

City of Blair Regular Council Meeting  
May 26, 2026

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session in the City Council Chambers on May 26, 2026, at 7:00 PM. The following were present: Mayor Rump, Gary Banner, Brent Clark, Kirk Highfill, James Letcher, Kent Long, Rick Paulsen, Kevin Willis, and Frank Wolff. Also present were City Administrator Green, Deputy City Administrator Barrow, Deputy City Administrator Heaton, Deputy City Administrator Scott, City Attorney Talbot, Library Director Lukert, Community Development Director Beiermann, IT Director White, Public Safety & Communications Coordinator Dunn, and Police Chief Kinsey.

The Mayor publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Washington County Enterprise as shown by the affidavit of publication filed in the City Clerk's office. Notice of the meeting was simultaneously given to the Mayor and all members of the City Council, and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of notice and the agenda is filed in the City Clerk's office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Agenda Item #1, #2, and #3 – Mayor Rump called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by Roll Call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item #4 – No items were removed from the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda approved the following: 4a) Approval of Minutes of the May 12, 2026 meeting, 4b) Clerk report of the Mayoral Action for the May 12, 2026, meeting, 4c) Claims as approved by the Finance Committee, 4d) Resolution No. 2026-057 approving the Mayoral appointment of Lateral Police Officer Ryan Eddy to the Blair Police Department, 4e) Resolution No. 2026-067 approving the Mayoral appointment of Craig Folkers, Janice LePlante, Jenny Bruck and Melissa Rice to the Library Board, 4f) Resolution 2026-058 recommending approval of a Special Designated Liquor License for DEAM LLC on behalf of McKinnis Roofing & Sheet Metal, 164 S. 1st St., Blair is requesting a Special Designated Liquor License for a 45th Anniversary Open House on June 11, 2026, from 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Motion by James Letcher, second by Kevin Willis to approve the Consent Agenda. Council members voted as follows: Gary Banner: Yea, Brent Clark: Yea, Kirk Highfill: Yea, James Letcher: Yea, Kent Long: Yea, Rick Paulsen: Yea, Kevin Willis: Yea, Frank Wolff: Yea. All Council members voted: Yea: 8, Nay: 0. Mayor Rump declared the motion carried.

Agenda Item #5 – Jake Dunn, speaking on behalf of the Fire Chief, emphasized the strategic importance of EMS-qualified personnel, noting that both candidates bring prior EMS training and experience, which directly supports current operational demands. He noted the department continues to have an increased need for trained responders. Council member Willis introduced Resolution 2026-059 approving Jim Skinner and Toni McIntosh as new members of the Blair Volunteer Fire Department. Motion by Kevin Willis, second by Rick Paulsen to adopt Resolution No. 2026-059 as presented. Gary Banner: Yea, Brent Clark: Yea, Kirk Highfill: Yea, James Letcher: Yea, Kent Long: Yea, Rick Paulsen: Yea, Kevin Willis: Yea, Frank Wolff: Yea. All Council members voted: Yea: 8, Nay: 0. Mayor Rump declared the motion carried.

Council Meeting May 26, 2026

Agenda Item #6 – Mayor Rump opened a public hearing to consider a Conditional Use Permit submitted by Curt and Meadow Scott, 2975 Southern Hills Drive, Blair, Nebraska, for a contractor's yard on Tax Lot 203, Section 12, Township 18 North, Range 11 East of the 6th P.M., in the City of Blair, Washington County, Nebraska (600 block of S. 10th Street), for (30) years. Community Development Director Beiermann presented a detailed explanation of the Office Park District (OPD) intent, stressing that the district is meant to serve as a transitional buffer area. He acknowledged that a contractor's yard is not typical but can be permitted via CUP when impacts are mitigated. The CUP can also require visual buffering and landscaping requirements. Beiermann reviewed the zoning of surrounding properties and presented an example of the proposed building the applicant would like to construct. There will be paved parking and landscaping in front of the building. The applicant may also rent out bays in his building but understands that any future tenants must comply with the zoning to alleviate any concerns about uncontrolled uses. The Planning Commission recommended approval for (30) years with the stipulation to install a privacy fence on the east and south property line to block the machinery and 6" pavement up to the fence. Mayor Rump expressed concern regarding removing the trees along the creek stating they add to the aesthetics of the area. Curt Scott, 2975 Southern Hills Dr, applicant stated he had cleaned up the property already and currently had no plans to remove any of the trees along the creek. There were no comments from the floor or in writing. Mayor Rump closed the public hearing. Motion by James Letcher, second by Frank Wolff to approve the Conditional Use Permit submitted by Curt and Meadow Scott, 2975 Southern Hills Drive, Blair, Nebraska, for a contractor's yard on Tax Lot 203, Section 12, Township 18 North, Range 11 East of the 6th P.M., in the City of Blair, Washington County, Nebraska (600 block of S. 10th Street), for (30) years with the stipulation to install a privacy fence on the east and south property lines to block the machinery and 6" pavement up to the fence. Council members voted as follows: Gary Banner: Yea, Brent Clark: Yea, Kirk Highfill: Yea, James Letcher: Yea, Kent Long: Yea, Rick Paulsen: Yea, Kevin Willis: Yea, Frank Wolff: Yea. All Council members voted: Yea: 8, Nay: 0. Mayor Rump declared the motion carried.

Agenda Item #7. Mayor Rump opened a public hearing to consider a Conditional Use Permit application submitted by Total Truck & Machine, LLC, 414 S. 5th Street, Blair, Nebraska; Kevin & Melissa Wehrli, owners, for customization and sales of specialized trucks and automotive vehicles on Lot 4, South Acres Subdivision, in the City of Blair, Washington County, Nebraska (414 S. 5th Street), for 25 years. Community Development Director Beiermann clarified that this request is largely procedural, driven by state licensing requirements, rather than a change in operational intensity or land use. The business already operates in a manner consistent with zoning and other similar Conditional Use Permits that exist nearby which shows consistency in zoning. The Planning Commission recommended approval for (25) years. Kevin Wehrli, 452 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St., applicant stated his business model is to sell custom build trucks that include crane bodies, dump trucks, mobile service trucks, or other specialized equipment selling approximately three (3) trucks a month. All activity occurs inside their building minimizing noise and visual impact. There were no comments from the floor or in writing. Mayor Rump closed the public hearing. Motion by Kevin Willis, second by Kirk Highfill to approve the Conditional Use Permit application submitted by Total Truck & Machine, LLC, Kevin & Melissa Wehrli for customization and sales of specialized trucks and automotive vehicles for (25) years. Council members voted as follows: Gary Banner: Yea, Brent Clark: Yea, Kirk Highfill: Yea, James Letcher: Yea, Kent Long: Yea, Rick Paulsen: Yea, Kevin Willis: Yea, Frank Wolff: Yea. All Council members voted: Yea: 8, Nay: 0. Mayor Rump declared the motion carried.

Agenda Item #8 – Mayor Rump opened a public hearing to consider a Conditional Use Permit application submitted by MCM Rents/Mid-Country Machinery, LLC, 3478 5th Ave, Fort Dodge, Iowa, for a “Rental and Leasing Establishment, Outside and Inside Storage” for heavy equipment rental on Lot 3, South Acres 2nd Addition, City of Blair, Washington County, Nebraska (450 Grant Street) for 30 years. Community Development Director Beiermann stated the property is currently zoned A/ML - Agricultural/Light Industrial And Manufacturing District which allows for this type of industrial use. The nature of their business is heavy equipment rental (non-consumer, industrial scale) and they will have storage inside and outside. The property currently has two access points. The Planning Commission recommended approval for (30) years with stipulation that if the applicant elects to retain the second driveway to the west, it would be required to be hard surfaced to city standards or removed and restored to turf within six (6) months. There were no comments from the floor or in writing. Mayor closed the public hearing. Motion by Kevin Willis, second by Brent Clark to approve the Conditional Use Permit application submitted by MCM Rents/Mid-Country Machinery, LLC, for a "Rental and Leasing Establishment, Outside and Inside Storage" for heavy equipment rental for thirty (30) years with the stipulation that if the applicant elects to retain the second driveway to the west, it would be required to be hard surfaced to City standards or removed and restored to turf within six (6) months. Council members voted as follows: Gary Banner: Yea, Brent Clark: Yea, Kirk Highfill: Yea, James Letcher: Yea, Kent Long: Yea, Rick Paulsen: Yea, Kevin Willis: Yea, Frank Wolff: Yea. All Council members voted: Yea: 8, Nay: 0. Mayor Rump declared the motion carried.

Agenda Item #9 – Mayor Rump opened a public hearing to consider a Rezone application submitted by AV Tenent, LLC, 1701 County Road 6, Yutan, Nebraska; Andrew Toupin, agent, for the SJAV Subdivision on Tax Lot 267, being all of Tax Lot 248 and part of Tax Lot 249 in part of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section 13, Township 18 North, Range 11 East of the 6th P.M., Washington County, Nebraska (13th & Wilbur Streets) Rezoning Tax Lot 267 from Residential Medium Density District (RM) to Agricultural/Highway Commercial District (A/CH). City Administrator Green stated this item is on the agenda because it was advertised but at the request of the applicant, discussion and consideration will be postponed until the June 23, 2026, meeting. However, he noted that if any citizen here tonight is unable to attend the meeting on June 23, 2026, public comment would be allowed. There were no comments from the floor or in writing. Mayor Rump closed the public hearing. Motion by Rick Paulsen, second by James Letcher to postpone consideration of the Rezone application submitted by AV Tenent, LLC until the June 23, 2026, meeting. Council members voted as follows: Gary Banner: Yea, Brent Clark: Yea, Kirk Highfill: Yea, James Letcher: Yea, Kent Long: Yea, Rick Paulsen: Yea, Kevin Willis: Yea, Frank Wolff: Yea. All Council members voted: Yea: 8, Nay: 0. Mayor Rump declared the motion carried.

Agenda Item #10 – Mayor Rump opened a public hearing to consider an amendment to the City of Blair Zoning Regulations, Article 11, Section 1102 Fences, Hedges and Retaining Walls: Moving the last paragraph of the section to the beginning of the section and renaming “Rural Residential Estate” (RRE) to “Residential Estate” (RE). Community Development Director Beiermann clarified that change is organizational rather than regulatory and is intended to improve readability and usability of the ordinance. The Planning Commission recommended approval as presented. There were no comments from the floor or in writing. Mayor Rump declared the motion carried. Council member Letcher introduced Ordinance 2616 to amend the zoning regulations Article 11, Section 1102 pertaining to fences, hedges and retaining walls to clarify the zoning districts that are exempt from this regulation.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF BLAIR ZONING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE 11, SECTION 1102, PERTAINING TO FENCES, HEDGES, AND RETAINING WALLS TO CLARIFY THE ZONING DISTRICTS THAT ARE EXEMPT FROM THIS REGULATION; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FORCE AND EFFECT; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM.**

Council member James Letcher moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Council member Kirk Highfill seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote the following Council members voted: Gary Banner: Yea, Brent Clark: Yea, Kirk Highfill: Yea, James Letcher: Yea, Kent Long: Yea, Rick Paulsen: Yea, Kevin Willis: Yea, Frank Wolff: Yea. All Council members voted: Yea: 8, Nay: 0. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths of the Council and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of said Ordinance.

Said ordinance was then read by title. Council member James Letcher moved for final passage of the ordinance, as amended, and Council member Kirk Highfill seconded the motion. The Mayor then asked, "Shall Ordinance No. 2616 be passed and adopted as amended?" Upon roll call, the votes were as follows: Gary Banner: Yea, Brent Clark: Yea, Kirk Highfill: Yea, James Letcher: Yea, Kent Long: Yea, Rick Paulsen: Yea, Kevin Willis: Yea, Frank Wolff: Yea. All Council members voted: Yea: 8, Nay: 0. The passage of said Ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the Council, the Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted. A true, correct, and complete copy of the ordinance, as amended, is on file in the Ordinance Record Book.

Agenda Item #11 – Payment Presentation by Mary Berg on behalf of the Library Foundation for payment of the amphitheater in Generations Park. Mary Berg was unable to attend the third consecutive meeting; therefore, no presentation was given.

Agenda Item #12 – Deputy City Administrator Heaton stated he solicited two proposals for the design and engineering of the public improvements for the Elk Ridge Subdivision. This is the former Von Loh project northeast of the Blair Cemetery. A new developer is looking to take over the project. The original engineering agreement was outdated, and the project now requires additional work to get things back on track. This agreement will include the following items: 1) Survey, 2) Grading and SWPPP Permit, 3) Geotechnical investigation to determine compaction, 4) Public Improvement Design of Streets, Water, Storm Sewer, and Sanitary Sewer, 5) OPPD Conduits, 6) Prepare an engineer's opinion of cost and 7) Public bid assistance. Two proposals were received as follows: 1) Short Elliot Hendrickson (SEH) - \$115,700.00 and 2) Ehrhart Griffin & Associates (EGA) - \$88,381.00. These fees will be paid by the developer through the appropriate assessments. Logan Baker, 505 N. 24th St., asked if the city has previously paid for any engineering costs under the project with Von Loh. Deputy City Administrator Heaton explained that Von Loh had never made it to this stage with the city. He only performed grading on the property which he was allowed to do without having an agreement with the city. The bank that currently owns the property foreclosed on the property with Von Loh. They are not wanting to sell it to a new developer. The Finance Committee recommended moving forward with the engineering proposal with Ehrhart Griffin. Council member Banner introduced Resolution 2026-060 approving an engineering agreement with Ehrhart Griffin & Associates for Elk Ridge Subdivision. Motion by Frank Wolff, second by James Letcher to adopt Resolution No. 2026-060 as presented. Gary Banner: Yea, Brent Clark: Nay, Kirk Highfill: Yea, James Letcher: Yea, Kent Long: Yea, Rick Paulsen: Yea, Kevin Willis: Yea, Frank Wolff: Yea. All Council members voted: Yea: 7, Nay: 1. Mayor Rump declared the motion carried.

Council Meeting May 26, 2026

Agenda Item #13 – Deputy City Administrator Heaton reviewed a Developer Agreement between the City of Blair and Aravest Holdings LLC for Elk Ridge Subdivision Replat 1 (Lots 1-30). The developer requested formation of improvement districts for paving, storm sewer, water, and sanitary sewer. This also discusses the special assessments. That fee gets assessed back to each of the 30 lots and divided up and paid for by the developer each year. Once a lot sales, that portion of the assessment will pay the city for the development. The City will create improvement districts and oversee all design, bidding, and construction per City specifications. Developer must provide a bond or cash deposit to cover engineering design costs; funds are applied to assessments if the project proceeds or forfeited if it does not. The City will cover costs associated with oversized stormwater infrastructure (in lieu of detention basins); Developer is responsible only for standard stormwater requirements. Construction and engineering costs will be paid by the City and assessed 100% to benefited lots on a per-lot basis. Special assessments will be levied within 120 days of project completion and will constitute a first lien (subject only to property taxes). Developer agrees to keep property taxes and assessment installments current. Developer will dedicate Garfield Drive, West Garfield Circle, and East Garfield Circle to the City as public streets. The developer will take over the existing plat that is designed for attached single family housing, but each half can be owned privately. The developer is open to other people purchasing a lot and allowing different builders. Council member Clark expressed concern about lack of defined housing for the project. The Finance Committee recommended approval. Council Banner introduced Resolution 2026-061 approving a Developer's Agreement with Aravest Holdings LLC for Elk Ridge Subdivision. Motion by Gary Banner, second by Frank Wolff to adopt Resolution No. 2026-061 as presented. Council members voted as follows: Gary Banner: Yea, Brent Clark: Nay, Kirk Highfill: Yea, James Letcher: Yea, Kent Long: Yea, Rick Paulsen: Nay, Kevin Willis: Yea, Frank Wolff: Yea. All Council members voted: Yea: 6, Nay: 2. Mayor Rump declared the motion carried.

Agenda Item #14 – Deputy City Administrator presented an agreement with FHU to conduct the alignment study for the North Bypass. This agreement will allow FHU to evaluate proposed routes for the North Bypass, intersection designs at Hwy 75 and Hwy 30. This will include environmental reviews on proposed routes, traffic analysis, wetland determinations, bridge evaluations, and floodplain impacts. All of these evaluations will help bring the North Bypass closer to reality. The scope also includes public information meetings to gain public input on the routes and designs. The budgetary impact is \$286,500. Council member Wolff introduced Resolution 2026-062 approving the Nebraska Department of Transportation Supplemental Agreement for the Blair North Bypass project between the City of Blair and Felsburg Holt & Ullevig for a corridor/alignment study. Motion by Frank Wolff, second by James Letcher to adopt Resolution No. 2026-062 as presented. Council members voted as follows: Gary Banner: Yea, Brent Clark: Yea, Kirk Highfill: Yea, James Letcher: Yea, Kent Long: Yea, Rick Paulsen: Nay, Kevin Willis: Yea, Frank Wolff: Yea. All Council members voted: Yea: 7, Nay: 1. Mayor Rump declared the motion carried.

Agenda Item #15 – Ty Hernes, EMS Captain, stated the City of Blair has received a 2026 Rate Analysis prepared for the Blair Rescue Squad to assist in evaluating current ambulance service fees. The analysis identified factors influencing ambulance service costs, including the 2026 Ambulance Inflation Factor of approximately 2.0%, along with increases in fuel, equipment, personnel, and regulatory costs. The analysis also referenced the Medicare Part B Ambulance Fee Schedule, which establishes national payment limits adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index. The review compared local rates with regional benchmarks and Medicare allowable rates to support sustainable and competitive pricing. Based on this analysis, the department is requesting approval of the newly proposed rates. The Finance Committee recognized the importance of maintaining financially sustainable emergency medical services while continuing to provide high-quality care to the community through the operational stability of the Council Meeting May 26, 2026

Blair Rescue Squad. The Police and Fire Committee recommended approval. Council member Paulsen introduced Resolution 2026-063 accepting and acknowledging the 2026 Rate Analysis for the Blair Rescue Squad and authorizing a rate increase for ambulance services. Motion by Rick Paulsen, second by Gary Banner to adopt Resolution No. 2026-063 as presented. Council members voted as follows: Gary Banner: Yea, Brent Clark: Yea, Kirk Highfill: Yea, James Letcher: Yea, Kent Long: Yea, Rick Paulsen: Yea, Kevin Willis: Yea, Frank Wolff: Yea. All Council members voted: Yea: 8, Nay: 0. Mayor Rump declared the motion carried.

Agenda Item #16 – Ty Hernes, EMS Captain, reported that the cadet program has been very successful, with participants serving as a strong asset to the department. Currently, members must be 19 years old to join independently; however, a recent graduate nearing age 18 is unable to transition to full membership, creating a gap. The proposed amendment would allow individuals age 18, who are eligible to serve as EMTs, to also become department members, subject to parental consent and waiver. Police and Fire representatives expressed support, noting the importance of avoiding a one-year gap for qualified candidates. The amendment updates Section 9.1 (Membership Levels) to permit cadets ages 14–19 and allows 18-year-old cadets, with parental consent and waiver, to apply for probationary membership. The full bylaws are on file with the City Clerk. Council member Highfill introduced Resolution 2026-064 approving an amendment to the constitution and bylaws for the Blair Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department regarding membership for Cadets turning age 18. The Police and Fire Committee recommended approval. Motion by Kirk Highfill, second by Gary Banner to adopt Resolution No. 2026-064 as presented. Council members voted as follows: Gary Banner: Yea, Brent Clark: Yea, Kirk Highfill: Yea, James Letcher: Yea, Kent Long: Yea, Rick Paulsen: Yea, Kevin Willis: Yea, Frank Wolff: Yea. All Council members voted: Yea: 8, Nay: 0. Mayor Rump declared the motion carried.

Agenda Item #17 – Motion by Frank Wolff, second by Brent Clark to receive and place on file the bids for the purchase of a new utility truck for the Street Department. Council members voted as follows: Gary Banner: Yea, Brent Clark: Yea, Kirk Highfill: Yea, James Letcher: Yea, Kent Long: Yea, Rick Paulsen: Yea, Kevin Willis: Yea, Frank Wolff: Yea. All Council members voted: Yea: 8, Nay: 0. Mayor Rump declared the motion carried. Deputy City Administrator Heaton stated the Street Department budget includes funding for a new pickup truck. Superintendent Lowell obtained two bids for a Chevy Silverado 3500 4x4 with a custom flatbed and plow installation. The bids received were \$67,216.03 from Woodhouse Chevy and \$69,661.00 from Sid Dillon Chevy. The recommended purchase is from Woodhouse Chevy in the amount of \$67,216.03. Council member Clark introduced Resolution 2026-065 approving the purchase of a new truck for the Street Department. Motion by Brent Clark, second by James Letcher to adopt Resolution No. 2026-065 as presented. Council members voted as follows: Gary Banner: Yea, Brent Clark: Yea, Kirk Highfill: Yea, James Letcher: Yea, Kent Long: Yea, Rick Paulsen: Yea, Kevin Willis: Yea, Frank Wolff: Yea. All Council members voted: Yea: 8, Nay: 0. Mayor Rump declared the motion carried.

Agenda Item #18 – Tom White, IT Director, presented a request to purchase and install additional security camera systems at the City of Blair Water Treatment Facility, Wastewater Treatment Facility, and intake structures at Blair Optimist River Park, with a total cost not to exceed \$39,864.05. He noted that all installation and ongoing maintenance will be completed by the IT Department at no additional labor cost. The cameras will provide water treatment staff with live monitoring capabilities, improving

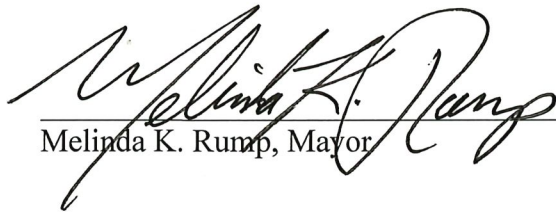
visibility within primarily internal areas where additional coverage is needed. The staff often work alone in isolated or hazardous environments, and the system will enhance safety by allowing real-time assessment of emergencies, equipment issues, or incidents. He further stated that these facilities are considered critical infrastructure, and expanded surveillance will help deter unauthorized access, improve situational awareness, and document activity for potential investigations. White added that procurement is being initiated now due to anticipated delays of up to six months and rising costs associated with tariffs and electronic component surcharges. Early purchase will secure current pricing and avoid further increases. Technology Committee recommended approval. Council member Willis introduced Resolution 2026-066 authorizing the purchase and installation of security camera systems for the Water Treatment Plant, Wastewater Treatment Plant and Blair Optimist Park. Motion by Kevin Willis, second by Rick Paulsen to adopt Resolution No. 2026-066 as presented. Council members voted as follows: Gary Banner: Yea, Brent Clark: Yea, Kirk Highfill: Yea, James Letcher: Yea, Kent Long: Yea, Rick Paulsen: Yea, Kevin Willis: Yea, Frank Wolff: Yea. All Council members voted: Yea: 8, Nay: 0. Mayor Rump declared the motion carried.

Agenda Item #19 – City Administrator Green City Administrator Green reported that the County Board removed four parcels, including the former Monsanto building and three Food liner lots, from the industrial tract. He noted potential future discussions with a state senator after the fall election to pursue legislative changes, with the option to restart the process in approximately 18 months. He also discussed upcoming participation in Gateway to the West, efforts to pursue a highway designation to reroute truck traffic off Washington Street onto the bypass, and the need to hire an engineer to study traffic flow on Highway 75 and prepare a formal request to the state of close off Washington Street. Green reported ongoing negotiations on the comprehensive plan at a higher-than-expected cost and noted work continues to present an update. He added that staff are actively working on the budget, with a hearing scheduled for June 30. Additional updates included plans for cleanup of the Gumus property, including hiring a contractor and conducting a full interior property maintenance inspection, and a brief update on the bank demolition project.

Agenda Item #20 – Motion by Gary Banner, second by Kent Long to adjourn the meeting 8:16 p.m. Council members voted as follows: Gary Banner: Yea, Brent Clark: Yea, Kirk Highfill: Yea, James Letcher: Yea, Kent Long: Yea, Rick Paulsen: Yea, Kevin Willis: Yea, Frank Wolff: Yea. All Council members voted: Yea: 8, Nay: 0. Mayor Rump declared the motion carried.

The following claims were approved: Access Technologies, Inv, 10,845.00; AFLAC, Ins, 1,571.62; Air Products & Chemicals, Inv, 10840.70; American Fence Company Llc, Inv, 2430.00; Amerisource Hr Consulting Grp, Pysl, 2250.00; Anderson, Jeremy, Inv, 138.00; Aqua-Chem Inc, Inv, 2799.00; Assethr, Pysl, 256304.24; Babkel Mechanical, Svc, 940.34; Benefit Plans Inc, Pen, 1293.82; Bk Painting Inc, Svc, 600.00; Black Hills Energy, Svc, 2102.93; Blair Garden Center, Inv, 2040.00; Blair Youth Sports Complex, Inv, 25000.00; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Inv, 1231.57; Bs&A Software Llc, Inv, 640.50; Cdw Government Inc, Inv, 1890.00; Cede & Co, Bond, 315340.00; Century Homes Co, Inv, 2603.00; City Of Blair, Svc, 469.76; Command School Inc, Inv, 85000.00; Command School Inc, Inv, 340000.00; Core & Main Lp, Inv, 18665.03; Dws Llc, Inv, 6140.00; Eakes Office Plus, Inv, 54.76; Edge Underground Llc, Svc, 114.65; Edwards, Jennifer J, Ref, 50.00; Electronic Contracting Co, Inv, 992.00; Era, Inv, 156.10; Evolve Construction Llc, Ref, 50.00; First National Bank, Inv, 5392.66; Force America Distributing, Inv, 10963.82; Friends Of The Jeanette Hunt, Inv, 20440.00; Galls Llc, Inv, 1454.97; Great Plains Uniforms Llc, Inv, 840.94; Hach Co, Inv, 1624.63; Hayes &

Associates Llc Cpa, Inv, 20000.00; Hdr Engineering Inc, Inv, 16789.04; Heartland Natural Gas Llc, Inv, 153.10; Hustler Turf Equipment Llc, Inv, 17589.54; James Nielsen DbA, Ref, 180.00; James O Anderson Karna Dam &, Inv, 600.00; Jco Consulting Group Inc, Svc, 7233.50; Johnson Hardware, Inv, 779.33; League Association Of Risk, Inv, 396.55; League Of Ne Municipalities, Inv, 1623.00; Lowell Kubie, Reimb, 516.83; Mark Hodson, Reimb, 104.00; Mccoy Roofing Llc, Ref, 150.00; Mckinnis Roofing & Sheet Metal Llc, Ref, 100.00; Mellen & Associates Inc, Inv, 700.00; Menards - Fremont, Inv, 237.00; Metonic Real Estate Solutions, Inv, 333109.04; Michael Todd & Company Inc, Inv, 3622.58; Midwest Mudjacking Inc, Svc, 2921.25; Midwest Natives Nursery Llc, Inv, 144.00; Mississippi Lime Co Llc, Chem, 40188.65; Motorola, Svc, 6630.00; National Sign Company Llc, Inv, 218.89; Ndwee, Fee, 380.00; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, Tax, 12828.28; Ne-Ia Industrial Fasteners, Inv, 1257.51; Orgchart Llc, Svc, 2744.65; Pearson Painting Inc, Svc, 2507.54; Phoenix Accessories Of Iowa Inc, Inv, 10385.00; Point C, Flex, 8629.09; Pounds Printing Inc, Inv, 55.00; Principal Financial Group, Pen, 75007.15; Sams Club Mc/Synco, Inv, 66.82; Sorenson, Abigail, Ref, 50.00; Stalp Gravel Inc, Inv, 3351.78; Stangl, Scott M & Theresa J, Ref, 100.00; Steve Bohlen, Pen, 1749.83; Stevens, Travis, Reimb, 138.00; The Guardian Life Ins Co, Ins, 10966.45; The Sign Depot, Svc, 671.52; The Team Approach Inc, Svc, 288.00; Thiele Geotech Inc, Svc, 1600.00; Troy Wakefield General Cont, Svc, 450.00; Tyler Construction Llc, Ref, 50.00; Usabluebook, Inv, 4449.26; Velocity Systems Llc, Inv, 946.00; Waste Management Of Ne, Svc, 76.14; Watertight Roofing, Ref, 50.00; Woods & Aitken Llp, Inv, 21056.15; Wulf, Matt, Reimb, 640.93.

  
Melinda K. Rump, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Brenda Wheeler, City Clerk

