

Yutan City Council
Tuesday, March 25th, 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 25th DAY OF MARCH 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 February 18th, 2025 Regular Meeting
- b. Treasurer's Report
- c. **Claims-ARCS-LLC \$363.00, Blackstrap Inc. \$1,935.70, Blizzard Boys, LLC \$670.00, BlueCross BlueShield \$1,900.17, Bobcat \$1,571.11, Bolter, Brandy \$393.14, Bomgaars \$158.89, Capital Business Systems \$177.10, Cardmember Systems \$858.32, Colonial Research \$596.94, Column Software PBC \$172.44, Costa, Robert \$28.00, Cubby's \$516.95, Culligan \$123.50, Eakes \$894.04, Elite Vehicle Outfitters \$2,282.81, Engel, Vicki \$270.00, Fiscus, Brittany \$150.00, General Concrete, Inc. \$3,100.00, Grainger \$584.41, Great Plains Uniforms \$20.00, Hometown Leasing \$69.74, Hydro Optimization & Automation Solutions, Inc. \$527.00, JEO \$2,117.50, Johnson Service Company \$17,786.75, MUD \$428.60, Municipal Supply, Inc. \$1,902.90, Mutual of Omaha \$36.00, Nebraska Department of Revenue \$890.94, Nebraska State Patrol \$370.50, NMC, Inc. \$265.42, Oliva, Robert \$275.00, One Call Concepts \$7.73, On Target Ammunition, LLC \$152.69, OPPD \$6,050.28, Purchase Power \$737.07, Road Runner Transportation \$415.00, Roll Door, Inc. \$330.00, Saunders County \$7,458.45, Titan Machinery \$1,536.60, The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company \$392.49, Ty's Outdoor Power & Service \$493.34, US Cellular \$106.81, U.S. Treasury-EFTPS \$10,236.40, Workman HVAC \$550.00, Ziemba, Trevor \$285.00. Total w/o Payroll \$70,188.73, Payroll \$48,278.80, Total w/Payroll \$118,467.53.**
- d. A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Chittenden and seconded by Smith. Upon roll call vote was as follows: YEAH: Lawton, Schimenti, Chittenden, Smith. NO: None, Motion Carried.

2) **Resolutions**

- a. Resolution 2025-2 Interlocal Agreement with the Village of Mead for police force
 - i. Mayor Thompson went over the interlocal agreement with the Village of Mead and stated that if there is a police officer within Yutan they will make a drive through Mead, but they will not be doing ordinance issues. The Village of Mead had a council meeting and did not approve of the Interlocal agreement at the time, but if Yutan agrees to it at tonight's meeting they will hold a special meeting to approve it on their end. Council member Chittenden asked if we are currently getting shifts covered for here in Yutan. Chief Hannan stated that it is getting better and that this hopefully makes it easier for filling shifts. Council member Schimenti asked if Chief Hannan was comfortable with this agreement and asked if there was a way to pull out of it if it did not work out. Mayor Thompson stated that it is within 60 days. Council member Chittenden asked about keeping track of the schedule and Mayor Thompson stated that Chief Hannan would keep track of the schedule and have it available for Mead for inspection.
 - ii. A motion to approve Resolution 2025-2 to Enter an Interlocal Agreement with the Village of Mead to Contract for a Police and Law Enforcement Services was made by Chittenden and seconded by Lawton. YEAH: Schimenti, Chittenden, Smith, Lawton. NO: None, Motion Carried.

3) Ordinances and Public Hearings

- a. Ordinance 812-Planning Commission Procedural Changes (Amending Article 2, Section 2, of Municipal Code)
 - i. Staff Reporting-Community Planner Robert Costa stated that the Planning Commission is down to 5 members with an alternate and that is what state law requires. Council member Smith asked if a planning commission member could be a part of the board. Costa stated that the previous language within the municipal code stated that no, a board member could not be part of another board, council member, or an employee. The new language would allow for a member from another board to be part of the planning commission, but the commission wanted it changed to where a current employee of the city could not be part of the board.
 - ii. Public Hearing- A public hearing was opened at 7:12 pm; no comments were made. The public hearing was closed at 7:13 pm.
 - iii. Ordinance 812
 - 1. A motion to approve the first reading and to waive the next two readings of Ordinance 812-Planning Commission Procedural Changes (Amending Article 2, Section 2, of Municipal Code) was made by Schimenti and seconded by Chittenden. Upon roll call vote was as follows: YEAH: Chittenden, Smith, Lawton, Schimenti. NO: None, Motion Carried.
- b. Ordinance 813-Kirby-Gumm Zoning Text Amendment Request (allowing lit signs in I-1, I-2, & B-3 Zoning Districts)
 - i. Staff Reporting-Community Planner Robert Costa presented the council with the requested text amendment to the Zoning ordinance for Yutan that would allow lighted/animated signs in the highway business, light industrial, and heavy industrial zoning districts. These districts currently prohibit lit/animated signs. The planning Commission felt that animated signs had potential for impacts that

were appropriate to review as a conditional use. Council member Chittenden asked what type of sign will be going on the Kirby-Gumm building and it was stated that it would be on the building. Council member Schimenti asked if a Runza wanted to come in would they be able to come in and put in one of their signs. Costa stated according to the current codes not, but they are working on getting the zoning changed and cleaned up. Discussion was held over who regulates certain signs within the highway right of way.

- ii. Public Hearing-A public hearing was opened at 7:23 pm-Lindsay Nelson asked that once there is a sign does it supersede the ordinance/covenant, due to that is how it is in residential areas. Costa stated that he would need to look further into the law. Mayor Thompson stated that that goes back to the state right away. 7:25
- iii. Ordinance 813
 1. A motion to approve the first reading and to waive the next two readings of Ordinance 813-Kirby-Gumm Zoning Text Amendment Request (Allowing Lit Signs in I-1, I-2, & B-3 Zoning Districts) was made by Schimenti and seconded by Lawton. Upon roll call vote was as follows: YEAH: Smith, Lawton, Schimenti, Chittenden. NO: None, Motion Carried.

4) Other Action Items

- a. Acceptance of Updates to the Employee Handbook
 - i. A motion to approve the Updates to the Employee Handbook was made by Lawton and seconded by Smith. Upon roll call vote was as follows: YEAH: Lawton, Schimenti, Chittenden, Smith. NO: None, Motion Carried. ALL NO:
- b. The Blue Cell Tabletop Exercise
 - i. Mayor Thompson discussed what Blue Cell tabletop exercise is and how it will be conducted. It is a tabletop that will include the fire department, police, emergency manager, school, city council and school board and what everyone's roles are during an emergency/national disaster. Council member Chittenden asked if the cost covers everything. Mayor Thompson stated that the cost does cover everything and that Blue Cell would be present during the exercise. Blue Cell will also come in if there were an incident to assist.
 - ii. A motion to approve the Tabletop Exercise with Blue Cell and to host was made by Chittenden and seconded by Lawton YEAH: Schimenti, Chittenden, Smith, Lawton. NO: None, Motion Carried.

5) Discussion Items

- a. Council member Schimenti stated that the pickleball courts are in rough shape and that the wind panels need to be replaced, along with the gates needing some repair. He believes that they have slid down and are making it hard to enter the courts, along with the locking mechanism being bent. Council member Lawton stated that the shade canopy at Timbercrest park is also torn up and may need to be replaced. Council member Chittenden stated that during the winter they may need to take down the wind panels at the pickleball courts during the winter months.

6) **Supervisor Reports**

- a. Library Director
- b. Utility Superintendent-was not submitted
- c. Police Chief
- d. Community Planner
- e. City Administrator-any interest in pursuing different internet for the office such as Starlink. Council member Schimenti stated that he has starlink and that he only lost it when he lost power, but was able to run it off his generator. Council member Chittenden asked to see prices for different internet sources.

7) **Items for Next Meeting Agenda**

Meeting Adjourned-a motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm was made by Chittenden 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- April 8th, 2025, 7:00 P.M.

City Council Meeting-April 15th, 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 that may require auxiliary aid or service should contact the city clerk in advance.

Matt Thompson, Mayor



Brandy Bolter, City Clerk/Treasurer

