

MINUTE RECORD
GIBBON CITY COUNCIL
Monday, April 20, 2026

The Gibbon City Council, Buffalo County, Nebraska, met in an open public session at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall on Monday, April 20, 2026. Notice of the meeting was given in the Shelton Clipper on April 16, 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: Present

Present: 4

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—Joe Andersen: Sergeant Andersen reviewed the monthly reports. Sergeant Andersen noted that extra attention is being given to traffic complaints, especially in the vicinity of the school.

Gibbon Volunteer Fire Department—Rick Brown: Chief Brown stated GVFD responded to 20 EMS calls and 5 fire calls. Crews were sent to assist with various fires including Cottonwood fire, Bertrand, Sumner, and Elm Creek. Chief Brown reminded everyone that a countywide burn ban is still in effect. Governor Pillen has placed National Guard on standby for fire risk.

Mayor Report—Derrick Clevenger: Mayor Clevenger discussed the recent water boil notice from a broken water main, noting that it was an unplanned shutdown and the affected street will be repaired soon.

City Attorney Report—Barry Hemmerling: No report.

City Administrator Report—Matthew Smallcomb: Mr. Smallcomb stated final repairs are near completion at the medical building and the new lease has been signed. He noted a resolution listed on the agenda that will allow the auction of surplus equipment. A new pressure washer was purchased which will be used across all departments. All positions at the golf course have been filled and hiring for other seasonal positions will begin May 1. City wide clean up day is May 2. Community service day is May 4. C4K will be sending out a community-wide survey. Mr. Smallcomb stated he has been working with the Gibbon Beautification Committee for new Welcome to Gibbon signage and a new mural for downtown. An interview was conducted with a UNK student for a possible internship at City Hall.

Treasurer Report—Susan Tonniges: Ms. Tonniges noted that reports indicate we are halfway through fiscal year. Sales tax revenue continues trending downward.

SCEDD – Lori Ferguson: Mrs. Ferguson shared that SCEDD is celebrating their 20th year as an economic development district. Gibbon's grants are featured in their annual report.

Public Hearing:

Gibbon Drinking Water Well Field Project Preliminary Engineering Report and the potential impact to the existing water rates.

A motion was made by Kevin Kraenow to open the public hearing at 7:12 p.m., seconded by Brandon Brueggemann.

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

Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

The purpose of the hearing is to hear support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations from the public on the proposed Engineering Report and the potential impact to the existing water rates. Jess Hurlbert from Olsson was present to review the plan. City Administrator Smallcomb discussed the history of the drinking water regulations, referencing multiple studies. He also reviewed the City's approach to water rate adjustments, including the phased "glide path" of increases implemented over the past six years and the projected path for future rate adjustments over the next five years to support the project. The Mayor asked if there were any comments from citizens. Public comments were received and addressed. Four residents asked questions regarding the project, including site selection considerations, proximity of septic systems to existing well locations, and the age and condition of the existing wells. Comments and questions were addressed by City staff and consultants.

A motion was made by Kevin Kraenow to adjourn the public hearing at 7:36 p.m., seconded by Armando Hernandez.

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

Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Ordinances:

Ordinance No. 710 Increasing Municipal Water Rates

City Clerk Mattie Webben introduced Ordinance No. 710 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GIBBON, BUFFALO COUNTY, NEBRASKA, INCREASING MUNICIPAL WATER RATES. Ordinance No. 710 was read by title only. A motion was made by Armando Hernandez and seconded by Bradley Hall to approve Ordinance No. 710 on its first reading.

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

Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Mayor declared Ordinance No. 710 approved on its first reading.

Ordinance No. 711 Increasing Municipal Sewer Rates

City Clerk Mattie Webben introduced Ordinance No. 711 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GIBBON, BUFFALO COUNTY, NEBRASKA, INCREASING MUNICIPAL SEWER RATES. Ordinance No. 711 was read by title only. A motion was made by Bradley Hall and seconded by Brandon Brueggemann to approve Ordinance No. 711 on its first reading.

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

Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Mayor declared Ordinance No. 711 approved on its first reading.

Consent Agenda:

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

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

Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

The items approved on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

Approval of the Minutes of March 16, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.

Approval of Claims for the Month of April 2026

Approval of Report of Departments, Boards and Commissions

Buffalo County Sheriff Department Report

Treasurer's Report

Gibbon Volunteer Fire Department Report

Recreation Advisory Board

Planning Commission Report
Building Permit
Permit 2026-07 Baker – Storage Shed
Permit 2026-08 Avina – Carport
Wastewater Treatment Plant Veolia Report
Library Report
Heritage Board Report
Cemetery Board Report
GVFD Application – Derrick Tolles

Resolutions and Motions:

A motion was made by Armando Hernandez to approve Resolution No. 2026-02, a Resolution Authorizing the Investment of Surplus City Funds, seconded by Kevin Kraenow.

Resolution No. 2026-02

Resolution Authorizing the Investment of Surplus City Funds

WHEREAS, the City of Gibbon periodically maintains municipal funds in excess of its immediate operational and cash flow needs; and
WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find it to be in the best interest of the City to prudently invest such surplus funds in order to maximize earnings while preserving principal and maintaining adequate liquidity for operations; and
WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish standing authority for the investment of surplus municipal funds in lawful and secure financial instruments; and
WHEREAS, all such investments shall be made in accordance with applicable Nebraska statutes governing municipal deposits and public funds;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIBBON, NEBRASKA, as follows:

Section 1. Investment Authority. The City Administrator, in coordination with the City Treasurer and City Clerk, is hereby authorized to invest surplus City funds not required for immediate operations into legally permissible interest-bearing accounts and investment instruments, including but not limited to certificates of deposit, market-linked certificates of deposit, money market deposit accounts, and other lawful depository instruments permitted under Nebraska law.

Section 2. Approved Institutions. All such investments shall be made only through federally regulated financial institutions and approved public fund depositories authorized to hold municipal funds under Nebraska law, including specifically Exchange Bank and MasonMisko through LPL Financial, LLC, and such other lawful institutions as may be approved by future resolution of the Mayor and City Council.

Section 3. Preservation of Principal and Liquidity. All investments made pursuant to this Resolution shall prioritize the preservation of principal and the liquidity needs of the City, and shall be structured to ensure the availability of funds for ongoing municipal operations.

Section 4. Compliance and Security. All investments shall comply with applicable Nebraska statutes governing municipal deposits and public funds and shall be structured to ensure protection of principal through FDIC insurance, collateralization, or other lawful safeguards as applicable.

Section 5. Administrative Authority. The City Administrator, City Treasurer, and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all applications, certifications, transfer forms, account documents, and related instruments necessary to establish, maintain, and manage accounts with Exchange Bank and MasonMisko through LPL Financial, LLC for the investment of City funds.

Section 6. Reporting. The City Administrator shall provide periodic updates to the Mayor and City Council regarding the status and performance of City investments as part of regular financial reporting.

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

Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kevin Kraenow to approve Resolution No. 2026-03, a Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus City Equipment through Online Auction, seconded by Brandon Brueggemann.

Resolution No. 2026-03

Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus City Equipment through Online Auction

WHEREAS, the City of Gibbon, Nebraska, owns certain personal property and equipment that is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, under Nebraska Revised Statutes §§ 13-2401 to 13-2409, the City is authorized to sell surplus personal property at public auction or other method approved by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it in the best interest of the City to sell certain surplus equipment through an online auction service (such as Big Iron, Purple Wave, or similar); and

WHEREAS, the sale of such equipment shall be conducted in a manner that is public, transparent, and compliant with state statutes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to authorize the sale of surplus equipment, with documentation of items, sale prices, and any applicable fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIBBON, NEBRASKA:

1. The City Administrator is hereby authorized to sell the following surplus equipment through a public online auction:

- 2012 International 4300 Dump Truck - VIN: 3HAMMAAN7E114412
- 2007 Chevrolet 2500 Utility Box Pickup - VIN: 1GBHK24U07E114412
- 1998 GMC C7500 Dump Truck – VIN:1GDL7H1J3WJ504409

2. The City Administrator shall ensure that:

- The auction is publicly advertised in advance;
- Sale results are fully documented, including final bid amounts and any fees;
- The sales process complies with Nebraska state statutes.

3. The City Administrator is authorized to execute all agreements and contracts necessary to conduct the sale of surplus equipment via an online auction service.

4. The proceeds from the sale of the surplus equipment shall be deposited into the City's general fund, unless otherwise directed by the City Council.

5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council.

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

Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kevin Kraenow to adopt Procurement Standards and Code of Conduct as part of the special conditions for CDBG grants, seconded by Brandon Brueggemann.

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

Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kevin Kraenow to adopt Proposed Fair Housing Actions for CDBG grants, seconded by Bradley Hall.

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

Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brandon Brueggemann to approve the contract amendment for professional services with Olsson for the Well Field Project, seconded by Armando Hernandez.

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

Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kevin Kraenow to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the property split between Kroll and Burmood at 1403 7th Street, seconded by Armando Hernandez.

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

Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Armando Hernandez to approve the fireworks application FW-2026-01 for Stacy Rockefeller located at 720 6th Street, seconded by Brandon Brueggemann.

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

Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Other Items:

The next Regular Council Meeting will be on Monday, May 18, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Kevin Kraenow to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bradley Hall.

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

Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Mayor Clevenger adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Mattie Webben

Matthew Smallcomb

Derrick Clevenger



City Clerk

City Administrator

Mayor

SEAL:



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