

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 on the bulletin board.

1. Recital of the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: All Council present. Also present: Wayne Kilmer, David Park, Josie Hall, Tiffany Hall, Brandon Smith, Christy Manka, Tommy Case, and Caryle Covalt.
3. Public Announcements. None.

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 June 10, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting.
2. Approve Claims.

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Motion by Council member Lally to approve the Minutes of the June 10, 2025 Council Meeting, and the claims submitted to be paid, seconded by Council member Main. Mayor Nelson called for the vote. **“AYES”:** Lally, Ross, Main and Costa. **“NAYS”:** None. **Abstaining:** None. **Absent:** None. **Motion Carried.**

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. **Brandon Smith** – Brandon said we lost the bid on the fire truck from last month’s meeting. However, they did find one that meets all of the requirements. It is a 2002 Spartan Pumper and is up for sale from a Fire Department in New York for \$82,000.00. It will need graphics, light and siren update, hard suction, low level strainer and other items. They are requesting the same \$120,000.00 that they did last month to get the truck purchased and shipped here and all of the additions. Discussion was had and Council Member Ross made a motion to approve the purchase of the truck and the motion was seconded by Council Member Main. The Clerk was directed to get the loan at Platte Valley Bank for \$70,000.00 and take the additional \$12,000.00 out of the fire sinking fund. **“AYES”:** Lally, Ross, Main and Costa. **“NAYS”:** None. **Abstaining:** None. **Absent:** None. **Motion Carried.**

2. **Caryle Covalt** – Caryle talked about the Splash Pad idea and got input from everyone. Council Member Lally expressed an interest in being on the committee and grant writing. Mayor Nelson is also interested in the committee. Discussion was had regarding the water supply and if electrical would be needed. Council Member Costa made a motion that was seconded by Council Member Lally to look into the grant and the possibility of being able to put one in. **“AYES”:** Lally, Ross, Main and Costa. **“NAYS”:** None. **Abstaining:** None. **Absent:** None. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Wayne Kilmer** – Advisory Board there have been some changes. Wayne was left as the temporary Chairman when Steve Brown stepped down. Tom Schingle was elected Chairman and Wayne Kilmer was elected Vice Chairman. Scottsbluff and Gering want to re-write the Interlocal Agreement Lyman, McGrew and Melbeta have chosen to drop out. It was suggested that we base the agreement on the number of calls. The county is using the 2010 census for their calculations which are off because the 2020 census is not being used. Council Member Costa made a motion to appoint Wayne Kilmer as our representative for the Advisory Board, reserving the right to remove or replace him if necessary. His term will follow that of the Mayor and will expire at the end of December, 2028. Council Member Ross seconded the motion. **“AYES”:** Lally, Ross, Main and Costa. **“NAYS”:** None. **Abstaining:** None. **Absent:** None. **Motion Carried.**
4. **David Park, Jr.** – The Mega Block Party was a great success and the team would like to do it again next year, on the same weekend, the last Saturday in June. The Clerk will mark the park being used on the calendar, June 27. He thinks there were about 600 attendees. They were doing a couple of fundraisers They raised \$400 for the DOVES shelter and \$2600 for Children’s Miracle Network. Region 22 and CERT backed out at the last minute, not sure why. A car show ended up happening in the parking lot of the bar. They would like to have more barricades and possibly a parade first. They want to start earlier because of the heat. They will also need additional power if possible.
5. **Tom Case** – The county is down a weed sprayer person this year so they contacted Baird Family Farm Custom spraying for the ground sterilization. It will cost about \$2,250. Council Member Lally made a motion to approve the cost for spraying the ground kill at the lagoons and said motion was seconded by Council Member Main. **“AYES”:** Lally, Ross, Main and Costa. **“NAYS”:** None. **Abstaining:** None. **Absent:** None. **Motion Carried.** Council Member Ross made a motion to approve the cost of purchasing a new weed trimmer and said motion was seconded by Council Member Costa. **“AYES”:** Lally, Ross, Main and Costa. **“NAYS”:** None. **Abstaining:** None. **Absent:** None. **Motion Carried.**
6. **Tom Case** – Ord 566 re: well permit fee schedule - The fees listed are in accordance with other cities and are agreeable to council. Council Member Lally made a motion to approve Ordinance 566 and the well permit fee schedule along with waiving the three readings of the Ordinance, and said motion was seconded by Council Member Ross. **“AYES”:** Lally, Ross, Main and Costa. **“NAYS”:** None. **Abstaining:** None. **Absent:** None. **Motion Carried.**
7. **Mike Winget** – On the new laptops Bytes quoted us \$50 for installation, but now they say that was not including the mounts. The “cheap” route is about \$1100 and could go

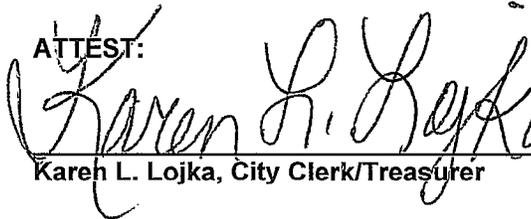
up as much as \$1800. Mike did research and found two mounts. Mike is waiting to hear back on if we can get anything for trading in the old mounts that we have. He asked for up to \$500 to purchase laptop mounts. Council Member Lally made a motion to approve the cost of purchasing new laptop mounts and said motion was seconded by Council Member Costa. **“AYES”:** Lally, Ross, Main and Costa. **“NAYS”:** None. **Abstaining:** None. **Absent:** None. **Motion Carried.**

8. **Mike Winget** – Motor home we had towed to BAAS is still there for now. No definitive owner has been found yet. BAAS is going to submit his tow bill and Mike would like to get an abandoned vehicle title for it if no owner is found, so we can then auction it off. The tow company says the bill is going to be between \$300-\$400.

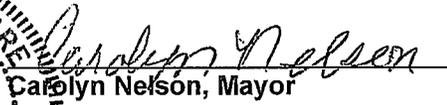
PUBLIC COMMENT: Tiffany Hall let the council know that she is working on the cats still and that this year has been a lot slower than last year. She is working on some fundraising ideas to get more money for the cats. In the year and a half they have been doing this program, 35 kittens have been re-homed and they have taken 28 cats in. Tom advised that the price of stamps would be going up again and if you need any to get them purchased. Karen told the public that Tiffany’s daughter, Alex is trying to gain community service hours for resume building and that the city would be helping her get some hours by helping out in the office and at the parks.

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

ADJOURN: 7:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

Karen L. Lojka, City Clerk/Treasurer




Carolyn Nelson, Mayor