

Regular Meeting
May 11, 2026
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Council President Mike Tyrell called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council members present, Scott Corsair, Jeff Werth, Cindy Fuentes-Ummel and Bev Hall. Others present were City Superintendent Richard Hall, City Clerk Debbie Steckline and JR Steckline. Mayor Pat Showalter was absent.

COMMUNICATIONS: Communications were presented and acknowledged.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Cindy Fuentes-Ummel moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Scott Corsair. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: 1. Code violations were discussed. The main concern currently is a few places where the grass and weeds need to be mowed. Courtesy letters will be sent later this week to address the concerns.

2. The Council went over the applications that were returned for the part-time mowing position. Scott Corsair made a motion to hire Kevin Foos and Miguel Acosta for the position at \$17.00 an hour. Jeff Werth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Debbie will call them and have them call Richard Hall to set up schedules. Two were selected so that one could serve as a back-up in case the other one is needing to take off and it is necessary for things to be mowed.

3. The Council reviewed a quote from EMC Insurance for cybersecurity coverage. Members discussed the need for this coverage, noting that a cyberattack could be both costly and time-consuming for the City. Scott Corsair made a motion to accept the quote of \$917.00 annually for the coverage. Cindy Fuentes-Ummel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. It was noted that the City-wide Spring Clean-up was once again a success. Cindy Fuentes-Ummel moved to pay Mitch's Trash Service \$600.00 for hauling trash to the landfill. Jeff Werth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. Jeff Werth made a motion to keep the following appointments: City Clerk- Debbie Steckline, Newspaper – Ness County News, Bank- Farmers Bank and Trust, City Attorney – Tony Rues, and Council President – Mike Tyrell. Cindy Fuentes-Ummel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2 Budget items for the 2027 budget were discussed. There is a need for a Sewer maintenance contract. Mayer Specialty Services which did the previous maintenance presented a contract which entails cleaning approximately one-third of the sewer lines each year between 2027 and 2029. Scott Corsair moved to accept the contract. Jeff Werth seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Debbie will provide the accountant with the amounts to apply to the budget. The need for a new City pickup were discussed also. Richard will look at what will best suit his needs and get a quote for the cost. Debbie will again provide an estimate of the amount to have the accountant figure into the budget.

VOUCHERS: Jeff Werth made a motion and Cindy Fuentes-Ummel seconded to approve vouchers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:04 p.m., Jeff Werth moved to adjourn the meeting. Bev Hall seconded. Motion carried unanimously.