

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NELIGH, NEBRASKA
September 8, 2026

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Neligh was held at the City Council Chambers on September 8, 2026 at 6:30 PM. Present were Mayor Joe Hartz and Council Members Ted Hughes: Present, Steph Lundgren: Present, Leonard Miller: Present, Tyler Pedersen: Present. Also in attendance were City Attorney James McNally, City Supt. Dan Donaldson, Economic Development Director Lauren Sheridan, City Clerk Danielle Klabenes, Police Chief Logan Lawson, News Reporter Kelli Pofahl and Carrie Pitzer, City Engineer John Zwingman, Lee Wilkinson, Dewey and Carla Teel, Lyle Juracek, Doris Ternus, and Amanda Gouge. Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Antelope County News on September 2, 2026. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all members of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Council of this meeting. Mayor Hartz offered a prayer before opening the meeting. All proceedings thereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Mayor Hartz presided over the meeting and noted that a copy of the Open Meetings Law, located on the City Council Chambers table, was available to the public. City Clerk Danielle Klabenes recorded the minutes. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

BUDGET HEARING FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR

Mayor Hartz opened a public budget hearing for the proposed fiscal year 2026-2027 budget for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations. Time 6:37P.M. Clerk Klabenes reviewed and presented each page of the budget on the change in property tax asking for non-bond and bond purposes, the change in certified valuation, anticipated revenues and expenses for 2026-2027, and the proposed levy. She presented the actual and estimated 2025-2026 revenues and expenses and noted that an amended budget was not needed as expenditures were less than the authorized and budgeted expenditures. She reviewed the 2024 -2025 actual expenses, the allowable growth percentage, unused property tax authority, levy limit and noted the city fell below the threshold and was not required to attend a joint public hearing with other tax entities in the county. She reported on the municipal levy limit and noted it complied. She reviewed the notice of budget hearing and final tax request that were both published and presented the differences between 2025 and 2026. She presented a list of interlocal agreements, pie charts on department expenses, and bar graphs for a 26-year review of the city valuation, property tax asking, and levy. Upon no further questions nor audience comments, the mayor left the hearing open.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council member Pedersen moved to approve the August 11th regular meeting minutes and the August 13th and 21st special meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Hughes. Roll call votes in favor were Ted Hughes: Yea, Tyler Pedersen: Yea, Steph Lundgren: Yea, Leonard Miller: Yea. Yea: 4, Nay: 0. Motion Carried.

TREASURER REPORT

Clerk Klabenes reported water revenues were higher in August due to hot temperatures and a pickleball donation of \$50,000 arrived at the end of August. She reviewed the quarterly report for electric generation spin reserves noting the current monthly average compared to the annual bond payment. Discussion was held that the city was generating in 5-minute increments in an on-call schedule. Discussion was held that the city had changed to a shorter schedule run time in the previous 2 months which should return to a longer schedule and result in higher spin reserve numbers going forward. *Council member Hughes moved to approve the August 2026 treasurer's report as presented.* Seconded by Pedersen. Roll call votes in favor were Ted Hughes: Yea, Tyler Pedersen: Yea, Leonard Miller: Yea, Steph Lundgren: Yea. Yea: 4, Nay: 0. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lyle Juracek commented on sales tax used for streets and how an assessment of street costs was made in three ways a number of years ago. No other comments were heard and no action was taken.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SETTING THE FINAL TAX REQUEST FOR 2026-2027

Mayor Hartz declared the hearing open to hear support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations for the 2026-2027 final tax request at a different amount than the prior year's tax request. Time 7:07 PM. Clerk Klabenes reported that the tax levy proposed was .530439. She reported the increase in city valuation of 15.3%, the growth percentage of 2.54%, the property tax request increase of 4.54%, and the total operating budget decrease from last year's budget of 26.63%. The hearing was left open.

ONE-AND-SIX-YEAR STREET IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Mayor Hartz opened the One-and-Six-Year Street Improvement Plan hearing to receive oral or written comments from the public. Time: at 7:36 P.M. City Engineer John Zwingman reported Q Street from 9th Street to 11th Street was placed on the one-year plan with 6-inch concrete and curb and gutter options. He reported the street project could be bid competitively with asphalt options, too. He reported all other streets were listed on the 6-year plan which included all the gravel streets in town with updated costs. He reported the city pays for intersections and alleys and can create paving assessments over a 10-year or 15-year payment. Supt. Donaldson reported the city council had asked for cost estimates for a curb and gutter on 11th street, milling the asphalt streets and Baker Road were provided by Midwest Coatings and Knife River. The City Engineer reported asphalt over gravel roads had to meet minimum standards with a 22-foot width and a 4-foot shoulder with a sufficient width to prevent the edges breaking off and the crown in the road would have to be worked on. He reported other standard widths included 31 feet allowed for parking on both sides, 27-feet allowed for parking on one side, and 24-feet did not provide for parking. The hearing was left open.

INTER-LOCAL RECYCLING SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ANTELOPE COUNTY

Clerk Klabenes reported that the City Supt. had attended the Antelope County Commissioners meeting last month to discuss a 3.5% increase in the inter-local recycling agreement. The Superintendent had reported that the County Commissioners had approved the agreement. Clerk Klabenes reported the increase was brought forward following notice from the tipping and hauling companies of a 13% increase to begin October 1st. *Council member Pedersen moved to approve the Interlocal Recycling Service Agreement with Antelope County for recyclable materials accepted at the Neligh Compactor beginning October 1, 2026 for \$1,035.00 per month.* Seconded by Lundgren. Roll call votes in favor were Tyler Pedersen: Yea, Steph Lundgren: Yea, Ted Hughes: Yea, Leonard Miller: Yea. Yea: 4, Nay: 0. Motion Carried. Mayor Hartz thanked the Antelope County Commissioners for continued support of recycling.

RESOLUTION 2026-9 UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS

Council member Lundgren moved to introduced and move for passage Resolution 2026-9 writing off uncollectible accounts for accounting purposes in the amount of \$596.15 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026. Seconded by Miller. Roll call votes in favor were Steph Lundgren: Yea, Leonard Miller: Yea, Ted Hughes: Yea, Tyler Pedersen: Yea. Yea: 4, Nay: 0. Motion Carried. Thereupon Mayor Hartz declared Resolution 2026-9 adopted.

SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR 2026-2027 MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Discussion was held for consideration of reviewing and revising various city services and fees to include maintaining the meter deposits, researching comparable municipal rates and the Environmental Protection Agency published user rates for comparable tier categories of business and residential rates, and distinguishing between a regular service provided compared to an additional service during regular hours and after hour or weekend requests. No action was taken.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Hartz recommended the appointment of Erin Whitesel to the Citizens Advisory Review Committee for a 4-year term, and Bailey Kemp to the Economic Development Board to fill an unexpired term to October 2027. *Council member Lundgren moved to approve the appointments as presented.* Seconded by Pedersen. Roll call votes in favor were Tyler Pedersen: Yea, Ted Hughes: Yea, Leonard Miller: Yea, Steph Lundgren: Yea. Yea: 4, Nay: 0. Motion Carried.

2026-2027 BUDGET ADOPTION WITH APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 672

Upon no further questions or audience questions, the mayor closed the public hearing. *Council member Hughes moved to introduce the following budget ordinance entitled as follows:*

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NELIGH, ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE NAMED "THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL"; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

And moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different times be suspended. Seconded by Lundgren to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote on the motion, the following Council members voted: Tyler Pedersen: Yea, Leonard Miller: Yea, Ted Hughes: Yea, Steph Lundgren: Yea. Yea: 4, Nay: 0. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths of the Council and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of said ordinance.

Said ordinance was then read by title and thereafter, *Council member Lundgren moved for final passage to adopt Ordinance 672,* which motion was seconded by Council Member Miller. Mayor Hartz then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 672 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Council Members voted: Steph Lundgren: Yea, Tyler Pedersen: Yea, Leonard Miller: Yea, Ted Hughes: Yea. Yea: 4, Nay: 0. The passage and adoption of said ordinance, having been concurred in by three-fourths of all members of the City Council, the Mayor declared the ordinance was adopted and approved of the same and affixed his signature thereto and ordered the City Clerk to publish said ordinance one time as prescribed by law.

RESOLUTION 2026-10 SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

There being no comments or objections heard, Mayor Hartz declared the final tax request hearing closed at 7:57 P.M. *Council member Hughes moved to introduce and move for passage Resolution 2026-10 adopting a different tax levy from last year for the 2026-2027 fiscal year with an assessed city valuation increase from last year of 15.3%.*

General Fund - \$558,959.59	Levy - .417621
<u>Debt Service - \$151,000.00</u>	<u>Levy - .112818</u>
TOTAL - \$709,959.59	TOTAL - .530439

Seconded by Pedersen. Roll call votes in favor were Ted Hughes: Yea, Steph Lundgren: Yea, Tyler Pedersen: Yea, Leonard Miller: Yea. Yea: 4, Nay: 0. Thereupon Mayor Hartz declared Resolution 2026-10 adopted.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORS REPORT

Economic Development Director Lauren Sheridan reported the 6-plex apartments will be rented by October 1st following contractor delays, touch up work and 2 mini splits to install. Discussion was held for the late payment fine on the loan for the project. The Director reported that as of September 6th the late payment fine was \$1,500. She reported the Market Rate Housing balance was \$723,490.44 for the Insured Cash Sweep and checking, with one outstanding loan of \$84,446, with the city having a first position on the loan. She reported that the Nebraska Department of Economic Development had reviewed the revised investment plan presented and recommended it for local authorities to consider. She reported that the Certified Local Government received a \$24,000 grant for a historic property survey to identify historic properties for future preservation and grant opportunities. She reported the match in-kind included in staff time, administration and reporting. She reported

she continued to look at funding options for a comprehensive plan. She reported the Ferncrest, also known as Tall Grass, Glamping Resort open house and ribbon cutting was scheduled for the following Saturday, and the fall shred day was scheduled for October 14th. She reported projects in Clearwater included the preparation for a comprehensive plan with meetings starting in October. Mayor Hartz reported that the public was welcome to attend the open house at the Ferncrest Glamping resort with dome shaped lodging. *Council member Pedersen moved to approve the August Economic Development Director's report as presented.* Seconded by Hughes. Roll call votes in favor were Leonard Miller: Yea, Tyler Pedersen: Yea, Ted Hughes: Yea, Steph Lundgren: Yea Yea: 4, Nay: 0. Motion Carried.

The Director reported that the Village of Clearwater contract for the 2026-2027 fiscal year was \$20,326. *Council member Pedersen moved to approve the Village of Clearwater contract for the 2026-2027 fiscal year at \$20,326 for 400 hours with the Neligh Economic Development office.* Seconded by Hughes. Roll call votes in favor were Ted Hughes: Yea, Steph Lundgren: Yea, Leonard Miller: Yea, Tyler Pedersen: Yea Yea: 4, Nay: 0. Motion carried.

The Economic Director reported the Chamber of Commerce did not meet today, but she provided an outline from a recent meeting and reported that a pin number was being set up for the office printer use. No action was taken.

Director Sheridan reported updates to the Rural Workforce Housing Fund Investment Plan included an amendment for the proposed 85% combined loan to value and a developer incentive. She reported that the developer incentive was needed to encourage property development and reduce the selling price. She reported the amendment also includes a downpayment incentive which was supported by Nebraska Department of Economic Development. *Council member Lundgren moved to approve the updated Rural Workforce Housing Fund Investment Plan as presented.* Seconded by Pedersen. Roll call votes in favor were Leonard Miller: Yea, Tyler Pedersen: Yea, Steph Lundgren: Yea, Ted Hughes: Yea. Yea: 4, Nay: 0. Motion Carried.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Lawson reported with school back in session that the Police department participated in a few morning meetings. He reported the August Speeding Slows You Down Campaign included 29 citations or warnings in 2 weeks with 18 of them for speeding as the campaign focus was to slow speed down and increase safety. She reported the August service calls included trespassing claims, attempted burglary and suspicious activity. He reported two significant arrests were made in August and thanked the state patrol for helping with a stalking case. *Council member Pedersen moved to approve the written Police report as presented.* Seconded by Miller. Roll call votes in favor were Leonard Miller: Yea, Ted Hughes: Yea, Steph Lundgren: Yea, Tyler Pedersen: Yea Yea: 4, Nay: 0. Motion Carried.

Chief Lawson reported Officer Schroeder submitted a letter of resignation as he will move to a different agency. The Chief thanked Officer Schroeder for one year of service since graduation from basic training and his work was very good. Discussion was held that the reimbursement costs would be 75% of the salary and training costs while attending the academy per the contract signed with Schroeder. *Council member Lundgren moved to accept the resignation of Officer Riley Schroeder with regrets.* Seconded by Pedersen. Roll call votes in favor were Ted Hughes: Yea, Leonard Miller: Yea, Steph Lundgren: Yea, Tyler Pedersen: Yea. Yea: 4, Nay: 0. Motion Carried.

FIGHT N RIVER II, LLC, SPECIAL DESIGNATED LIQUOR LICENSE

Clerk Klabenes reported a Battle Creek business named Fight N River II, LLC had applied for a special designated liquor license and as a first-time application with the city, the request was coming to the City Council. *Council member Lundgren moved to approve a special designated liquor license for Fight N River II, LLC for a September 26th wedding reception.* Seconded by Miller. Roll call votes in favor were Leonard Miller: Yea, Steph Lundgren: Yea, Ted Hughes: Yea, Tyler Pedersen: Yea. Yea: 4, Nay: 0. Motion Carried.

CITY SUPT. AND ELECTRIC REPORT

City Supt. Donaldson reported the Street department continued to work on potholes, tried to repair Baker Road, graded some streets, and scheduled the chip and seal on D street for later that week. He reported the Pool

was now closed and drained for the season with a partial fill to come in the fall to protect the liner. He reported the pickleball courts were painted and cured, and he was waiting for benches and nets to be replaced with the correct order. He reported letters were sent to address the overfill on residential garbage totes and commercial dumpsters as rates are set by the volume of the containers with closed lids. He reported open lids meant lost revenue and additional trash placed in the blue city bags sitting next to totes would be picked up. Discussion was held for the 13% increase in tipping and hauling fees effective October 1st and the reason for covering the cost. He reported he would be meeting with solid waste employees that will work on Saturdays to manage the consistency of rates and update signage at the Compactor. He reported the forklift suffered a cracked head gasket, but was remanufactured, installed and operated again. In the Sewer department, a new pump for the press was running, and the park lift station pump was going into alarm and was put on second phase as a backup. He reported a new pump was ordered as 93% of the sewage goes through this lift station, so a back up pump is available. He reported on an influx of water in the sewer plant that eventually runs through the plant but takes about 20 days to do so. He reported 12.2 million gallons of water were pumped in August. He explained that the blue dots on the street curbs were for a GIS project to locate the curb stops to pinpoint coordinates which will allow tracking by a phone instead of going back to the paper maps. In the Electric department, he reported work continued on the 5th street project with the transformer pad set up, and pulling wires was next. He reported the big transformer on the east annexation was tested, the faults were located, and components were scheduled to be installed to prevent electrical faults from occurring again. He reported that JEO Engineering was overseeing the component, and the transformer was estimated at \$67,000. He reported the city generated power three times in August. He reported an outage on the west side of town due to a break in the line that occurred over the weekend and would be addressed with tree trimming. He reported Electric employee Scott Kester safely de-energized the line and subsequently re-energized service to regular operations. *Council member Pedersen moved to approve the City Supt. report as presented.* Seconded by Hughes. Roll call votes in favor were Ted Hughes: Yea, Steph Lundgren: Yea, Tyler Pedersen: Yea, Leonard Miller: Yea Yea: 4, Nay: 0. Motion Carried.

The Superintendent reported fall cleanup offered a good time to provide residents with some cleaning. Discussion was held about the cost of free disposal for one trailer to be filled was about \$800-900 a load. *Council member Miller moved to approve a fall community clean-up day for October 17th - 18th with free disposal to Neligh residential customers, excluding commercial businesses, until the trailer is full.* Seconded by Lundgren. Roll call votes in favor were Steph Lundgren: Yea, Leonard Miller: Yea, Tyler Pedersen: Yea, Ted Hughes: Yea. Yea: 4, Nay: 0. Motion Carried.

A lengthy discussion was held with the City Superintendent, City Council members, neighbors, and property owner Amanda Gouge of 301 J Street. Discussion noted the improvements Gouge had made to the interior of the property, but the exterior work required had not been completed nor the deadlines met as stated within the May signed agreement. Discussion was held that the city council had placed a firm deadline at the July 14th council meeting which was reaffirmed at the August 11th meeting for a September 1st completion date. Discussion was held that the property corner lot could be sold to a housing developer. Discussion was held that a resolution to condemn the property had been previously passed and the city had the legal authority to demolish the property, though the council did not take pleasure in removing the home. Discussion was held that the property had reached the end of the project and to proceed with demolition. *Council member Hughes moved to authorize the City Supt. to obtain demolition bids for the October 13th council meeting and allow the property owner to remove any items of value or interest off the property by October 13th.* Seconded by Pedersen. Roll call votes in favor were Leonard Miller: Abstain, Ted Hughes: Yea, Steph Lundgren: Yea, Tyler Pedersen: Yea. Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Abstain: 1. Motion Carried.

Council member Hughes moved to approve the hiring of Gail Hurd for the Solid Waste department at \$17.00 an hour following successful pre-employment testing. Seconded by Lundgren. Roll call votes in favor were Ted Hughes: Yea, Leonard Miller: Yea, Steph Lundgren: Yea, Tyler Pedersen: Yea. Yea: 4, Nay: 0. Motion Carried.

Mayor Hartz reported he wanted to discuss the Riverside Park memorial funds received from insurance proceeds for a memorial for the servicemen. City Supt. Donaldson reported the contractor had not begun the rebuild project yet, but the brick materials and flagpole were available. Discussion was held to rebuild the memorial at the entrance of the park the way it was originally designed. No action was taken.

Lyle Juracek reported that the downtown main street in the 1970's included trees planted in the sidewalks, but since then a handful of trees remained after the tree roots disrupted the sidewalk. Discussion was held that the wrong trees were planted, and while the trees added character to the downtown area, the sidewalks did break up and birds made a mess. City Supt. Donaldson reported the Hammill Apartment tree was budgeted to be removed. Discussion was held that three pieces of concrete along the Hammill Apartments could be removed, and the concrete replaced after the tree was removed. No action was taken.

ONE-AND-SIX-YEAR STREET IMPROVEMENT PLAN RESOLUTION 2026-11

There being no oral or written comments received in reference to the One-and-Six-Year Street Improvement Plan, Mayor Hartz closed the public hearing. Time 9:24 P.M. *Council member Hughes moved to introduce and move for passage Resolution 2026-11 adopting the One-and-Six-Year Street Improvement Plan as prepared by Advanced Consulting Engineering Services.* Seconded by Lundgren. Roll call votes in favor were Tyler Pedersen: Yea, Ted Hughes: Yea, Steph Lundgren: Yea, Leonard Miller: Yea. Yea: 4, Nay: 0. Motion Carried. Thereupon Mayor Hartz declared Resolution 2026-11 adopted.

RESOLUTION 2026-12 AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL ANNUAL CERTIFICATION

Council member Lundgren moved to introduce and move for passage of Resolution 2026-12 certifying the municipality's compliance with the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards and authorizing the mayor to sign the certification form. Seconded by Miller. Roll call votes in favor were Steph Lundgren: Yea, Leonard Miller: Yea, Tyler Pedersen: Yea, Ted Hughes: Yea. Yea: 4, Nay: 0. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 673 SETTING SALARIES AND BENEFITS

Clerk Klabenes reported the ordinance proposed discussion taken from the budget workshop to include a cost-of-living increase by a flat amount for full-time employees and by percentage for part-time employees at 3.5%. *Council Member Pedersen introduced Ordinance 673 entitled as follows:*

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NELIGH, ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, SETTING AND ESTABLISHING WAGES AND SALARIES FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2026 AND CONTINUING TO AND THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2027; SETTING RATES OF CONTRIBUTION TOWARD EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE, HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS AND RETIREMENT; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

And moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different times be suspended. Seconded by Lundgren to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote on the motion, the following Council members voted: Ted Hughes: Yea, Leonard Miller: Yea, Steph Lundgren: Yea, Tyler Pedersen: Yea. Yea: 4, Nay: 0. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths of the Council and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of said ordinance.

Said ordinance was then read by title and thereafter, *Council member Lundgren moved for final passage to adopt Ordinance 673,* which motion was seconded by Council Member Miller. Mayor Hartz then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 673 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Council Members voted: Leonard Miller: Yea, Ted Hughes: Yea, Steph Lundgren: Yea, Tyler Pedersen: Yea. Yea: 4, Nay: 0. The passage and adoption of said ordinance, having been concurred in by three-fourths of all members of the City Council, the Mayor declared the ordinance was adopted and approved of the same and affixed his signature thereto and ordered the City Clerk to publish said ordinance in pamphlet form as prescribed by law.

ORDINANCE 674 SETTING ELECTRIC, WATER, SEWER, AND SOLID WASTE RATES

Discussion was held for the proposed ordinance discussion taken from the budget workshop to include a 9% electric usage rate increase from notice of a 11.2% transmission increase, water base rate to \$34 per month, sewer base rate to \$25.50 per month and \$1.00 usage rate increase, solid waste base rate \$1.00 increase per month and tonnage price to \$90 per ton from notice of a 13% tipping and hauling increase beginning October 1st.

Discussion was held that rate information would be included in the next newsletter with the utility bills. *Council member Hughes moved to introduce Ordinance 674 entitled as follows:*

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NELIGH, NEBRASKA, ESTABLISHING FEES TO BE CHARGED FOR ELECTRIC, SEWER, WATER AND SOLID WASTE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE CLERK/TREASURER TO UPDATE THE MUNICIPAL SERVICE RATE SCHEDULES; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

And moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different times be suspended. Seconded by Lundgren to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote on the motion, the following Council members voted: Ted Hughes: Yea, Tyler Pedersen: Yea, Steph Lundgren: Yea, Leonard Miller: Yea. Yea: 4, Nay: 0. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths of the Council and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of said ordinance.

Said ordinance was then read by title and thereafter, *Council member Pedersen moved for final passage to adopt Ordinance 674*, which motion was seconded by Council Member Miller. Mayor Hartz then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 674 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Council Members voted: Tyler Pedersen: Yea, Leonard Miller: Yea, Ted Hughes: Yea, Steph Lundgren: Yea. Yea: 4, Nay: 0. The passage and adoption of said ordinance, having been concurred in by three-fourths of all members of the City Council, the Mayor declared the ordinance was adopted and approved of the same and affixed his signature thereto and ordered the City Clerk to publish said ordinance one time as prescribed by law.

NEW MOON THEATER REPORT

Theater Board Liaison Lundgren reported that the Theater Board had partnered with the Library Board for a Thursday after school theater camp with kids with Theater Board President Hughes to assist. She reported an October performance with a mystery dinner party style was planned. She reported the Theater's big event was scheduled for September 26th at the American Legion for the Ultimate Tailgate featuring a chili cook-off and cinnamon rolls bake-off, with the Nebraska volleyball and football games televised and beer Olympics after the games. She reported the fundraiser proceeds would go toward matching grant funds. *Council member Pedersen moved to approve the New Moon Theater Liaison report as presented.* Seconded by Miller. Roll call votes in favor were Steph Lundgren: Yea, Leonard Miller: Yea, Tyler Pedersen: Yea, Ted Hughes: Yea. Yea: 4, Nay: 0. Motion Carried.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH ANTELOPE COUNTY FOR COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Council member Lundgren moved to approve an interlocal agreement between the City of Neligh and the Antelope County Library Association for supporting the Neligh Public Library for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Seconded by Pedersen. Roll call votes in favor were Ted Hughes: Yea, Leonard Miller: Yea, Steph Lundgren: Yea, Tyler Pedersen: Yea. Yea: 4, Nay: 0. Motion Carried.

SPECIAL MEETING DATE WITH NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Discussion was held for rescheduling the original September 24th special meeting with the Nebraska State Historical Society to a different date to discuss the Neligh Mill property. Discussion was held to confirm if Tuesday, September 29th or Wednesday, September 30th at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall would work with the Historical Society. No action was taken.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Council member Pedersen moved to approve the current claims except for the Blackstrap invoices as presented. Seconded by Lundgren. Roll call votes in favor were Steph Lundgren: Yea, Tyler Pedersen: Yea, Leonard Miller: Yea, Ted Hughes: Yea. Yea: 4, Nay: 0. Motion Carried.

Council member Miller moved to approve the Blackstrap invoices for \$60 for weigh tickets. Seconded by Lundgren. Roll call votes in favor were Ted Hughes: Abstain, Steph Lundgren: Yea, Tyler Pedersen: Yea, Leonard Miller: Yea. Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Abstain: 1. Motion Carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

Council member Lundgren moved to authorize the City Clerk to issue a Fire Department certificate of deposit for an amount of the unused funds from the General fund for a future equipment pumper purchase. Seconded by Pedersen. Roll call votes in favor were Steph Lundgren: Yea, Ted Hughes: Yea, Tyler Pedersen: Yea, Leonard Miller: Yea. Yea: 4, Nay: 0. Motion Carried.

Thereupon being no further business to conduct, *Council member Miller moved to adjourn. Seconded by Lundgren. Roll call votes in favor were Ted Hughes: Yea, Tyler Pedersen: Yea, Steph Lundgren: Yea, Leonard Miller: Yea. Yea: 4, Nay: 0. Motion Carried. Time 9:38P.M.*

City of Neligh

Joe Hartz, Mayor

ATTEST

Danielle Klabenes, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Neligh, Nebraska, hereby certify that on September 8, 2026; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available for public inspection at least twenty-four hours before the meeting; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

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City Clerk