

CITY OF MINATARE  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OCTOBER 14, 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**

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 all Council present. Also present: Chris Lally, Patti Yowell, Michael Winget and Caryle Covalt.**
3. **No excuses.**
4. **Public Announcements. Clean-up Day.**

**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 September 9, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting.**
2. **Approve Claims.**

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Motion by Council member Lally to approve the Minutes of the September 9, 2025 Council Meeting, and the claims submitted to be paid, seconded by Council member Costa. Council Mayor Nelson called for the vote. **“AYES”:** Lally, Ross, Main and Costa. **“NAYS”:** None. **Abstaining:** None. **Absent:** None. **Motion Carried.**

**CURRENT BUSINESS:**

1. **Rod Clause – Traffic/Speeding** Rod and some of his neighbors wanted the Council to know that there are cars speeding in excess of 40 mph down his street and they have suggestions of speed limit signs, stop sign and speed bumps. The Police have had no luck catching any of the speeders so far. He also has several neighbor kids

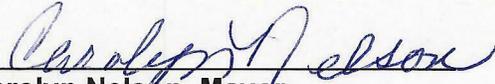
who ride their bikes in that area and he is afraid someone is going to get ran over. Discussion was had regarding possible solutions. No action taken at this time.

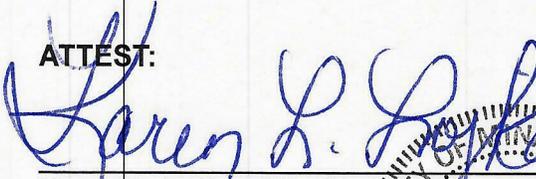
2. **Caryle Covalt – Library/Splash Pad/Trunk-or-Treat** Carlye said the grant was received for the little library in the park by the Post Office. She said there are some new books in there so it looks like people have been using it. She also said that there is a guy by the name of Ryan who is going to design a splash pad for us along the same lines at the one at Veterans’ Park. The Trunk-or-Treat is October 26<sup>th</sup> at the Broken Spoke. Caryle said they have enough candy this year and with the grant for Tabor Days they do not need to ask the City for a donation this year.
3. **Tom Case – DOT Compliance Signatures** Tom was not at the meeting, but the Clerk advised Mayor and Council that Jeff Wolfe had already signed off on the document and so all that is needed is for Council to pass the Resolution for it and then it can be submitted. Council member Costa made the Motion to approve Resolution 101425 and said Motion was seconded by Council member Ross. **“AYES”:** Lally, Ross, Main and Costa. **“NAYS”:** None. **Abstaining:** None. **Absent:** None. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Karen Lojka – Permanent Port-A-Potty** The Clerk talked about the lack of public restrooms in town and that other cities have permanent ones set up to help with this issue. Dollar General doesn’t allow public use; the Post Office doesn’t; the City doesn’t; and the Broken Spoke doesn’t open until 4:00. There have been instances where people have gone to the bathroom publicly and we just need something in case people come into town and need to go. The Clerk contacted two companies regarding pricing and found that Paradise Pumpers has the best price and they do other business with the City of Minatare as well. The cost would be \$130 per month and it gets serviced once a week. Motion by Council member Lally to approve the potty rental fee which Motion was seconded by Council member Ross. Mayor Nelson called for the vote. **“AYES”:** Lally, Ross, Main and Costa. **“NAYS”:** None. **Abstaining:** None. **Absent:** None. **Motion Carried.**
5. **Mayor Nelson – Utilities Supervisor & Utility Worker Search** Mayor Nelson has the job description and we need to get ads running for these positions. Discussion took place and everyone mutually agreed that the Star Herald isn’t beneficial. The ads should go to KNEB and TCD/Indeed for the best, farthest reaching coverage. Salaries were discussed and Chris is at \$21.90 now and Tom is at \$23.10. A wage of \$24 was discussed to start for the Supervisor and a range of \$18-\$21 was suggested for the Worker. The subject of probationary period was discussed as well, and if Chris is moved up to Supervisor, that would apply to him. Council member Main brought up the subject of probation extensions, and it was noted that extensions to probationary periods are a Council decision and should be voted on. Mayor Nelson suggested starting the Supervisor at \$24 and other Council members Ross, Costa and Main thought \$25 would be a good place to start in order to be competitive with other towns. The working hours and on-call every other weekend would remain the same. It was decided that we would accept applications for both positions through November 1 and the Clerk will draft ads for Council review. Council member Lally will not review anything pertaining to the Supervisor position, since she is married to a Supervisor candidate. Council member Ross made a motion for the Supervisor position to start at \$25 per hour, which motion was seconded by Council member Costa. **“AYES”:** Ross, Main and Costa. **“NAYS”:** None. **Abstaining:** Lally. **Absent:** None. **Motion Carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mike Winget let the Council know he has a part-time officer coming in.

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

**ADJOURN: 6:45 p.m.**

  
Carolyn Nelson, Mayor

**ATTEST:**  
  
Karen L. Lojka, City Clerk/Treasurer





