

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NELIGH, NEBRASKA
August 21, 2026

The special meeting of the City Council of the City of Neligh was held at the City Council Chambers on Friday, August 21, 2026 at 2:00 PM. Present was 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, City Clerk Danielle Klabenes, and Police Chief Logan Lawson. Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in four public places on August 19, 2026 at the City Office, U.S. Post Office, Pinnacle Bank, and Heritage Bank. 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 FOR 2026-2027

Clerk Klabenes reported on the proposed general and debt property tax asking and levy for the budget. She reported on the unused authority and that the proposed budget would not require attendance at a joint public hearing in September. Discussion was held for a health savings account cap, removal of an electric rate study, and pending asphalt improvement estimates. No action was taken. Council Member Pedersen left the meeting at 2:33 P.M.

COMMUNITY WIDE SURVEY

Discussion was held to inquire if the community wide survey could be postponed until the comprehensive plan is started with the comprehensive plan not beginning in the next fiscal year. Discussion was held to inquire if the balance of the contract with Five Rule would allow the survey to be delayed. No action was taken.

PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Discussion was held to draft a performance improvement plan with tasks to be completed by specific dates. Discussion was held for employees to seek permission in advance to take a class for certifications. No action was taken.

Thereupon there being no further business to conduct, *Council member Miller moved to adjourn the meeting.* Seconded by Hughes. Roll call votes in favor were Ted Hughes: Yea, Steph Lundgren: Yea, Tyler Pedersen: Absent, Leonard Miller: Yea. Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Abstain: 1. Motion Carried. Time 3:37 P.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 August 21, 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