

**THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MINATARE CITY COUNCIL, APRIL 8, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and stated that a quorum of the Council was present, and City business could be conducted.

OPEN MEETINGS ACT - NEB.REV.STAT. CHAPTER 84, ARTICLE 14

Mayor Nelson stated: That the Open Meetings Act is posted for the public to see.

1. Recital of the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: All Council Members present. Also present were members of the public: John Grumbles, Dana Vernon, David Park, Christy Manka, Wayne Kilmer, and Caryle Covalt.
3. Public Announcements.

CONSENT AGENDA:

(Items under the Consent Agenda are proposed for adoption by one action for all items unless any member of Council requests that an item be considered separately.)

1. Approve minutes of the March 11, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting.
2. Approve Claims.

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Motion by Councilmember Ross to approve the Minutes of the March 11, 2025 Council Meeting, and the claims submitted to be paid, seconded by Councilmember Lally. Mayor Nelson called for the vote. **"AYES": Lally, Ross, Main and Costa. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.** Councilmember Costa brought up the fact that Dollar General does not appear to be charging the 1% city sales tax that was implemented at the first of the year. Clerk/Treasurer Lojka said she would follow-up with the Department of Revenue.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. **Mike Olson, MC Schaff** – Mike presented the Wastewater Collection System and Treatment Facility Plan developed for us by MC Schaff. This goes into more detail regarding what we need to do out there and to submit to the State and what we can use to look for grants and other monies to cover the funding for it. There are also estimates for how much it would cost if we needed to borrow the money.
2. **Caryle Covalt** – Caryle asked the council for \$100 to use for purchasing candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. Some discussion was held and the council voted to give \$200 to the Library for this event, so Caryle can purchase candy for this year and to pick up some eggs and things this year when they go on sale to use for next year's hunt. Motion by

Councilmember Costa made the motion and it was seconded by Councilmember Ross. Mayor Nelson called for the vote. **"AYES": Lally, Ross, Main and Costa. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.**

3. **David Park Jr.** – David came to update us on the Weather Group's Block Party scheduled for June 28, 2020 at Kelso Park. They are planning on having bounce houses, demos from CERT, possibly AirLink, a dunk tank, lots of food trucks, Minatare Cheerleaders cake walk, etc. They have six regular bathrooms and two handicapped bathrooms lined up. It was agreed they needed to get a special event permit and Attorney Ellison will get one prepared and send it to the Clerk.
4. **Tammy Flores** -- Clerk Lojka spoke regarding the new owners and manager of the bar and gave the Council a brief overview of what would be happening at the next meeting with the Liquor License etc.
5. **Alisa Yeoman** – Alisa appeared at the meeting in place of Steve Pederzani to discuss creating a Creative District in Minatare that they would administer as part of A Stage Reborn. They are offering this to us free of charge. Motion by Councilmember Ross to approve the creation of the Creative District seconded by Councilmember Costa. Mayor Nelson called for the vote. **"AYES": Lally, Ross, Main and Costa. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.**
6. **Brandon** – Asst. Fire Chief Brandon appeared for the Fire Department and went over the quote for repairs on the Fire Truck. There was some discussion regarding costs and it was decided the Fire Department would get additional quotes and possible equipment auction information. It could be possible to purchase or receive at no cost, fire equipment from the Rangers, airports, FEMA. No action was taken on this item.
7. **Mayor Nelson – Chief of Police** Mayor Nelson is still considering what action to take regarding appointing a Chief of Police and asked that the Council spend some time thinking about what they would like to do between now and the next meeting. She asked the Police Officers if they were doing okay with the division of hours and getting the nuisance letters out. The mileage logs and service reports were discussed and Councilmember Lally asked about seeing the reports since a couple of months have passed and she hasn't seen any as of yet. Mayor Nelson asked the Council to read over the Resolutions regarding a Chief of Police that she gave to them. No action was taken.
8. **Mike Winget – Raises and Holiday Pay** OIC Winget asked that in light of the Chief of Police matter still being considered, that his request for a raise be put on the back burner for now. He did ask for a raise for Officer Rockwell as he had been at the same wage for over 4 years. OIC Winget asked for a \$4.00 per hour raise to get Officer Rockwell up to a competitive rate with the other small cities in Scotts Bluff County. Councilmember Lally indicated that she thought \$4.00 was a little high for right now and that maybe \$2.00 would be appropriate until some performance things that have been an issue for a long time start to be resolved. There was extensive discussion regarding this and \$2.00 was agreed to be a fair raise for now and that a further increase would be considered at the June meeting. Councilmember Costa made a motion for a \$2.00 per hour raise for Officer Rockwell and it was seconded by Councilmember Lally. Mayor Nelson called for the vote. **"AYES": Lally, Ross, Main and Costa. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.**

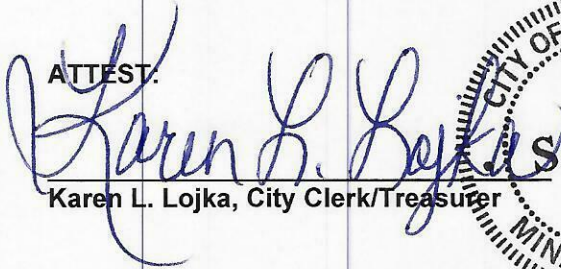
Open Comments:

Wayne Killmer spoke regarding the 911 System and that during the next round from the Communications Advisory Board he feels we will be getting an increase in monies.

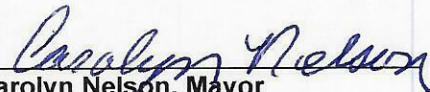
Motion to Adjourn was made by Council member Ross and seconded by Council member Lally. AYE all in favor, Motion carried.

ADJOURN: 6:58 p.m.

ATTEST:


Karen L. Lojka, City Clerk/Treasurer




Carolyn Nelson, Mayor

CLAIMS MARCH 11 2025 TO APRIL 7 2025

	GENERAL	PARK	FIRE	POLICE	STREET	WATER	SEWER	LIBRARY	AGENCY	TOTAL
A/C DEPARTMENT (BC-BS insurance)	\$2,983.75									\$2,983.75
ACTION COMMUNICATIONS			\$62.19							\$62.19
AFLAC	\$350.70									\$350.70
AT&T MOBILITY				\$264.46						\$264.46
AXON				\$64.40						\$64.40
BARB ROSS									\$276.50	\$276.50
BEAM	\$35.39									\$35.39
BRANDI EHLER			\$415.57							\$415.57
BRANDON MAIN									\$277.05	\$277.05
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$1,352.21									\$1,352.21
BYTES COMPUTER	\$789.46			\$4,807.00						\$5,596.46
CAROLYN NELSON									\$330.56	\$330.56
CARYLE COVALT								\$406.26		\$406.26
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CHRIS LALLY					\$429.79	\$429.79	\$429.80			\$1,289.38
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CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF (water)						\$2,289.97				\$2,289.97
DEARBORN INS			\$10.32							\$10.32
DINGES FIRE CO			\$3,885.90							\$3,885.90
EAKES	\$119.99									\$119.99
EFTPS (payroll taxes)	\$2,417.19									\$2,417.19
EFTPS (payroll taxes)	\$2,501.61									\$2,501.61
ELLISON, KOVARIK & TURMAN LAW FIRM, P.C	\$4,350.00									\$4,350.00
ENVIRO SERVICE						\$30.00				\$30.00
FRANK COSTA									\$276.50	\$276.50
IDEAL/BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTION	\$93.71									\$93.71
JIRDON		\$1,343.30								\$1,343.30
JUDY HOATSON	\$800.00									\$800.00
KAREN LOJKA					\$482.39	\$482.39	\$482.40			\$1,447.18
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KAREN LOJKA					\$205.80	\$205.80	\$205.80			\$617.40
LEAGUE ASSOC OF RISK MGMT		\$500.00		\$151.42						\$651.42
LEGACY COOP						\$211.00				\$211.00
MC SCHAFF						\$36,769.00				\$36,769.00
MC SCHAFF						\$2,790.53				\$2,790.53
MATTHEW ROCKWELL				\$808.10						\$808.10
MATTHEW SHANNON				\$1,487.94						\$1,487.94
MELISSA LALLY									\$276.50	\$276.50
MICHAEL WINGET				\$995.34						\$995.34
MICHAEL WINGET				\$2,345.96						\$2,345.96
MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS (security)								\$30.00		\$30.00
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MUTUAL OF OMAHA (insurance)	\$29.90									\$29.90
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE (payroll taxes)	\$354.15									\$354.15
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NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE (sales tax)	\$459.28									\$459.28
NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST. (monthly electric)	\$3,204.73									\$3,204.73
NORTHWEST PIPE						\$169.37				\$169.37
ONE-CALL CONCEPTS INC. (call out service)					\$9.37					\$9.37
PHYLLIS WRIGHT					\$248.37	\$248.37	\$248.37			\$745.11
PHYLLIS WRIGHT					\$245.54	\$245.54	\$245.54			\$736.62
POLICE SINKING FUND				\$467.16						\$467.16
PRESTO-X (pest control)	\$350.44							\$294.58		\$645.02
SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY COURT (garnishment)				\$123.60						\$123.60
TOM CASE					\$462.03	\$462.03	\$462.03			\$1,386.09
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VISA	\$594.89			\$129.62		\$695.57				\$1,420.08
WASTE CONNECTIONS (APR)	\$6,413.37									\$6,413.37
TOTAL	\$27,556.13	\$1,843.30	\$4,373.98	\$11,645.00	\$3,457.50	\$46,403.57	\$3,448.17	\$987.55	\$1,437.11	\$101,152.31