



**THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MINATARE CITY COUNCIL, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sanchez called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m. and stated that a quorum of the Council was present and City business could be conducted.

1. Recital of the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call, all council members present.

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

Council President stated: 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. As required by State Law, 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 the Council determines that the matter requires emergency action.

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 13, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting
2. Approve Claims

EFTPS 3,407.58; MICHAEL L. WINGET 2,785.17; MATTHEW P. SHANNON 1,881.34; MATTHEW W. ROCKWELL 87.12; BRANDI E. EHLER 415.57; CARYLE A. COVALT 329.65; CHRISTOPHER A. LALLY 1,491.10; KAREN L. LOJKA 1,764.17; PHYLLIS J. WRIGHT 1,015.71; TOMMY G. CASE 1,517.47; PHYLLIS J. WRIGHT 408.02; KAREN L. LOJKA 796.45; MICHAEL L. WINGET 1,112.06; MATTHEW P. SHANNON 722.57; CARYLE A. COVALT 192.21; TOMMY G. CASE 710.10; CHRISTOPHER A. LALLY 624.30; SCOTTSSBLUFF COUNTY SHERIFF 768.58; CITY OF SCOTTSSBLUFF 5,128.92; Visa 928.31; NEBRASKA PRINTWORKS, LLC 24.90; CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS 269.96; CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS 75.00; CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS 39.99; ACTION COMMUNICATIONS 20.46; PRESTO-X 73.11; NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST. 3,278.21; BLACK HILLS ENERGY 305.12; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS 8.90; MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC. OF NEBRASKA 1,673.06; MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS 62.10; AT&T MOBILITY 264.33; WASTE CONNECTIONS OF NE INC. 6,413.37; MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC. OF NEBRASKA 2,034.04; MUTAL OF OMAHA 29.90; A/C DEPARTMENT 2,983.75; LEAGUE ASSOCIATION OF RISK MANAGEMENT 32,222.00; LEGACY COOPERATIVE 71.69; CONTRACTORS MATERIALS, INC 145.80; ELLISON, KOVARIK & TURMAN LAW FIRM, P.C 3,967.26; NEBRASKALAND 520.05; SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY 50.00; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL 92.81; IDEAL/BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS 87.57; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS 537.98; ENVIRO SERVICE, INC. 25.00; SCOTTSSBLUFF COUNTY SHERIFF 434.71; BYTES COMPUTER 662.25; JUDY HOATSON 1,500.00.

Motion by Councilmember Grumbles to approve the Consent Agenda, Minutes, and Claims. Second by Councilmember Ross. There was no discussion. Council President called for the vote. "AYES": Grumbles, Ross, Costa and Suhr. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

3. Authorize \$150,000.00 transfer out of electric to general; transfer \$5,000.00 to street from sanitation; and authorize closing of water tax fund; sewer tax fund; sewer reserve fund. (Per accountant) Motion by Councilmember Ross, Seconded by Councilmember Grumbles. Mayor Sanchez called for the vote. "AYES": Grumbles, Ross, Costa and Suhr. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Discuss 24-25 Budget/determine any property tax request above the allowable growth percentage and pass the Resolution regarding the Budget. Motion by Council President Costa, Seconded by Councilmember Grumbles. Mayor Sanchez called for the vote. "AYES": Grumbles, Ross, Costa and Suhr. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried.
2. Compliance Report/Resolution—Tom Case spoke regarding the fact that we have been following the different codes, ordinances and regulations as the state requested and Tom had Jeff Wolfe our Street Superintendent sign off on the report. Motion by Councilmember Grumbles, Seconded by Councilmember Ross. Mayor Sanchez called for the vote. "AYES": Grumbles, Ross, Costa and Suhr. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried.
3. Road Conditions—Brandon Main—Brandon indicated that 7th Street between 3rd Avenue and 4th Avenue is deteriorating rapidly and just grading it isn't working. Discussion was had between Brandon, Robert Main, the Council and Tom and Melissa. It was decided that ripping it out and get some millings from the state to put down. Discussion was had regarding TCD helping us with the project. Tabled for now.
4. LARM-Mayor – Some adjustments have been made to the policy from LARM. Council President Costa asked if full coverage was necessary on the police vehicles. It was decided that full coverage is necessary and a good practice to continue. Discussion was had regarding the policy and different vehicles seeming to be on the proposal twice. The matter was tabled until the next meeting. Motion by Councilmember Grumbles to table the issue until some questions can be asked of LARM. Second by Council President Costa. Mayor called for the vote. "AYES": Grumbles, Ross, Costa and Suhr. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Councilmember Grumbles to approve the 2024-2025 Budget. Seconded by Council President Costa. Mayor Sanchez called for the vote. "AYES": Grumbles, Ross, Costa and Suhr. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the additional 1% increase in restricted funds subject to limitation. Motion by Councilmember Grumbles to approve the 2024-2025 additional 1% increase in restricted funds subject to limitation. Seconded by Council President Costa. Mayor Sanchez called for the vote. "AYES": Grumbles, Ross, Costa and Suhr. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: (Council reserves the right to enter closed session if deemed necessary.) None.

Motion by Councilmember Grumbles to adjourn. Second by Council President Costa. Mayor called for the vote. "AYES": Grumbles, Ross, Costa and Suhr. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

ADJOURN: 6:40 p.m.