August was down 13 million gallons compared to last year due to many rains received this summer. He reported about 7 to 8 cardboard bales had been made and he was anticipating a visit from First Star Fiber the following week to discuss Neligh possibly becoming a recycling hub with assistance of grant funds. He reported earlier that day he received notice that the county road department would be working on the county road leading to the Compactor the next day and on Thursday from Sargent Irrigation to Randy Reinke's home. He reported to limit public access on the county road during the road improvements, the city would close the Compactor on Thursday afternoon, but still be able to pickup curbside recycling in the morning. He reported a CodeRed notification would be sent out. He reported no major electrical outages occurred in August. He reported the generation plan had a fire when a turbo seal blew with oil leaking on the manifold. He reported Caterpillar came onsite and found a second turbo seal blew from the first seal and both were replaced, testing was completed and bio-diesel fuel refilled. He reported the repair invoice would be submitted to the city's insurance company. He noted that the electric generation plant does have insurance coverage from the city's carrier, but the coverage is not offered to any new electrical plants following the Broken Bow fire earlier this year. *Pedersen moved to approve the City Superintendent report as presented.* Seconded by Miller. Roll call votes in favor were Hughes, Pedersen, Lundgren, and Miller. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Council Member Pedersen moved to approve a fall community clean-up day for October 18-19th with free disposal to Neligh residential customers, excluding commercial businesses, until the trailer is full. Seconded by Miller. Discussion noted the community shred day event was scheduled for October 15th at the Economic Development Office. Roll call votes in favor were Hughes, Lundgren, Pedersen, and Miller. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

City Supt. Donaldson reported the hospital requested authorization to parallel park on the north side of 9th street between Main and N Street when the hospital works on the paved parking lot west of the hospital between 9th and 10th Street on N Street. He reported approximately 8 parking spaces would be available and did not foresee any issues with the street parking on the north side of 9th Street. Chief Lawson reported he did not foresee any issues either. Discussion was held that parking near the healing garden was probably an option, too. *Lundgren moved to approve the parallel parking on the north side of 9th Street between Main and N Street for Antelope Memorial Hospital staff and employees.* Seconded by Miller. Roll call votes in favor were Hughes, Miller, Pedersen, and Lundgren. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The City Supt. reported on the agreement presented for $500 per load of solid waste to be hauled from the Compactor to the Jackson Landfill would begin October 1st as discussed during budget workshop. He reported he had talked to several haulers who could not offer a better price than the offer from Waste Connections. *Pedersen moved to approve the hauling agreement for $500 a load with Waste Connections beginning October 1, 2025.* Seconded by Lundgren. Roll call votes in favor were Lundgren, Miller, Pedersen, and Hughes. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-18 ADOPTING THE ONE-AND-SIX-YEAR STREET PLAN

There being no oral or written comments received in reference to the One-and-Six Year Street Improvement Plan, Council President Hughes closed the public hearing. Time: 8:34 P.M. *Council Member Lundgren introduced and moved for passage Resolution 2025-18 adopting the One-and-Six Year Street Improvement Plan as prepared by Advanced Consulting Engineering Services.* Seconded by Miller. Roll call votes in favor were Lundgren, Miller, Hughes, and Pedersen. Opposed: None. Thereupon Council President Hughes declared Resolution 2025-18 adopted.

RESOLUTION 2025-19 AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL ANNUAL CERTIFICATION

Pedersen introduced and moved for passage of Resolution 2025-19 certifying the municipality's compliance with the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards and authorizing the mayor to sign the *certification form*. Seconded by Lundgren. Roll call votes in favor were Miller, Pedersen, Hughes, and Lundgren. Opposed: None. Thereupon Council President Hughes declared Resolution 2025-19 adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 664 SETTING SALARIES AND BENEFITS

Clerk Klabenes reported that proposed Ordinance A in regard to wages was prepared according to discussions during the budget workshop setting forth wages at a 3% and 10% increase. She reported that a proposed Ordinance B was prepared to reflect a suggestion from the Mayor in regard to wages with a 3% and 5% increase. Library Board members Laurel Miller and Megan Wingate were present to request a wage increase for the head librarian to keep wages comparable to librarians in other area towns and due to the librarians work at the library. Discussion was held for balancing all staff cost of living increases, the difficulty in varying percentage increases, starting wages varied upon when the employee started in the position, and the impact of the minimum wage increases over the last several years. Discussion was held for the library being closed on three Saturdays over holiday weekends in the summer. Following discussion, *Council Member Miller introduced Ordinance 664B with the 3% and 5% wage increase entitled as follows:*

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NELIGH, ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, SETTING AND ESTABLISHING WAGES AND SALARIES FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2025 AND CONTINUING TO AND THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; SETTING RATES OF CONTRIBUTION TOWARD EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE, HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS AND RETIREMENT; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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 Miller moved for final passage of the ordinance,* which motion was seconded by Council member Lundgren. The Council President then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 664 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Council Members voted YEA: Lundgren and Miller. The following voted NAY: Pedersen and Hughes. The motion failed as not having three-fourths of all members agree.

City Clerk Klabenes reported a special meeting for the following week would be considered later on the agenda and the Mayor would be back to attend the special meeting. She reported she would place the Ordinance setting wages on the special meeting agenda for all council members and the mayor to consider as a 5-person council. The clerk was asked to prepare the cost difference in total wages and benefits what each 1% increase resulted in total cost for the special meeting.

ORDINANCE NO 665 SETTING WATER AND SOLID WASTE RATES

Discussion was held for residential base monthly solid waste rates to increase, and residential garbage totes and commercial dumpster stickers to increase based on contract hauling and solid waste rates increasing. The discussion was held for the base monthly water fee to increase $2 with all rate changes effective October 21st. *Council member Lundgren introduced Ordinance 665 entitled as follows:*

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NELIGH, NEBRASKA, ESTABLISHING FEES TO BE CHARGED FOR WATER AND SOLID WASTE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE CLERK/TREASURER TO UPDATE THE MUNICIPAL SERVICE RATE SCHEDULES; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

And moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different times be suspended. Council Member Pedersen seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote on the motion, the following Council Members voted YEA: Hughes, Pedersen, Miller, and Lundgren. 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 Lundgren moved for final passage of the ordinance,* which motion was seconded by Council member Miller. The Council President then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 665 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Council Members voted YEA: Lundgren, Pedersen, Miller, and Hughes. 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 Council President 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.

RESOLUTION 2025-20 SIDEWALK COST SHARE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Clerk Klabenes reported on the cost share sidewalk program was a trial program matching the October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 fiscal year for up to 50% cost share or a maximum of $3,000 for sidewalks to be installed upon an application approval on a first come and first serve basis. Discussion was held for property owners responsible for their sidewalks without assistance from the city. Discussion was held that the current ordinance creates a provision for city sidewalks to be repaired, replaced or installed new. Discussion was held for tabling the program to the special meeting the following week to consider the wages ordinance first. No action was taken and the matter was tabled.

NEW MOON THEATER REPORT

Theater Liaison Lundgren reported the Theater Board was still working on grant applications with the grant write. She reported board members were selling raffle tickets for east club level Nebraska Husker football seats for an October football game with a hotel stay, parking pass and a gift certificate for a Lincoln restaurant. She reported the bid letting for asbestos removal was scheduled for Friday. She reported the mold remediation grant was a 50% match grant like the asbestos removal grant. She reported a November event for a chili cookoff and beer or drink Olympics at the American Legion was being planned for a local fall fundraiser. *Pedersen moved to approve the New Moon Theater report as presented.* Seconded by Miller. Roll call votes in favor were Hughes, Miller, Pedersen, and Lundgren. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

SPECIAL MEETING DATE TO REVIEW AND AWARD A BID

Clerk Klabenes requested consideration for a special meeting the following Tuesday to review and award a bid for the asbestos removal at the theater. She reported the asbestos removal needed to be completed by November 28th and a special meeting the following week would provide an additional 3 weeks of time to a contractor instead of waiting for the October meeting to review bids. She reported the special meeting would also include financing rates for the Hyundai loader, a donation to the park for a new recreation amenity, and possibly an update on the Grandstand structure. *Pedersen moved to approve setting a special meeting date of Tuesday, September 16th at 5:30 P.M.* Seconded by Lundgren. Roll call votes in favor were Pedersen, Lundgren, Hughes, and Miller. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH ANTELOPE COUNTY FOR COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Clerk Klabenes reported the annual agreement proposed for Antelope County to contribute to all county libraries an amount not to exceed $.05 pr $100 of property valuation and the amount received in the current fiscal year was about $4,326. *Council member Lundgren moved to approve an interlocal agreement between the City of Neligh and the Antelope County Library Association for supporting the Neligh Public Library for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.* Seconded by Miller. Roll call votes in favor were Hughes, Lundgren, Pedersen, and Miller. Opposed none. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Lundgren moved to authorize the City Clerk to issue a certificate of deposit for $50,000 from the Fire Department unused equipment 2024-2025 fiscal budget from the General Fund for a future equipment pumper purchase. Seconded by Pedersen. Roll call votes in favor were Miller, Lundgren, Hughes, and Pedersen. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Pedersen moved to approve Pay Application #11 to Rutjens Construction for $719,457.77 split between water project 2A for $603,112.25 and a 5% retainer on all State Revolving Fund and United States Department of Agriculture water projects and the city sewer project totaling $116,345.52. Seconded by Lundgren. Roll call votes in favor were Miller, Hughes, Pedersen, and Lundgren. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Lundgren moved to approve the Blackstrap invoices for weigh tickets totaling $100.00. Seconded by Pedersen. Roll call votes in favor were Miller, Pedersen, and Lundgren. Abstain: Hughes. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

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

There being no further business to conduct, *Miller moved to adjourn.* Seconded by Pedersen. Roll call votes in favor were Lundgren, Miller, Pedersen, and Hughes. Opposed: None. Thereupon Council President Hughes declared the meeting adjourned. Time 9:50 P.M.

City of Neligh

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ATTEST

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Danielle Klabenes, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Neligh, Nebraska, hereby certify that on September 9, 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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(SEAL) City Clerk