

MINUTES
Regular MEETING
May 12, 2026

1 and 2. **Roll Call and Call to Order** Mayor Linda Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:00 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, Public Works Superintendent Tim Sheets, and Police Officer Bryan Spilinek.

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** Jim Thiessen Jr., 7506 N 285th Cr., Valley, NE 68064 addressed council regarding the deadline for agenda requests and would like same changed. He also asked that PeopleService provide a monthly report regarding water consumption and how much sewage is pumped to Fremont

Brent Thiessen, 400 S. Park Ave. addressed council stating the resolution with the issues on Park Street was satisfactory. He is requesting a resolution regarding the construction equipment that was parked on his driveway and was seeking help in holding the contractor accountable.

6. **Approval of Agenda** Council member Hayden moved to approve the agenda. J. Lewis seconded. YES: Socha, Dean, J. Lewis and Hayden. NO: no one. Motion carried.

7. **Consent Agenda** Council Member Hayden moved to approve the consent agenda. Dean seconded. YES: Hayden, Socha, Dean and J. Lewis. NO: No one. Motion carried. Items on the consent agenda were: April 14, 2026 city council meeting minutes; Treasurer's Report, April Payroll \$106270.90 & IRA \$3237.96; Keno Receipts \$6096.20; PeopleService Report, Minutes and/or statistics of the following boards and/or committees: April Park Advisory Committee minutes; reappointment of Mark Henderson to the Tree Board (term 05/2029); and the following bills: **Services/Utilities/Insurance:** Aflac \$222.66; Am Legal Publishing \$200.00; Assoc for Rural & Small Libraries \$75.00; Bamboo \$399.39; Black Hills Energy \$1182.17; BW Consulting Inc \$5897.50; BCBS \$23920.12; Creative Planning \$88.00; DataShield \$801.64; DC Environmental Services \$3006.00; Eagle Engineering \$47655.75; FiveNines \$6927.24; FP Finance \$152.95; Fremont Dept Utilities \$53394.48; Goosmann Law \$5275.00; Granicus \$1157.66; Great Plains Comm \$1097.60; Guardian \$1736.83; Lien Termite \$179.76; Michael Matzen \$825.00; Neb. Sweeping \$6089.99; Morgan White \$1228.62; OPPD \$17548.56; PeopleService \$36112.00; The Daily Record \$486.25; Verizon \$687.61; Waste Connections \$426.98; Workplace Screening 70.20; Xpress \$1100.03; YMCA \$40.00; **Supplies/Equipment:** Amazon Bus \$1758.67; Arps \$696.44; Bomgaars \$62.99; Bound to Stay Bound \$266.26; Cappel Auto \$12.98; Cintas \$347.26; Eakes \$773.56; Everett's Auto \$3179.89; Fas-Break \$70.00; FNB Credit Card \$1473.89; Fremont Ace \$145.37; Fremont Winnelson \$477.90; Gene Steffy \$982.17;

Great Plains Uniforms \$664.46; Host Coffee \$151.46; Hotsy Equip \$600.09; JD Car Wash \$151.30; Jetco \$6069.28; John Deere Financial \$79.14; Johnson Controls \$360.00; Love's \$1923.25; Menards Fremont \$169.61; Michael Todd Ind \$169.90; Midwest Alarm \$136.65; Publication Printing \$30.75; Red Wing \$200.00; Rob's Oil \$3146.91; S2 Rolloffs \$6270.00; Stanzel's Mow \$2995.00; Tonies \$856.00; Trekk Design \$10515.50; Valley Ace Hardware \$211.73; Vrba Const \$55416.00; Wiese Plumbing \$1631.40; **Bond/Loan/TIF Payments:** Mallard \$189293.31; Bluewater \$752682.26; **Reimburse/Refund:** Argo, E \$159.70; BHHS Ambassador \$150.00; Booth, S \$118.07; Brownstone LLC \$108.89; Cisneros, B \$129.32; Colony Custom Homes \$1004.28; Creative You Décor \$15.02; Echelon Homes \$150.00; Edwards, A \$148.12; Grimm, T \$177.41; Hampton LLC \$47.89; Hunter, F \$199.26; Ken Oster Homes \$198.25; L & L Custom \$253.76; Landmark Performance \$150.00; Lindteigen, M \$146.24; Little Dickens \$68.05; Loneman, K \$338.85; Majestic Homes \$10.00; Martinez, C \$150.00; Moser, S \$519.44; Nathan Homes \$863.55; Nelson-Hill Const \$300.00; Osorio, B \$95.92; Prairie Homes \$150.00; Schweitzer, A \$170.00; Tackett Co \$342.44; Taylor, A \$251.15.

8. Cornhusker State Games and Triathlon Eric Moser addressed council regarding an updated route for the Cornhusker State Games and Triathlon due to road construction near West Shores. As a safety concern, he proposed a different route and asked for consideration from council. There was discussion on other potential routes for the athletes. Valley Street was the agreed upon route for athletes to access. Council Member Hayden motioned to approve changing the route to use Valley Street. Socha seconded. YES: Hayden, J. Lewis, Dean, and Socha NO: No one. Motion carried.

9. Proclamations The Mayor read the following proclamations: International Building Safety Month, Peace Officers' Memorial Day and National Police Week, and Mental Health Month.

10. Cross Contamination Survey Mayor L. Lewis discussed the cross-contamination survey. She spoke about the reasons for the survey and that it is a state requirement. She informed the public that Mike Adair is offering to help residents with checking their pipes for the survey. Council Member Socha asked how people can contact Mr. Adair, it was recommended to call the Utility Clerk, Kindra Smith, who can provide that information.

11. Swimming Pool Consultant City Administrator Gorman addressed council and provided an overview of the meetings held with the three applicants for the swimming pool consultant. The committee recommended Water's Edge Aquatics and provided some of their qualifications. He requested council approve contracting with Water's Edge Aquatics to provide consultation services. Council Member Dean motioned to approve Water's Edge Aquatics. Hayden seconded. YES: Hayden, J. Lewis, Dean, and Socha. NO: No one. Motion carried.

12. Resolution No. 2026-24 Council member Hayden moved for passage of Resolution No. 2026-24 extension of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Omaha and the City of Valley relating to the operation of a lottery. Socha 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. Ordinance No. 851 City Attorney Munderloh provided an overview of the Ordinance and reminded council the Ordinance was tabled from the last meeting for revisions. He discussed the revisions made; removal of requirement for vehicle inspections by the Valley Police Department and the need to decide the fee. Discussions were held on the requirements and fees. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VALLEY, NEBRASKA, PERMITTING THE OPERATION OF GOLF CAR VEHICLES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY; PROVIDING REGULATIONS, RESTRICTIONS, AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS RELATED THERETO; REPEALING MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS, ORDINANCES, AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Council Member Hayden moved to introduce Ordinance No. 851 on the first reading with the removal of the Valley Police Department having to inspect the golf car vehicle and \$25.00 for the registration fee. Socha seconded. YES: Hayden, J. Lewis, Dean, and Socha. 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: Hayden, J. Lewis, Dean, and Socha. 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.

14. Ordinance No. 853 City Attorney Munderloh addressed council with an explanation of the need for the Ordinance. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VALLEY, NEBRASKA, PROVIDING FOR THE ROUNDING UP OR DOWN, TO THE NEAREST NICKEL, ANY CASH TRANSACTION CONDUCTED WITH THE CITY DUE TO THE DISCONTINUANCE OF THE PENNY; REPEALING MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS, ORDINANCES, AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Council member Hayden moved to introduce Ordinance No. 853 on the first reading. Dean seconded. YES: Hayden, J. Lewis, Dean, and Socha. NO: No one. Motion carried. Said Ordinance was then read by title and thereafter Council member Hayden moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Socha seconded the motion to suspend the rule and the following council members voted YES: Hayden, J. Lewis, Dean, and Socha. 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. City Engineer

Council member Hayden moved for passage of Resolution No. 2026-23 approving contractor's application for payment no. 16 in the amount of \$687,661.90 from Eriksen Construction for the water treatment plant expansion. Socha 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 Hayden moved to approve Change Order No. 1 for an increase in the amount of \$203,202.00 from Vrba Construction for FY26 Water Main Replacement. J. Lewis seconded. YES: Dean, J. Lewis, and Hayden. NO: Socha. Motion carried.

Council member Hayden moved to approve Change Order No. 2 for a decrease in the amount of \$97,845.16 from Vrba Construction for FY26 Water Main Replacement. Dean seconded. YES: Dean, Socha, J. Lewis, and Hayden. NO: No one. Motion carried.

City Engineer Perry will provide the water main replacement implementation schedule during the June meeting. Mayor L. Lewis asked where the water main replacement would start and City Engineer Perry said between June 1 and 15 they plan to begin in front of Casey's. There will be notices regarding this construction.

16. **Police Department** Officer Spilinek was present to answer any questions.

17. **City Administrator** City Administrator Gorman had nothing further to report.

18. **City Attorney** City Attorney Munderloh had nothing to report.

19. **Mayor's Report** Mayor L. Lewis stated the City received the 2025 Tree City recognition. She reminded everyone about the voluntary water conservation beginning May 1 and encouraged the public to comply to lessen the strain on the water plant during dry months. Planning Commission will not meet in May.

20. **Upcoming Items** the Mayor reviewed these during the Mayor's report.

21. **Close Session** Council member Hayden moved the Valley City Council go into closed session. The subject matter of the closed session will be personnel matters. A closed session is necessary for the protection of the public interest. Socha seconded. YES: J. Lewis, Socha, Dean, and Hayden. NO: No one. Close session commenced at 7:39 p.m.

Council member Hayden moved to reconvene the meeting in open session. Dean seconded. YES: J. Lewis, Socha, Dean, and Hayden. NO: No one. The meeting reconvened in open session at 8:47 p.m.

22. **Adjourn** Council member Socha moved to adjourn. Dean seconded. YES: J. Lewis, Socha, Dean, and Hayden. NO: No one, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.


Linda Lewis, Mayor


Christie Donnermeyer, City Clerk