

MINUTE RECORD
GIBBON CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, January 20, 2026

The Gibbon City Council, Buffalo County, Nebraska, met in an open public session at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall on Tuesday, January 20, 2026. Notice of the meeting was given in the Shelton Clipper on January 15, 2026, and posted on the City's website and at Gibbon City Hall, Gibbon Post Office, and Gibbon Exchange Bank.

Mayor Derrick Clevenger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Clevenger verified that Open Meetings Notice was posted on the south wall of the Council Chambers. The City of Gibbon abides by the Open Meetings Act when conducting business. The City Council may vote to go into closed session on any agenda item as allowed by state law.

Roll Call: Brandon Brueggemann: Present

Armando Hernandez: Present

Kevin Kraenow: Present

Bradley Hall: Absent

Present: 3; Absent: 1

Submittal of Requests for Future Items: Individuals who have items for City Council consideration should complete the Request for Future Agenda items form available from the City Clerk or on the City of Gibbon website. If the issue can be handled administratively without Council action, notification will be provided. If the item is scheduled for a meeting or study session, notification of the date will be given.

Reserve Time to Speak on Agenda Items: There will be time to speak on agenda items at the time of discussion, prior to any vote of the council.

Presentations and Proclamations:

Buffalo County Sheriff's Department— Captain Anderson: Captain Anderson reviewed the monthly reports. Captain Anderson noted no significant criminal activity in Gibbon but discussed a focus on speeding incidents and strategies to address them.

Gibbon Volunteer Fire Department— Chief Rick Brown: Chief Brown reviewed his report. Chief Brown discussed that a burn ban has been issued for the county due to excessive dryness and possible high winds.

Mayor Report—Derrick Clevenger: Mayor Clevenger plans to attend a roundtable discussion this week led by United States Senator Pete Ricketts, for government officials and business leaders to discuss working families tax cuts.

City Attorney Report—Barry Hemmerling: No report.

City Administrator Report—Matthew Smallcomb: Mr. Smallcomb went over his monthly report. New staff members, Ramon Perez and Amy Lee, were introduced to the Council. Mr. Smallcomb mentioned that he was asked to present at the upcoming planning and zoning conference in Kearney. A new salt truck was purchased and is already in service. Angela Smallcomb has resigned as club house manager and there are discussions about promoting from within to fill the position.

Public Comment:

A citizen from Ward 1 inquired about a previous issue regarding gas burner building. City Administrator Mr. Smallcomb advised that the issue has been resolved, and the equipment will undergo upgrades this spring.

Treasurer Report— Susan Tonniges: Ms. Tonniges went over the treasurer's report. Ms. Tonniges mentioned the City continuing to monitor the downward trend of sales tax revenue that was mentioned last month. Funds were spent on the SRF project for the wastewater treatment plant upgrades and new accounts were created for those funds.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Veolia Report - Pete Marshall: Mr. Marshall was not present.

SCEDD-CDBG-DTR Program Guidelines – Lori Ferguson: Mrs. Ferguson discussed a change to the preliminary guidelines that were given in September for the Downtown Revitalization Program. The preliminary guidelines indicated that historical murals would be considered on a case-by-case basis. The final approved guidelines have stricken that consideration, removing any consideration for historical murals.

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Kevin Kraenow to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Brandon Brueggemann.

Kevin Kraenow: Yea; Brandon Brueggemann: Yea; Armando Hernandez: Yea; Bradley Hall: Absent.

Yea: 3; Nay: 0, Absent: 1. Motion carried.

The items approved on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

Approval of the Minutes of December 15, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

Approval of Claims for the Month of December

Approval of Report of Departments, Boards and Commissions

Buffalo County Sheriff Department Report

Treasurers Report

Gibbon Volunteer Fire Department Report

Recreation Advisory Board

Planning Commission Report

Building Permit

Permit 2026-01 – Terzi – Fence

Wastewater Treatment Plant Veolia Report

Library Report

Cemetery Board Report

Animal Permit Renewals

AP-2026-01 Johnson – Rabbits and Chickens

AP-2026-02 Stadler - Chickens

AP-2026-03 Plummer – Chickens

AP-2026-04 Burr - Chickens

AP-2026-05 Jakub - Chickens

AP-2026-06 Ramirez Sanchez – Chickens and Quail

AP-2026-07 Petska - Chickens

AP-2026-08 Rodriguez – Chickens and Quail

GVFD Application- Brandon Wilkins

Resolutions and Motions:

A motion was made by Kevin Kraenow to approve the renewal of Maintenance Agreement No. 34 for 2026 with the Nebraska Department of Transportation, seconded by Armando Hernandez.

Kevin Kraenow: Yea; Armando Hernandez: Yea; Brandon Brueggemann: Yea; Bradley Hall: Absent.

Yea: 3; Nay: 0; Absent: 1. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brandon Brueggemann to approve the Downtown Revitalization Façade Program Guidelines; seconded by Armando Hernandez. Discussion: Timelines for work to begin are unclear due to multiple step processes. Once funds are released, applications will be reviewed and passed through Council.

Brandon Brueggemann: Yea; Armando Hernandez: Yea; Kevin Kraenow: Yea; Bradley Hall: Absent.

Yea: 3; Nay: 0; Absent: 1. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kevin Kraenow to Enter Closed Session Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-1410 to Discuss Legal Strategy and Receive Legal Advice from Council Related to Financial Oversight Matters, seconded by Armando Hernandez.

Kevin Kraenow: Yea; Armando Hernandez: Yea; Brandon Brueggemann: Yea; Bradley Hall: Absent.

Yea: 3; Nay: 0; Absent: 1. Motion carried.

The Mayor, Council, City Attorney, City Administrator, City Treasurer, and City Clerk entered into closed session at 7:29 p.m.

A motion was made by Kevin Kraenow to return to Open Session at 8:21 p.m., seconded by Brandon Brueggemann.

Kevin Kraenow: Yea; Brandon Brueggemann: Yea; Armando Hernandez: Yea; Bradley Hall: Absent.

Yea: 3; Nay: 0; Absent: 1. Motion carried.

Other Items:

The next Regular Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Kevin Kraenow to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Brandon Brueggemann

Kevin Kraenow: Yea; Brandon Brueggemann: Yea; Armando Hernandez: Yea; Bradley Hall: Absent.

Yea: 3; Nay: 0; Absent: 1. Motion carried.

Mayor Clevenger adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Mattie Webben



City Clerk

Matthew Smallcomb



City Administrator

Derrick Clevenger



Mayor

SEAL:

