

MINUTES
Regular MEETING
March 10, 2026

1 and 2. Roll Call and Call to Order Mayor Linda Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Present were Council Members J. Lewis, Dean, Socha, and Hayden. Also present: City Attorney Matt Munderloh, City Administrator Mike Gorman, Clerk Christie Donnermeyer, Deputy Clerk Jon Barnhart, Building & Zoning Inspector Marty Evans, and Police Chief Bobby Martinez.

The Mayor noted the location of the open meetings act and stated one copy of all reproducible written material to be discussed at this meeting is available for examination or copying.

3. Pledge of Allegiance the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. Proof of Publication the Proof of Publication was on the council desk.

5. Visitors/Correspondence No one spoke.

6. Approval of Agenda Mayor L. Lewis requested removal of item no. 15 from the agenda. Council member Hayden moved to approve the revised agenda. Socha seconded. YES: Socha, Dean, J. Lewis and Hayden. NO: no one. Motion carried.

7. Consent Agenda City Attorney Munderloh addressed Council regarding the reimbursement requests of Council Members J. Lewis and Socha attendance at the Mid-Winter Conference and stated they should abstain from voting. Council member Hayden moved to approve the consent agenda. Dean seconded. YES: Dean and Hayden. NO: No one. ABSTAINED: J. Lewis and Socha. Mayor L. Lewis voted YES. Motion carried. Items on the consent agenda were: Feb. 10, 2026 city council meeting minutes; Treasurer's Report, Feb. Payroll \$105963.73 & IRA \$3179.95; Keno Receipts \$7402.31; PeopleService Report, Minutes and/or statistics of the following boards and/or committees: Feb. Library statistics, Twin Rivers Special Designated Liquor License for fundraiser on April 17, 2026; Claude H. Montgomery Post No. 58 The American Legion Special Designated Liquor License for fundraisers on July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, and Dec. 19, 2026; and the following bills: **Services/Utilities/Insurance:** Aflac \$222.66; American Legal \$120.00; Bamboo \$377.95; Black Hills \$3987.89; BlueCross BlueShield \$22281.22; Creative Planning \$1564.00; DataShield \$99.64; DC Environmental Services \$5308.00; DC Treasurer \$13347.87; Eagle Engineering \$45416.54; Elec Comm DC Treasurer \$5717.35; FiveNines \$10390.78; FP Finance \$152.95; Fremont Dept Utilities \$51911.01; Goosmann Law \$8280.00; Great Plains \$1099.02; Lien Termite & Pest \$95.00; Michael Matzen \$1650.00; Michael Todd \$459.90; Morgan White \$1155.70; National League of Cities \$981.00; NE Dept of Env & Energy \$40.00; NE Secretary of State \$30.00; NE State Patrol \$27.00; Olmsted & Perry \$956.25; OPPD \$19020.17; PeopleService \$36112.00; The Daily Record \$331.33; Trekk \$2722.00; Verizon \$647.58; Vrba Const \$3696.25; Waste Connections \$248.48; Widhelm J \$1125.00; Waste Management \$431.78; Workplace Screening \$70.20; Xpress \$1058.71; YMCA \$40.00; **Supplies/Equipment:** Amazon Bus \$2221.38; Blizzard Boys \$65.99; Bomgaars \$143.96; Cappel Auto \$352.91; Cintas \$311.23; Core & Main \$1550.61; Elec Pump \$14280.15; Elite Vehicle Outfitters \$2125.00; Everetts \$760.99; FNB Credit Card \$1984.72; Host Coffee \$160.50; JD Car

Wash \$98.60; John Deere Financial \$71.11; Lincoln Winwater \$3499.60; Love's \$1619.28; Martin Marietta \$463.27; Menards Elkhorn \$182.29; Menards Fremont \$651.03; Omaha Door & Window \$475.00; Playaway Products \$917.59; Quinn, J \$250.00; Valley Ace Hardware \$56.56; **Bond/Loan/TIF Payments:** BOK Financial \$68,578.75; Mallard \$157099.25; Bluewater \$632111.16; **Reimburse/Refund:** Abrahamson, I \$104.14; Art of Craftsman \$650.00; B6 Building & Develop \$450.00; Barnhart J \$76.58; Birddog Capital \$150.00; Bishop M \$137.61; Costanzo M \$19.63; Curt Hofer & Assoc \$150.00; Daffer, J \$150.00; Donal G \$150.00 Getsfred A \$150.00; Gorman M \$73.95; Gretna Plumbing \$190.00; Landmark Performance \$1000.00; Lewis, J \$556.30; Luhrs Real Estate \$150.00; Oquist, A \$150.00; Richter, C \$150.00; Rynes, J \$64.16; Socha B \$555.86.

8. **Vets Park** Dick Rowe, 206 Sunset Street addressed Council regarding Roger Bevington's discussions with the City concerning the maintenance of the Veterans park. He reviewed the Legion's responsibilities concerning the park. City Administrator Gorman addressed Council and provided background on the issue. He stated Chad Hayden of Hayden Lawn Care has been removing snow and mowing the park at no charge to the VFW. He stated Mr. Hayden was willing to continue providing these services if the City did not assume responsibility. He provided a cost estimate for the services if the City were to provide them at approximately \$6,000 per year. He also discussed the availability of grant and assistance programs which needed to be pursued. He asked Council for some time to have discussions with the VFW to explore all options. Member Hayden asked whether Keno funds were available and appropriate. The City Administrator stated he would review that option. She also wanted to know about the annual Keno revenue to which the City Clerk replied approximately \$7,500 - \$8,000 per month. Council member Dean moved to hold the matter over for further discussions with the Vets/VFW. Hayden Seconded. YES: Socha, Dean, J. Lewis, and Hayden. NO: No one. Motion carried.

9. **Park and Recreation Advisory Committee** Chairperson Mary Ellis stated the recommendation of the Committee was to keep the pool in the City Park. She also stated that the Committee wants to be involved in the process regarding the pool.

10. **City Pool** City Administrator Gorman addressed Council regarding goals for the pool. He provided a cost estimate of between \$6 and \$8 million for construction of a new pool. He stated all avenues are being explored regarding financing for the pool including looking at the mill levy or unbundling the sales tax. He stated that either of these approaches would require a vote of the people. He wanted to assure the public unbundling of the sales tax option would not interfere with the infrastructure work. He also discussed using ARPA funds. He requested Council direct staff to research financing options for presentation at the next Council meeting.

Member Hayden wanted a recap of the grants already awarded for water improvements. She wanted assurances for the public about the infrastructure improvements, specifically water and sewer. Member Dean asked if it would slow down progress or plans for the water treatment plant expansion to which the answer was no.

Council member Dean moved to approve the location of the pool at the City Park. Hayden Seconded. YES: Hayden, J. Lewis, Dean, Socha NO: No one. Motion carried.

Council member Hayden moved to direct City employees to explore all financing options. Socha Seconded. YES: Hayden, J. Lewis, Dean, Socha NO: No one. Motion carried.

Mayor L. Lewis stated that ARPA funds need to be used by the end of the year to which City Administrator Gorman confirmed. There was discussion regarding ARPA funds and use of same.

11. DC West Post-prom Committee Request There was some discussion regarding offering Keno funds in lieu of a pool party considering the current condition of the pool. Council member Hayden moved to approve \$500 of Keno funds to the DC West Post-Prom Committee. Socha Seconded. YES: Socha, Dean, J. Lewis, and Hayden. NO: No one. Motion carried.

12. Resolution No. 2026-14 Council member Hayden moved for passage of Resolution No. 2026-14 installation of two 25 mph speed limit signs in Ginger Cove. J. Lewis seconded. YES: J. Lewis, Socha, Dean and Hayden. NO: No one. Motion carried. A true, correct, and complete copy of said Resolution is on file at City Hall.

13. Ginger Cove Council member Hayden moved to approve spending funds for two 25 mph speed limit signs in Ginger Cove. J. Lewis seconded. YES: J. Lewis, Socha, Dean and Hayden. NO: No one. Motion carried.

14. Ordinance No. 847 amending Chapter 74, Schedule I of the Valley Municipal Code providing for the speed limit of motor vehicles. AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 74, SCHEDULE I, SPEED LIMITS OF THE VALLEY MUNICIPAL CODE, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SPEED LIMIT OF MOTOR VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH. Council member Hayden moved to introduce Ordinance No. 847 on the first reading. J. Lewis seconded. YES: J. Lewis, Socha, Dean, and Hayden: NO: no one. Motion carried. Said Ordinance was then read by title and thereafter Council member Socha moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Hayden seconded the motion to suspend the rule and the following council members voted YES: J. Lewis, Socha, Dean, and Hayden. NO: no one. The motion to suspend the rule was adopted and the statutory rule was declared suspended for the consideration of said Ordinance. The Mayor then declared the Ordinance adopted. A true, correct, and complete copy of said Ordinance is on file at City Hall.

15. Ordinance No. 848 removed from the agenda.

16. City Engineer

Council member J. Lewis moved for passage of Resolution No. 2026-15 approving contractor's application for payment no. 14 in the amount of \$1,133,550.00 from Eriksen Construction for the water treatment plant expansion. Hayden seconded. YES: J. Lewis, Socha, Dean and Hayden. NO: No one. Motion carried. A true, correct, and complete copy of said Resolution is on file at City Hall.

Council member Dean moved for passage of Resolution No. 2026-16 authorizing Core Bank to disburse to Omaha Electric Service, Inc. the amount of \$14,299.65 for payment of contractor's application for payment no. 1 for Valley Landing street rectangular rapid flashing beacon. Hayden seconded. YES: J. Lewis, Socha, Dean, and Hayden. NO: no one. Motion carried. A true, correct, and complete copy of said Resolution is on file at City Hall.

City Engineer Perry provided an overview of current projects.

17. **Police Department** Chief Martinez provided an overview of the call volume, and special detail assignments.

18. **Building and Zoning** Building Inspector Marty Evans introduced himself to council.

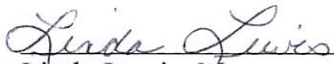
19. **City Administrator** City Administrator Gorman had nothing more to report.

20. **City Attorney** City Attorney Munderloh provided a status on upcoming items and the Champion Shores development agenda request for the March 23 special meeting.

21. **Mayor's Report** Mayor L. Lewis reminded everyone of the City-wide Clean-up day on April 18; Valley Cemetery Clean-up on April 16 and Planning Commission on March 17.

22. **Upcoming items** Planning Commission: March 17, 2026; City-wide Clean-up Day: April 18, 2026 – 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.; Valley Cemetery Clean-up Day: April 26, 2026 – 9 a.m. – Noon.

23. **Adjourn** Council member Hayden moved to adjourn. Socha seconded. YES: J. Lewis, Socha, Dean, and Hayden. NO: No one, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.


Linda Lewis, Mayor


Christie Donnermeyer, City Clerk