

GIBBON CITY COUNCIL
Monday, May 18, 2026

The Gibbon City Council, Buffalo County, Nebraska, met in an open public session at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall on Monday, May 18, 2026. Notice of the meeting was given in the Shelton Clipper on May 14, 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 recent code enforcements regarding weeds and grasses.

Gibbon Volunteer Fire Department—Rick Brown: Chief Brown was unable to attend. His report indicated 20 total calls for the month of April, including 16 EMS, 3 district fires, and 1 to Pressey Park Fire in Oconto. Burn ban has been lifted for now allowing fire pits and burn barrels with approved screens.

Mayor Report—Derrick Clevenger: No report.

City Attorney Report—Barry Hemmerling: No report.

City Administrator Report—Matthew Smallcomb: Mr. Smallcomb introduced Oliver Herman as newly hired intern who will shadow office staff as well as department heads. New utility position has been filled by Michael Johnson who will start June 1st. Opening of the pool has been delayed due a leak, which will hopefully be repaired soon.

Treasurer Report—Susan Tonniges: Ms. Tonniges noted that sales tax for month of April showed improvement but is still in decline from prior year. Property tax funds are expected in the coming months. TIF payment to Rasmussen has been issued and payment to Willis will be released once required information is received.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Veolia Report - Pete Marshall: Mr. Marshall mentioned lack of biomass at the plant with the temporary shutdown of Gibbon Pack but assured issues are under control.

Council Discussion and Review of Scored Submitted Proposals for the City's Planning Grant Project:
Four proposals were received; Hanna Keelan, Marvin Planning, Miller & Associates, and Olsson.

Discussion included confirming that the council is voting on a firm for the Mayor and City Administrator to negotiate with, not voting on the actual contract. Selection of a firm is required and is not optional. Active public participation from the community in these proceedings needs to be encouraged.

Ordinances:

Ordinance No. 710 Increasing Municipal Water Rates AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GIBBON, BUFFALO COUNTY, NEBRASKA, INCREASING MUNICIPAL WATER RATES.

A motion was made by Kevin Kraenow to suspend the statutory rule requiring three separate readings on three different days, seconded by Brandon Brueggemann.

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

Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Mayor Clevenger declared 3rd reading suspended.

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 Kevin Kraenow to adopt

Ordinance No. 710 on its second and final reading, seconded by Bradley Hall.

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

Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Mayor declared Ordinance No. 710 adopted on its second and final reading.

Ordinance No. 711 Increasing Municipal Sewer Rates AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GIBBON, BUFFALO COUNTY, NEBRASKA, INCREASING MUNICIPAL SEWER RATES.

A motion was made by Kevin Kraenow to suspend the statutory rule requiring three separate readings on three different days, seconded by Armando Hernandez.

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

Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Mayor Clevenger declared 3rd reading suspended.

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 Kevin Kraenow to adopt Ordinance No. 711 on its second and final reading, seconded by Brandon Brueggemann.

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

Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Mayor declared Ordinance No. 711 adopted on its second and final reading.

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Brandon Brueggemann to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Bradley Hall.

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

Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

The items approved on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

Approval of the Minutes of April 20, 2026, Regular Council Meeting.

Approval of Claims for the Month of May 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

Wastewater Treatment Plant Veolia Report

Library Report

A motion was made by Kevin Kraenow to authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to negotiate and execute an agreement with the highest-scoring proposer for the Planning Grant Project, seconded by Brandon Brueggemann.

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

Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Other Items:

The next Regular Council Meeting will be on Monday, June 15, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Kevin Kraenow to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Armando Hernandez.

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

Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Mayor Clevenger adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Mattie Webben

Matthew Smallcomb

Derrick Clevenger



City Clerk

City Administrator

Mayor

SEAL:



