



CITY OF MINATARE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES JULY 14, 2026

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

As required by State Law, public bodies shall make available at least one current copy of the Open Meetings Act, posted in the meeting room. Agenda items may be moved up or down on the agenda at the discretion of the Mayor. Additions may not be made to this agenda less than 24 hours before the beginning of the meeting unless they are considered under this section of the agenda and Council determines that the matter requires emergency action".

1. **Recital of the Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Roll Call: Mayor and Council present. Also present were: Karen Lojka, Clerk/Treasurer, Wayne Kilmer, Pattie Yowell and Matt Turman, City Attorney.**
3. **Excuses: None**
4. **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 9, 2026 City Council Meeting.**
2. **Approve Claims, attached**

Motion by Council Member Lally and seconded by Council Member Main to approve the Claims and Minutes as submitted. Mayor Nelson called for the vote. **"AYES": Lally, Ross, Main and Costa. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC HEARING:

Public Hearing re: Conditional Use Permit for Paul Reed Const. – Jeff Marks

Motion by Council Member Costa and seconded by Council Member Main to open the Public Hearing regarding the Conditional Use Permit filed by Paul Reed Construction. Mayor Nelson called for the vote. **"AYES": Lally, Ross, Main and Costa. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.**

Mr. Marks came up and spoke to Council regarding the Conditional Use Permit and stated that the project involves soil borrowing and aggregate mining east of Minatare on the south side of Highway 26. There will be work on the first two miles east of Minatare and 2 miles west of Angora Hill for the first phase. They need about 90,000 cubic yards of soil needed for the west end of this phase.

Motion by Council Member Costa and seconded by Council Member Lally to close the Public Hearing regarding the Conditional Use Permit filed by Paul Reed Construction. Mayor Nelson called for the vote. **"AYES": Lally, Ross, Main and Costa. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.**

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Jeff Marks – Conditional Use Permit for Paul Reed Construction & Wayne Kilmer – Planning Commission recommendation of CUP

The Minatare Planning commission voted in favor of issuing the permit. Conditions include dust control, muffled vehicles, mosquito control and 7-day a week operation. Permit duration is set until December 31, 2030, with 12-month renewal options after that. Matt Turman will make the adjustments to the Permit and send that over for signatures.

Motion by Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Main to approve the Conditional Use Permit with discussed changes. Mayor Nelson called for the vote. **"AYES": Lally, Ross, Main and Costa. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.**

2. Karen Lojka – LARM Renewal figures – Karen let Council know that the LARM insurance rates would be increasing by 5% for Worker's Compensation. Property and Liability Coverages will not increase.

Motion by Council Member Costa and seconded by Council Member Lally to accept Resolution 071426 taking advantage of the largest discount of 5% for a 3-year commitment to the pool. Mayor Nelson called for the vote. **"AYES": Lally, Ross, Main and Costa. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.**

3. Karen Lojka – Draft of new Complaint Forms to consider Karen had updated the Complaint forms for the office since the last one had been used and the address needed updated. She also wanted to make it look a little more professional. Discussion took place regarding the items on the Complaint Form and the process for how they should be handled. After the discussion was completed, it was decided to take a vote on everything discussed.

Motion by Council Member Lally and seconded by Council Member Costa for complaints to go to the Mayor directly, or to the City office, and that serious complaints will be investigated by the Mayor prior to any action being taken or notifying the Council. Once the Mayor has completed her investigation, then she may make the Council aware at that time. The Complaint form is to have the Mayor's name added, the disclaimer at the bottom deleted and a line added for the date. If the City office receives the Complaint, then the Clerk will decide the severity level and if severe she will give it directly to the Mayor and if not, then the Mayor and all Council Members will

receive a copy. Mayor Nelson called for the vote. **"AYES": Lally, Ross, Main and Costa. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.**

4. **Carolyn Nelson – Bid for window replacement at Community Room** The Mayor reviewed the bid from Hullinger Glass & Locks for replacement of the window that was damaged by vandals last summer. The bid is for \$1570.00 and we have a \$1000.00 deductible from our insurance company.

Motion by Council Member Lally and seconded by Council Member Ross for the Clerk to submit a claim to LARM regarding the window replacement. Mayor Nelson called for the vote. **"AYES": Lally, Ross, Main and Costa. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.**

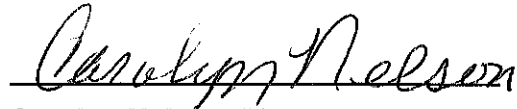
BIDS/PROPOSALS: None

REPORTS: None

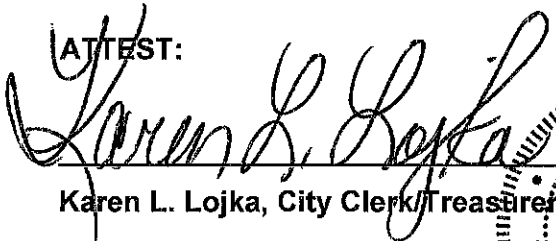
OPEN COMMENT: Discussion or action by Council regarding unscheduled business will not take place. This section is for citizen comments only.

Motion by Council Member Lally and seconded by Council Member Costa to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Nelson called for the vote. **"AYES": Lally, Ross, Main and Costa. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.**

ADJOURN: 6:47 p.m.


Carolyn Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Karen L. Lojka, City Clerk/Treasurer

