

Yutan City Council
Tuesday, January 21st, 2025
7:00 p.m. Yutan City Hall

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUTAN, IN THE COUNTY OF SAUNDERS, STATE OF NEBRASKA HELD AT THE CITY OFFICE IN SAID CITY ON THE 21st DAY OF JANUARY 2025, AT 7:00 p.m.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting notice, a designated method for giving notice, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication and Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to Mayor Thompson and all members of the Yutan City Council, and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of the notice and the agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Thompson. Councilmembers Lawton, Schimenti, Chittenden, and Smith were present. Mayor Thompson informed all the individuals present of the location of the Open Meetings Act and Code of Conduct. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

1) Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes of the December 17th, 2024 Regular Meeting
- b. Approve Minutes of the January 3rd, 2025 Special Meeting/Awards Dinner
- c. Treasurer's Report
- d. **Claims-All Phase Electric \$570.00, ARCS-LLC \$363.00, BlackStrap Inc. \$1,933.10, BlueCross BlueShield \$1,900.17, Bomgaars \$332.55, Braniff Service, Inc. \$427.50, Capital Business Systems \$354.20, Cardmember Service \$1,696.80, Column Software PBC \$234.68, Cubby's \$622.17, Drop In LLC \$473.90, Eakes \$2,941.71, Engel, Vicki \$270.00, Elite Vehicle Outfitters \$4,162.01, Great Plains Uniforms \$2,580.00, Holiday Inn Express-Grand Island \$110.00, Hometown Leasing \$69.74, Hydro Optimization & Automation Solutions \$263.75, JEO Consulting Group \$4,360.00, JJM Enterprises \$1,645.80, JP Cooke Company \$104.95, Konecky Oil Inc. \$45.78, Lowes \$421.35, Metropolitan Utilities District \$211.81, Midwest Laboratories Inc. \$204.57, Mutual of Omaha \$36.00, Nebraska Department of Revenue \$5,657.88, Nebraska Department of Transportation \$25.00, Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab \$251.00, NMC, Inc. \$1,108.43, One Call Concepts \$4.80, OPPD \$5,366.89, P & R Sales and Services \$162.99, Power Manager \$67.40, Purchase Power \$513.66, The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company \$334.36, United States Treasury-IRS \$9,137.30, U.S. Cellular \$106.81, Total w/o Payroll \$18,401.79, Payroll \$28,928.20, Total w/Payroll \$47,329.99.**
- e. A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Chittenden and seconded by Lawton. Upon roll call vote was as follows: YEAH: Lawton, Schimenti, Chittenden, Smith. NO:None, Motion Carried

2) **Open Discussion from the Public**

- a. Lindsey Nelson-Had a few concerns about the six foot side walk that has been proposed going from downtown to the high school and believes that a survey needs to be done to see if the residents want it, for that he does not see a huge need for it. Nelson stated that he has set up a trail camera to see the need for widening the sidewalk. Council member Schimenti asked Nelson about how many kids he sees walking from the elementary school to the highschool, in which Nelson stated he only sees around 10-15 kids. Nelson also stated concerns about school pick up and drop off and the traffic congestion. Mayor Thompson let Nelson know that we have talked to the school to try and figure out a suggestion on the congestion, but as of right now it has not been an issue for when emergency calls come in. Nelson stated that his other concern is the concession stand and the money that will be put into it and that there are companies that have prebuilt containers that could be used.

3) **Presentation From Guests**

- a. Alyson Pedro from Ric Ortmeier and Associates-City of Yutan Annual Audit Presentation-Presentation was moved to February's City Council meeting due to the presenter not being about to attend.
- b. Annual Report from Library Director-Laurie Van Ackeren-Director Van Ackeren asked the Council if they had any questions about her annual report. Mayor Thompson asked where the census numbers in her report came from, due to it being larger than what is within the city limits of Yutan. Director Van Ackeren was not sure where the numbers came from, but did state that she received them from the Nebraska Library Commission.

4) **Other Action Items**

- a. Acceptance of FY 23-24 Audit
 - i. A motion to table the acceptance of the FY 23-24 Audit was made by Smith and seconded by Schimenti. Upon roll call vote was as follows: YEAH: Schimenti, Chittenden, Smith, Lawton. NO: None, Motion Carried.
- b. Reappointment of Lynn Hapke to the Library Board
 - i. A motion to reappoint Lynn Hapke to the Library Board was made by Lawton and seconded by Chittenden. Upon roll call vote was as follows: YEAH: Chittenden, Smith, Lawton, Schimenti. NO: None, Motion Carried
- c. Raise for City Clerk for Graduating from the Certified Public Manager Program.
 - i. A motion to approve a \$1.50 raise for the City Clerk for graduating from the CPM Program was made by Smith and seconded by Lawton. Upon roll call vote was as follows: YEAH: Smith, Lawton, Schimenti, Chittenden. NO: None, Motion Carried.
- d. Purchase of 2 new apparatuses for the splash pad.
 - i. Mayor Thompson stated that the turtle and the bucket is constantly leaking and that the budget is \$16,000. Schimenti asked about the mother board and if we may need to replace that. Woster stated that the issue last year was a cord and they got it fixed and figured out the issue with it turning on.
 - ii. A motion to approve the purchase of two new apparatuses with the budget amount up to \$16,000 for the splash pad was made by Schimenti and seconded

by Chittenden. Upon roll call vote was as follows: YEAH: Lawton, Schimenti, Chittenden, Smith. NO: None, Motion Carried.

- e. Capital Improvement Project for new concession stand at Hayes Ballfield.
 - i. Community Planner Costa stated that Administrator Oliva wanted him at the meeting as an education piece about capital improvement projects. Due to state law and code, capital improvement projects need to go to the planning commission before going to the city council to review and approve any capital improvement projects. Councilmember Chittenden asked what the city budgeted for the project and Mayor Thompson stated that \$250,000 was budgeted and that we more than likely will not reach that limit. Mayor Thompson stated that he is still waiting for a few more bids to get the final numbers and that a lot of this will be volunteer work or donated materials.
 - ii. A motion to approve the capital improvements project for the new concession stand at Hayes Ballfield with a budget limit up to \$250,000 was made by Schimenti and seconded by Lawton. Upon roll call vote was as follows: YEAH: Schimenti, Chittenden, Smith, Lawton. NO: None, Motion Carried.

5) Discussion Items

- a. City Clerk Bolter stated that she would be out of town for the March City Council meeting and asked if the Council would want to move it back a week. The Council stated that they had no issues with moving the meeting back a week to March 25th.

6) Supervisor Reports

- a. Library Director
- b. Utility Superintendent
- c. Police Chief
- d. Community Planner-Costa wanted to speak on the legislative bill mentioned in his report and that Yutan has pursued this law so that the city council can be an option to act as the board of adjustments.
- e. City Administrator-Mayor Thompson stated on the survey that was done on the sidewalk to the high school and that 90 percent of it is on our property. Councilmember Schimenti asked about the grant for the sidewalk. Mayor Thompson stated that this will be something that is worked on in the spring.

7) Items for Next Meeting Agenda

Meeting Adjourned-A motion to adjourn at 7:33 pm was made by Lawton and seconded by Smith. Upon roll call vote was as follows: YEAH: Chittenden, Smith, Lawton, Schimenti NO: None, Motion Carried.

NEXT MEETING DATES

Planning Commission - February 11th, 2025, 7:00 P.M.

City Council Meeting - February 18th, 2025, 7:00 P.M.

Anyone desiring to speak before the mayor and city council should contact the city clerk by the Monday preceding the city council meeting by 4:00 p.m. Anyone desiring to speak on any item on the agenda is invited to do so but should limit himself/herself to 3 minutes. After being recognized by the mayor, give your name and address for the record. Anyone desiring to speak for a longer period of time should make arrangements with the city clerk prior to the meeting. All speakers shall address the mayor and city council only. Anyone attending the meeting who may require auxiliary aid or service should contact the city clerk in advance.

Matt Thompson, Mayor

Brandy Bolter, City Clerk/Treasurer
