



CITY OF MINATARE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Lally 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

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- 1. Recital of the Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Roll Call: All Council present. Also present: Jennifer Branson, Michael Olsen, Roger Brown, Wayne Kilmer, Chris Lally, Patti Yowell, Gail Hobday. and Caryle Covalt.**
- 3. Motion by Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Costa to excuse Mayor Nelson for medical reasons. “AYES”:** Lally, Ross, Main and Costa. **“NAYS”:** None. **Abstaining:** None. **Absent:** Mayor Nelson. **Motion Carried.**
- 4. Public Announcements. Tom Case is retiring at the end of 2025. Clean Up day is October 25th from 8:00 to 11:30.**

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 August 12, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting.**
- 2. Approve Claims.**

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Motion by Council member Costa to approve the Minutes of the August 12, 2025 Council Meeting, and the claims submitted to be paid, seconded by Council member Main. Council President Melissa Lally called for the vote. **“AYES”:** Lally, Ross, Main and Costa. **“NAYS”:** None. **Abstaining:** None. **Absent:** Mayor Nelson. **Motion Carried.**

CURRENT BUSINESS:

- 1. Mike Olsen, MC Schaff – City Engineer** Water Right Access east of 4th Avenue creates a need for more Right-of-Way access for the Highway 26 expansion project through town. The City would need to pass an Ordinance to make certain strips of land an alley with a clause that if the City ever abandoned that alley, it would revert back to the State's ownership. The State needs confirmation that the City is willing to proceed with the proposed plan. Council President Melissa Lally motioned and Council Member Main seconded to proceed in principle with the State's plan for developing the right-of-way access and alley as needed. **“AYES”:** Lally, Ross, Main and Costa. **“NAYS”:** None. **Abstaining:** None. **Absent:** Mayor Nelson. **Motion Carried.**
- 2. Nate Fox, League Association for Risk Management –** Nate appeared by phone to debunk some rumors regarding how the LARM Insurance for the City works. The biggest difference between LARM and other insurance companies is that they only have one deductible for the City owned buildings. All the other insurance companies have a deductible on each individual building. So far this year 28 additional cities who shopped for different insurance ultimately switched to LARM. LARM also provides a lot of other services to the City. Motion by Councilmember Ross to sign the Resolution to commit for 3 years of insurance coverage through LARM, seconded by Councilmember Costa. **“AYES”:** Lally, Ross, Main and Costa. **“NAYS”:** None. **Abstaining:** None. **Absent:** Mayor Nelson. **Motion Carried.**
- 3. Jennifer Branson, NPPD –** Jennifer came to present the City's energy report. NPPD is 58.3% carbon free and remitted \$82,676.53 in least payments to the City in 2024.
- 4. Caryle Covalt –** Caryle came to address the Splash Pad project and asked permission to open a bank account with Platte Valley Bank in order to have a place to put the donations that have been coming in for it. Councilmember Ross made a motion to allow the opening of the bank account, and add authorized signors of Caryle Covalt and Christy Manka, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Costa. **“AYES”:** Lally, Ross, Main and Costa. **“NAYS”:** None. **Abstaining:** None. **Absent:** Mayor Nelson. **Motion Carried.**
- 5. Jim Ellison –** Resolution 90925 regarding funds transfers to balance the budget before fiscal year end needs to be passed. Motion by Councilmember Main and seconded by Councilmember Costa to allow staff to make the necessary funds transfers before fiscal year end. **“AYES”:** Lally, Ross, Main and Costa. **“NAYS”:** None. **Abstaining:** None. **Absent:** Mayor Nelson. **Motion Carried.**
- 6. Chris Lally –** Chris was thrown in at the last minute due to Tom Case's absence to get signatures on the DOT Compliance Resolution. He was unfamiliar with the document so Councilmember Costa motioned to table signatures until the October meeting so Tom could explain the form and get signatures. Said Motion was seconded by Councilmember Main. **“AYES”:** Lally, Ross, Main and Costa. **“NAYS”:** None. **Abstaining:** None. **Absent:** Mayor Nelson. **Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

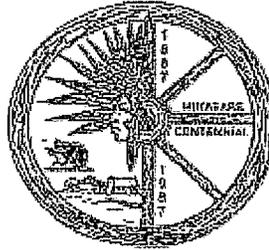
Motion to Adjourn was made by Council member Ross and seconded by Council member Costa. AYE all in favor, Motion carried.

ADJOURN: 7:07 p.m.

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Melissa Lally, Council President**

ATTEST:

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Karen L. Lojka, City Clerk/Treasurer**



THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
MINATARE CITY COUNCIL, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Melissa Lally asked that the meeting be opened. The meeting is to set the Final Tax Request for the 2025-2026 Budget year. Councilmember Costa moved to open the meeting and Councilmember Main seconded the motion. "AYES": Costa, Lally, and Main. Abstaining: None. Absent: Mayor Nelson Councilmember Ross. Motion Carried. A quorum of the Council was present and City business could be conducted. Meeting was opened at 6:26 p.m.

1. Recital of the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call, Motion by Councilmember Main and seconded by Councilmember Costa to excuse Mayor Nelson and Councilmember Ross. "AYES": Costa, Lally and Main. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Mayor Nelson Councilmember Ross. Motion Carried.

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Motion was made by Councilmember Costa to approve the Budget for 2025-2026 and seconded by Councilmember Main. "AYES: Lally, Costa and Main. "NAYS": None.

RESOLUTION NO 92325

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of the City of Minatare passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request: and

WHEREAS a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the City of Minatare resolves that:

1. The 2025-2026 property tax request be set at: General

Fund: \$103,525.00
Bond Fund: \$ --

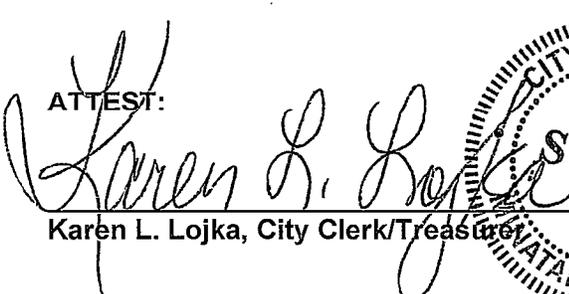
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 18.86 percent.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be 0.384617 per \$100 assessed value.
4. The City of Minatare proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.398416 per \$100 assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the City of Minatare will increase last year's budget by 106.58 percent.
6. A copy of this Resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2025.

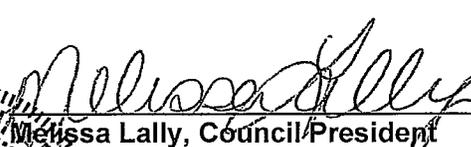
Motion by Main, 2nd by Costa to waive the three readings of Resolution No 092325. "AYES": Costa, Lally and Main. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Mayor Nelson Councilmember Ross. Motion Carried.

Motion by Main, 2nd by Costa on the Resolution No 92325 for the 2025-2026 approving the property tax request to be set at \$103,525.00. "AYES": Costa, Lally, and Main. Abstaining: None. Absent: Mayor Nelson Councilmember Ross. Motion Carried.

Motion to close the public meeting by Costa, 2nd by Main, "AYES": Costa, Lally, Ross and Main. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Mayor Nelson Councilmember Ross. Motion Carried.

ADJORN: 6:32 p.m.

ATTEST:

Karen L. Lojka, City Clerk/Treasurer


Melissa Lally, Council President

