

REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL – YORK, NEBRAKSA
August 20, 2026
5:30 PM

A meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of York, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 5:30 o'clock p.m. in the Council Chambers.

The Mayor announced that the Open Meetings Act is available for review on the documents table in Council Chambers.

Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the York News Times on August 13, 2026, the City's designated method for giving notice, a copy of the proof of publication being attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all members of the City Council and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to these minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in advance notice to the Mayor and City Council for this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Mayor: Barry Redfern: Present. Councilmembers: Doreen Lopez: Present, Jeff McGregor: Present, Tony North: Present, Jeff Pieper: Present, Stephen Postier: Present, Jennifer Sheppard: Present, Scott Van Esch: Present, Jerry Wilkinson: Present. The following City Officials were present: City Administrator Dr. Sue Crawford, City Attorney Charles Campbell, Police Chief Edward Tjaden, Public Works Director James Paul, Fire Chief Tony Bestwick, Zoning Administrator Dan Aude, Parks and Recreation Director Cheree Folts, City Treasurer Pellie Thomas, Convention Center Director Terri Carlson and Library Director Dr. Holli Duggan.

Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2026 meeting. Ayes with a motion by Jerry Wilkinson and a second by Jennifer Sheppard. Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Jeff McGregor: Yea, Doreen Lopez: Yea, Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea.

Claims of Elected Officials

Motion to approve the claim for Tony North of North Printing and Office Supply in the amount of \$622.85. Ayes with a motion by Jerry Wilkinson and a second by Stephen Postier. Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Jeff McGregor: Yea, Doreen Lopez: Yea, Tony North: Abstain (With Conflict), Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea.

Motion to approve the claim for Jeff Pieper of Pieper's Inc. in the amount of \$428.63. Ayes with a motion by Jerry Wilkinson and a second by Jeff McGregor. Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Abstain (With Conflict), Jeff McGregor: Yea, Doreen Lopez: Yea, Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea.

Claims

Motion to approve the claims for August 6, 2026 through August 20, 2026. Ayes with a motion by Jerry Wilkinson and a second by Doreen Lopez. Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Jeff McGregor: Yea, Doreen Lopez: Yea, Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea.

Department Activities Reports for July 2026

Motion to approve the departmental activities reports for the month of July 2026. Ayes with a motion by Jeff Pieper and a second by Scott Van Esch. Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Jeff McGregor: Yea, Doreen Lopez: Yea, Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea.

Cash Balances for July 2026

Motion to approve the cash balances for the month of July 2026. Ayes with a motion by Scott Van Esch and a second by Jerry Wilkinson. Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Jeff McGregor: Yea, Doreen Lopez: Yea, Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea.

City Administrator Report

Dr. Crawford shared that the City of York was the grant recipient from Trees of Nebraska for the fourth year in a row. Thanks to Cheree Folts for making this happen. Dr. Duggan has collaborated with YC3 and Rotary for a grant to create a pollinator garden and an outdoor classroom on the library foundation green space near the library. York County Development Corporation is the economic development partner of the city for housing. YCDC recently received the International Economic Development Council Gold Award for Communities of 25,000 and less for housing innovations and financing. An international award was also received for the 17-County podcast.

SDL – Chamber for York County Historical Assoc

Betsy Forbis, 603 N. Lincoln Ave, York, Nebraska, shared this would be the last license for the Sip & Stroll Event. Motion to approve the special designated liquor license for Sip & Stroll, September 24, 2026 for the Greater York Area Chamber of Commerce at the York County Historical Association, 109 E. 6th Street, York, Nebraska. Ayes with a

motion by Tony North and a second by Jennifer Sheppard. Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Jeff McGregor: Yea, Doreen Lopez: Yea, Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea.

Resolution 2026-21 – Bond Reimbursement to City
RESOLUTION 2026-21

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT OF THE CITY OF YORK, NEBRASKA, TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY FROM THE PROCEEDS OF BONDS ISSUED BY THE CITY

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council (the “**Council**”) of the City of York, Nebraska (the “**City**”) as follows:

Section 1. (a) The City plans to (i) acquire and improve certain real estate, and construct certain infrastructure improvements for the Tower Crossing project in the City (the “**Project**”), and the City anticipates spending funds in the amount of approximately \$1,000,000 to pay the costs of the Project.

(b) The City anticipates issuing bonds in the principal amount of not more than \$3,200,000 (the “**Bonds**”) to finance all or a portion of the costs of the Project. The City anticipates incurring a portion of the costs of the Project prior to the issuance of Bonds and reimbursing such costs from proceeds of the Bonds.

(c) It is necessary, desirable, advisable and in the best interests of the City that it declare its official intent to permit the City to reimburse costs of the Project made by the City from the proceeds of the Bonds in accordance with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (the “**Code**”) and the applicable regulations thereunder, including but not limited to Section 1.150-2 thereof.

Section 2. (a) The Council hereby declares the official intent of the City to reimburse all or part of the costs of the Project through the issuance of Bonds, the interest on which may be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Code.

(b) The Bonds will be issued in the amount and upon the terms and conditions provided in a bond ordinance to be passed by the Council at a future meeting. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Resolution, nothing contained herein is intended to obligate the City to issue the Bonds or to reimburse any particular expenditure with respect to the Project.

(c) The Mayor, City Administrator and City Treasurer (each an “**Authorized Officer**”) are hereby individually authorized to take any further action as such Authorized Officer shall deem necessary or desirable without further action by the Council to carry out the transactions contemplated by this Resolution.

Section 3. This Resolution will be in full force and effect from and after its passage and adoption by the Council and approval by the Mayor.

Section 4. All resolutions of the Council, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

Scott Keene, 2900 S. 70th Street, Suite 310, Piper-Sandler & Co., Lincoln, shared that the city will likely be financing bonds early 2027 for Tower Crossing Area located at the interchange. Rather than issuing the bonds now, this resolution allows the city to use cash now for initial costs and get reimbursed from the bonds after they are issued in 2027. There is nothing in the resolution to obligate the financing of the bonds, or to move forward with the project or reimburse the city for costs incurred. It does allow the city the opportunity to reimburse in the future if desired. The bonds that will be issued are municipal improvement bonds that are secured by sales tax and then backstopped by property tax. Analysis is being done on repayment of the bonds in either five years or ten years. If the decision is made to use a rating for the bond to determine if the city could receive a lower interest rate, a new bond rating will be completed. An old bond rating cannot be assigned to a new bond. There isn't a specified amount of money that is being assigned to reimburse from this resolution.

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-21, declaring the official intent of the City of York, Nebraska to reimburse certain expenditures of the City from the proceeds of bonds issued by the City. Ayes with a motion by Stephen Postier and a second by Jeff McGregor. Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Jeff McGregor: Yea, Doreen Lopez: Yea, Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea.

Resolution 2026-22 - Police Retirement Plan Update
RESOLUTION 2026-22

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YORK, NEBRASKA:

1. That in order to adopt certain changes enacted under the Cities of the First Class Police Officers Retirement Act pursuant to 2026 Nebraska Legislative Bill 743, the City of York, Nebraska Police Retirement Plan and Trust (the "Plan") shall be, and it hereby is, amended in the form of the Second Amendment attached hereto and by this reference fully incorporated herein.
2. That the Mayor and other appropriate elected officials and officers of the City of York shall be, and they hereby are, authorized to do all things necessary to carry out and accomplish the foregoing Resolution, including the execution of any document or amendment which may be necessary or appropriate to amend and administer the Plan, including such actions as may be necessary or appropriate to achieve and maintain qualification of the Plan under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, as such sections apply to government plans.

SECOND AMENDMENT
CITY OF YORK, NEBRASKA
POLICE RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST

The City of York, Nebraska Police Retirement Plan and Trust (the “Plan”), as most recently amended and restated effective January 1, 2015, and as subsequently amended, is hereby further amended to incorporate revisions to the Cities of the First Class Police Officers Retirement Act under Nebraska 2026 Legislative Bill 743, as follows:

I.

The first paragraph of Section 8.5 of the Plan is hereby amended to provide as follows:

"In lieu of the normal form of retirement income provided under Sections 8.3 or 8.4 of this Article VIII, one of the following optional benefit forms may be selected by the Participant, each of which shall be the actuarial equivalent of the normal form of benefit

- (a) An annuity for the life of the Participant with a survivor annuity for the life of the beneficiary selected by the Participant equal to fifty percent (50%), seventy-five percent (75%) or one hundred percent (100%) of the annuity payable during the joint lives of the Participant and his or her designated beneficiary;
- (b) An annuity for the life of the Participant with monthly payments continuing to the Participant's designated beneficiary or beneficiaries if the Participant dies before he or she has received sixty (60), or one hundred twenty (120), or one hundred eighty (180) monthly payments (whichever option is selected), until the total number of monthly payments to the Participant and the designated beneficiary equals the guaranteed period selected by the Participant;
- (c) A single lump sum cash payment; or
- (d) One or more partial payments in an amount and frequency elected by the Participant.”

II.

The foregoing amendments to the Plan shall supersede the existing provisions of the Plan to the extent those provisions are inconsistent with the provisions of this Amendment. The remaining terms and provisions of the Plan are hereby confirmed and ratified in all respects except insofar as the foregoing provisions of this Amendment amend the same.

Dr. Crawford shared with the Council that retirement benefits for fire and police are determined by state statute. In 2026, the state law changed to provide more flexibility for the police withdrawing funds, so this resolution is to update the city's plan to align with the state law adjustment.

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-22, to amend the City of York, Nebraska Police Retirement Plan and Trust in order to adopt changes enacted under the Cities of the First-Class Police Officers Retirement Act pursuant to 2026 Nebraska Legislative Bill 743. Ayes with a motion by Jeff Pieper and a second by Doreen Lopez. Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Jeff McGregor: Yea, Doreen Lopez: Yea, Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea.

Resolution 2026-23 – Surplus Property
RESOLUTION 2026-23

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING
DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, there are certain items of City property and equipment surplus to City needs; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YORK, NEBRASKA, hereby resolves as follows:

SECTION 1: The items of City property and equipment listed in Exhibit A, attached hereto, are declared surplus property, and the City staff at the direction of the Mayor, is authorized to sell such property at a price that is in the best interest of the City.

SECTION 2: The City staff is hereby authorized to dispose of said surplus property through one of the following methods:

- a) By transfer to a governmental agency.
- b) In trade as credit toward the purchase of a like article.
- c) By sale through competitive sealed bid, public or private sale, consignment or internet auction.

For any surplus property that is not sold, the City may sell the surplus property for salvage or dispose of the surplus property that cannot be sold.

EXHIBIT A

UNIT #	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	DEPARTMENT	VALUATION	SERIAL
		Old vinyl chairs (3)	Fire		
		Metal bed frames with head boards (7)	Fire		
		Maroon chairs (3)	Fire		
		1.5 nozzles (7)	Fire		
		Foam attachments for nozzles (4)	Fire		
		6’ x 8’ wood table (1)	Fire		

		Clothes washing machine (1)	Fire		
		Leather sofa (1)	Fire		
		Unihoist manhole recovery tool (1)	Fire		
		Leather recliners (2)	Fire		
		Floor Scrubber – old (1)	Fire		
		Refrigerators (3)	Fire		
		Spreader and cutter, rescue tools (1 each)	Fire		
		Assorted cabinets and small tables (6)	Fire		
		Edge rope rescue device (1)	Fire		
		Short file cabinets (7)	Fire		
		Surplus army backpacks (3)	Fire		
		Wall Lockers (2)	Fire		
		Exercise machine (1)	Fire		
		Smith Machine (1)	Fire		
		Steel rack roller (1)	Fire		
		Cot parts, squad shelving (2)	Fire		
		Push Lawn Mower (1)	Fire		
		Assorted desks in office (3)	Fire		
		4-drawer letter size filing cabinet (3)	Administrative		
		5-drawer letter size filing cabinet (1)	Administrative		
		2-drawer lateral filing cabinet (1)	Administrative		
		4-drawer lateral filing cabinet (1)	Administrative		
		Computer task chairs (broken) (10)	Library		
		1986 - SteelCase Office desk (1)	Library	\$300	
		2 nd Quarter Library Cleanout	Library	\$31,405.06	
		Stove Hood System, NEW in box (1)	Fire		
		Assorted barbells (12)	Fire		

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-23 declaring certain city property surplus and authorizing disposition of surplus property. Ayes with a motion by Scott Van Esch and a second by Jennifer Sheppard. Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Jeff McGregor: Yea, Doreen Lopez: Yea, Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea.

Resolution 2026-24 - Holthus Convention Center Rate Increase
RESOLUTION 2026-24

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council that the attached 2026 Proposed Rate Adjustments for the Holthus Convention Center be adopted, effective October 1, 2026.



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York, NE 68467
402-363-2675
HolthusConventionCenter.com

Holthus Convention Center Rate Increase Proposal
August 14, 2026

The Holthus Convention Center is proposing adjustments to its rental and service rates, effective October 1, 2026, pending approval by the York City Council. These changes are intended to ensure that rates remain reflective of current operating costs and the level of service provided by the Convention Center.

The proposed rate adjustments represent the first increase to Holthus Convention Center rates since 2019. Since that time, operating expenses, supplies, staffing, and service-related costs have increased. Updating the rate structure will help the Convention Center continue to provide quality facilities and services while maintaining responsible financial operations. In addition to adjustments to existing rates, the proposal includes two new party packages designed specifically for smaller groups. Details and pricing for the Celebration Package and Cheers Package are included in the proposed rate schedule..

The Holthus Convention Center is also currently reviewing its linen service contract in hopes of transitioning to a new provider that can offer more reliable service and a higher-quality product. This review is intended to ensure that linen services continue to meet the standards and quality expected by our customers.

The Holthus Convention Center appreciates the Council's consideration of these proposed changes. Updating rates after seven years will help the facility continue to operate effectively, respond to rising costs, and provide quality service and event experiences to the community.

Terri Carlson
Holthus Convention Center



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Ballroom & Lobby Rental

Room	Standard Rate	Corporate Rate
Entire Facility	\$1750	\$2000
Grand Ballroom	\$1500	\$1750
Ballroom A	\$750	\$1000
Ballrooms B-E	\$700	\$900
Ballrooms B&E	\$500	\$600
Ballrooms B&C or D&E	\$450	\$550
Ballrooms C&D	\$400	\$500
Ballroom B or E	\$350	\$450
Ballroom C or D	\$225	\$275
Lobby	\$250	\$300
Lobby W/Ballroom or Meeting Room	\$150	\$200
Lobby Luncheon	\$100	\$100

Meeting Room Rental

Room	Standard Rate	Corporate Rate
Meeting Room I	\$250	\$300
Meeting Room F or K	\$150	\$175
Meeting Room G or J	\$100	\$125
Meeting Room F/G or J/K	\$200	\$250
Conference Room	\$100	\$125

Additional Space Rental & Fees

Kitchen	\$250	\$250
West Grass Lot Or South Parking Lot	\$250	\$250
Setup Fee for Day Preceding Event	\$250	\$250
Teardown for Day Following Event	\$250	\$250
Security Deposit	\$250	\$250

Non Profit Fundraisers will continue to receive a discounted fee of 10% off standard rate.



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Wedding & Party Packages

Room	Rental Rate	Notes
Platinum Package (Entire Facility)	\$3000	Includes personalized layout, day of Bride/Groom room and AV package.
Gold Package (Grand Ballroom)	\$2500	Includes personalized layout & AV package. Add lobby or additional day-of side room for \$150/room (Based on availability)
Silver Package (Ballroom A)	\$1750	Includes personalized layout & AV package. Add lobby or additional day-of side room for \$150/room (Based on availability)
Bronze Package (Ballroom B-E)	\$1500	Includes personalized layout & AV package. Add lobby or additional day-of side room for \$150/room (Based on availability)
Celebration Package (Lobby or Room I)	\$550	Includes personalized layout, AV, linens and beverage service (tea & water) *Additional \$100 for Ballroom B&C or D&E
Cheers Package (Room F&G or J&K)	\$450	Includes personalized layout, AV, linens and beverage service (tea & water)

Event Service Item Fees

Item	Fee
Audiovisual	\$25/screen
Risers	\$25/section
Copies	\$.25
Tablecloths	\$6 - \$10/each
Linen Napkins	\$.50
Table Skirting	\$50 - \$100

Kitchen & Bar Fees

Item	Fee
Catering Fee	10%
Bar Fee	7.5%
Wedding Kitchen Fee (If no caterer)	\$400



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2019 Rental Rates

Room	2019 Standard Rate	2019 Corporate Rate
Entire Facility	\$1,500	\$1,800
Grand Ballroom w/stage	\$1,200	\$1,500
Ballroom A w/stage	\$650	\$800
Ballrooms B-E	\$600	\$700
Ballrooms B&E	\$400	\$500
Ballrooms B&C or D&E	\$350	\$450
Ballrooms C&D	\$300	\$400
Ballroom B or E	\$250	\$350
Ballroom C or D	\$200	\$275
Meeting Room F or K	\$100	\$125
Meeting Room G or J	\$75	\$100
Meeting Room F&G or J&K	\$150	\$200
Meeting Room I (Monday thru Thursday)	\$200	\$250
Meeting Room I (Friday thru Sunday)	\$250	\$275
Conference Room	\$75	\$100
Lobby (Monday thru Thursday)	\$200	\$250
Lobby (Friday thru Sunday)	\$250	\$275
Lobby w/Ballroom or Meeting (Monday thru Thursday)	\$100	\$150
Lobby w/Ballroom or Meeting (Friday thru Sunday)	\$150	\$200
Lobby Luncheon w/Meeting Room (Based on availability)	\$75	\$75

Large Kitchen	\$150	\$150
Small Kitchen	\$125	\$125
Both Kitchens	\$225	\$225
Kitchenette	\$0	\$0
Outside - West Grass Lot	\$250	\$400
Outside - North Grass Lot	\$500	\$750
Outside - South Parking Lot	\$250	\$250
Setup Fee for Day Preceding Event	\$250	\$250
Teardown Fee for Day Following Event	\$250	\$250
Meeting Package in meeting room (Projector/Screen/Easels)	\$25/room	\$25/room
Meeting Package in Ballroom (Projector/Screen/Easels/Mics/etc.)	\$75	\$125
Security Deposit (Fully Refundable)	\$250	\$250

*Non-Profit Fundraisers receive 10% off Standard Rate.

Platinum Package (Entire Facility Capacity 700)	FY19 Fee
Personalized Layout	\$2,500
Day of Bride & Groom Rooms	
Lunch Room/Gift Storage	
AV Package (Projects/Screens/Microphones) as Needed	
Optional Friday night Rehearsal/Rehearsal Dinner	
Friday 9am to 4pm (10pm for rehearsal/dinner option)	
Saturday 8am to Midnight	
*Decorations must be removed from facility by 2am	
Gold Package (Grand Ballroom Capacity 700)	FY19 Fee
Personalized Layout	\$2,000
AV Package (Projects/Screens/Microphones) as Needed	
Friday 9am to 4pm	
Saturday Noon to Midnight	
*Decorations must be removed from facility by 2am	
Add lobby or additional day-of side room for \$150/room (Based on availability)	
Silver Package (Ballroom A Capacity 350)	FY19 Fee
Personalized Layout	\$1,500
AV Package (Projects/Screens/Microphones) as Needed	
Friday 9am to 4pm	
Saturday Noon to Midnight	
*Decorations must be removed from facility by 2am	
Add additional day-of side room for \$150/room (Based on availability)	
Bronze Package (Ballroom B-E Capacity 250)	FY19 Fee
Personalized Layout	\$1,200
AV Package (Projects/Screens/Microphones) as Needed	
Friday 9am to 4pm	
Saturday Noon to Midnight	
*Decorations must be removed from facility by 2am	
Add additional day-of side room for \$150/room (Based on availability)	

Additional Fees	FY19 Fee
Risers	\$25/section
Business Center	\$.25/sheet
Business Center	\$.10/Sheet
Linen Tablecloths	\$4.00/ea
Linen Napkins	\$.25/each
Table Skirting	\$25 - \$75
Chair Covers & Bands (minimum order of 100 required)	\$3/chair
Uplighting	\$40/Light
Barn Door Backdrop	\$200
Beverage Service	Varies
Catering Fee	10% of bill
Bar Fee	7.5% of bill

Terri stated that rates have not increased since 2019. The packet shows the proposed amounts what they had been previously. Additions to the wedding and party package are the Celebration and Cheers Package. The rates will now be the same for each day, eliminating the Monday through Thursday and Friday through Sunday rates. A kitchen fee will be added if an event wants to make their own food. The other increase is in the tablecloth rate. She answered questions of the Council regarding deposits and how the rate adjustments will be implemented and how the prices compare to other venues.

Motion to approve the Resolution 2026-24 to update the Holthus Convention Center rental rates to be effective October 1, 2026. Ayes with a motion by Tony North and a second by Jeff McGregor. Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Jeff McGregor: Yea, Doreen Lopez: Yea, Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea.

ORDINANCE NO. 2436

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 52 OF THE YORK CITY CODE TO ENACT A SECTION TO PERMIT THE OPERATION OF UTILITY-TYPE VEHICLES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY AS AUTHORIZED BY NEB. REV. STAT. §60-6,356; TO IMPOSE A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THIS ORDINANCE.

The Mayor started the discussion stating public input was welcome. John Biel, 515 E. 18th Street, York, shared that he understood there are mixed feelings regarding this subject. He pointed out that there are e-bikes and e-scooters with the operator not having any safety equipment and the UTVs have a lot more safety equipment. Most UTVs are the size of small cars or bigger. There are uses for UTVs aside from climbing rocks/mountains. He would encourage the Council to vote yes on approving this ordinance. Dan Aude, 1317 Road 15, Geneva, stated he is still opposed to this. His concerns are safety and the fire and police departments. He could support it if all drivers/passengers wore helmets and all operators passed a national certified UTV/golf cart driver's ed program. There was no other public comment. The Mayor turned the conversation over to the Council. Councilmember Postier stated he liked the general concept, keeping it as simple as possible and referencing state law. His biggest concern is there is no registration factored into the ordinance. In his opinion, it's going to add a lot of time and work for the police department without having a registration process. If city administration can work with police and other staff to create a process for registration, he believes it will help law enforcement. He would like to see the five-day window for insurance be eliminated, and the registration would alleviate the potential for lawsuits. The registration would help identify the owner if an underage driver had the UTV out. The proof of insurance is defined by state statute so that the insurance window cannot be shortened. Councilmember Wilkinson said he would support the registration process. Councilmember Sheppard said she would be in support of registration and that it was included the first time these ordinances were presented. At that time, there was pushback regarding the registration process. She stated most UTV owners were okay with a \$100 annual registration fee to help cover the costs and process for registration. Chief Tjaden shared that the registration could get complicated depending on what all would be required to issue a permit. Sheppard asked if the purpose of the registration process was to verify the UTV is street worthy or is it to know the ownership of the UTV? More conversation was had regarding the registration process and what all might be included in that. Safety requirements were discussed, specifically seat belts and what that could be interpreted as. Postier made a motion to pass the ordinance with the amendment to do an annual registration with a fee where they have to show insurance, include name, address, phone number and email and include an attestation that the UTV is street legal. Wilkinson seconded the motion. The Mayor opened the subject back up for public comment. Amy Lehman, 1430 S. Grant Ave, stated she had previously brought up farm permits, and in her research, there have been other first-class cities that have limited the farm permit to 18 years and older. Talk of 13–14-year-old kids being pulled over, but a farm permit would be legal if used for farm operations. Charley stated that since the farm permit is provided by state statute that the city cannot change those requirements. Discussion was had regarding the amendment and Councilmember Sheppard suggested including the \$100 fee in the amendment to the ordinance.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2436 to amend Chapter 52 to enact a section to permit the operation of utility-type vehicles within the corporate limits of the city as authorized by Nebraska State Statute §60-6, 356 and to impose a penalty for the violation of this section WITH AN AMENDMENT to include an annual registration with a fee, proof of insurance, identifying information including name, address, phone number and email and an attestation that the UTV is street legal. Ayes with a motion by Stephen Postier and a second by Jerry Wilkinson. Jerry Wilkinson: Nay, Scott Van Esch: Nay, Jeff Pieper: Nay, Jeff McGregor: Nay, Doreen Lopez: Nay, Tony North: Nay, Jennifer Sheppard: Nay, Stephen Postier: Nay. Motion failed.

Motion to update Ordinance No. 2436 to include the following amendment: require an annual registration to include name, physical address, phone number, email, certificate of insurance and an attestation that the UTV follows state statute, the owner receives an identification stick for the UTV and will pay an annual \$100 fee. Ayes with a motion by Stephen Postier and a second by Jerry Wilkinson. Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Jeff McGregor: Yea, Doreen Lopez: Yea, Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2436 to amend Chapter 52 to enact a section to permit the operation of utility-type vehicles within the corporate limits of the city as authorized by Nebraska State Statute §60-6, 356 and to impose a penalty for the violation of this section; to include the amendment passed in the previous motion. Ayes with a motion by Jeff Pieper and a second by Jeff McGregor. Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Jeff McGregor: Yea, Doreen Lopez: Yea, Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea.

ORDINANCE NO. 2437

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 52 OF THE YORK CITY CODE TO ENACT AN ORDINANCE TO PERMIT THE OPERATION OF GOLF CAR VEHICLES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY AS AUTHORIZED BY THIS ORDINANCE AND NEB. REV. STAT. §60-6,381; TO IMPOSE A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND

TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THIS ORDINANCE.

The Mayor opened this item up for public input. There was no public input. Councilmember North stated the Ordinance wanted to limit the regulations as much as possible. It aligns with state statutes. Charley stated that the golf carts are limited to certain streets which differed from the previous ordinance. Dr. Crawford shared there was a provision authorizing golf carts for a special event. Councilmember Sheppard stated that you do see golf carts on the streets currently, so why not allow them to do it legally? This would make it legal for those wanting to use it as a mode of transportation. Councilmember Postier stated he isn't in favor of the lack of safety equipment required for golf carts in this ordinance. He wouldn't feel comfortable voting on this ordinance as it reads currently. Councilmember North stated he would like to see a vote on it, because a lot of time and effort has gone into this ordinance.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2437 to amend Chapter 52 to enact an ordinance to permit the operation of golf car vehicles within the corporate limits of the city as authorized by this ordinance and Nebraska Revised Statute §60-6,381 and to impose a penalty for the violation of this section. Ayes with a motion by Tony North and a second by Jennifer Sheppard. Jerry Wilkinson: Nay, Scott Van Esch: Nay, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Jeff McGregor: Nay, Doreen Lopez: Nay, Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Nay. Motion failed.

Public Hearing on change to Residential Zoning Ordinances

The Mayor stated this was the time and place for a public hearing on the changes to residential zoning ordinances. Dr. Crawford stated the connection between these ordinances and the comprehensive plan. The direction of the comp plan recommends moving towards a mixed-use for zoning as long as similar intensity. These amendments allow someone to request a commercial use within a residential area. Anyone requesting this would be required to submit an application, the property would be posted, the planning commission would review and give a recommendation to the council, and then it would be presented to council for approval. Questions were asked regarding specifications the council could require and why these special use permits are only being amended to the residential zoning district. Discussion was had about updating the agricultural zoning along with the residential. Dan shared that each commercial district has specific uses listed within it. The C-1 was applied to the residential zoning because it borders the most residential areas.

Ordinance No. 2442 –

ORDINANCE NO. 2442

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF YORK, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND ARTICLE VII “R” SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT TO AUTHORIZE A COMMERCIAL USE BY SPECIAL PERMIT; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES AND CONFLICTS HEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THIS ORDINANCE.

Motion to suspend the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days for Ordinance No. 2442. The motion was adopted by a three-fourths vote of the Council and the statutory rule suspended for consideration of said Ordinance on its second and third readings. Ayes with a motion by Jennifer Sheppard and a second by Doreen Lopez. Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Jeff McGregor: Yea, Doreen Lopez: Yea, Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2442 to amend Article VII "R" single-family dwelling district to authorize a commercial use by special permit. Ayes with a motion by Jeff McGregor and a second by Scott Van Esch. Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Jeff McGregor: Yea, Doreen Lopez: Yea, Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea.

Ordinance No. 2443 –

ORDINANCE NO. 2443

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF YORK, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND ARTICLE VIII “R-2” TWO-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT TO AUTHORIZE A COMMERCIAL USE BY SPECIAL PERMIT; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES AND CONFLICTS HEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THIS ORDINANCE.

Motion to suspend the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days for Ordinance No. 2443. The motion was adopted by a three-fourths vote of the Council and the statutory rule suspended for consideration of said Ordinance on its second and third readings. Ayes with a motion by Jerry Wilkinson and a second by Jeff Pieper. Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Jeff McGregor: Yea, Doreen Lopez: Yea, Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2443 to amend Article VII "R-2" two-family dwelling district to authorize a commercial use by special permit. Ayes with a motion by Tony North and a second by Jeff McGregor. Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Jeff McGregor: Yea, Doreen Lopez: Yea, Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea.

Ordinance No. 2444 –

ORDINANCE NO. 2444

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF YORK, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND ARTICLE IX “R-3” MULTIPLE-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT TO AUTHORIZE A COMMERCIAL USE BY SPECIAL PERMIT; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES AND CONFLICTS HEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THIS ORDINANCE.

Motion to suspend the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days for Ordinance No. 2444. The motion was adopted by a three-fourths vote of the Council and the statutory rule suspended for consideration of said Ordinance on its second and third readings. Ayes with a motion by Jeff Pieper and a second by Scott Van Esch. Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Jeff McGregor: Yea, Doreen Lopez: Yea, Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2444 to amend Article IX "R-3" multiple-family dwelling district to authorize a commercial use by special permit. Ayes with a motion by Scott Van Esch and a second by Jerry Wilkinson. Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Jeff McGregor: Yea, Doreen Lopez: Yea, Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea.

Second reading:
Ordinance No. 2445 –

ORDINANCE NO. 2445

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 54 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF YORK, NEBRASKA, PRESCRIBING SEWER RATES, REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF SAID ORDINANCE.

The third reading will take place on September 3, 2026.

Second Reading:
Ordinance No. 2446 –

ORDINANCE NO. 2446

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND A PORTION OF CHAPTER 40, GARBAGE AND TRASH, REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

The third reading will take place on September 3, 2026.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor adjourned the meeting, the time being 6:41 p.m.

Amanda Ring, City Clerk

Barry Redfern, Mayor