

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PAWNEE CITY, HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026, AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE CORNERSTONE BUILDING, 601 G STREET, ALL IN PAWNEE CITY, PAWNEE COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by advertising in the Pawnee Republican, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Affidavit of Publishing on file in the office of the City Clerk. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and City Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of the notice and the Agenda are on file in the office of the City Clerk. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Present: Mayor Charlie Hatfield, Council Members Pat Hatfield, Donnie Fisher, Susan Eisenhower (present by phone), and Vickie Zelenka; Deputy City Clerk Kellie Wiers and Foreman Spencer Cumley. **Absent:** City Clerk/Treasurer Tamela Curtis.

Mayor Charlie Hatfield called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. informing all those present of the Poster stating the Open Meeting Law Changes on the West meeting room wall, next to the storage closet, accessible to the public. At this time, all those present stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Zelenka moved to accept March 23, 2026, regular meeting minutes. Council Member Fisher seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

The Treasurer submitted the following claims for consideration: **3/10/26 Payroll:** \$12,157.14; **Union Bank & Trust**, FWH 3547.36; **NE Dept. of Rev**, SWH 444.74/ Mar 2026 sales & use tax 2128.68; **John Hancock**, retirement 1677.63; **Amazon**, trimmer/spray/rep parts/sup 1947.35; **OPPD**, elec at wells 275.87; **NPPD**, wells/swr plnt elec 2920.13; **H&H Auto**, rep parts/sup 219.02; **Pawnee Republican**, sponsor/publ 509.51; **Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging**, donation 467.50; **Midwest Lab**, swr samp 303.07; **One Call Concepts**, Digger Hotline Locates 21.59; **Stehlik Law**, Mar atty fees 1,050.00; **Eakes Office Sol.**, IT/Elevate PH 959.20; **Pawnee Co. Rural Water**, water @ pond 45.00; **Windstream**, libr-pool ph/office internet 321.44; **Joe Norman**, Mar. Zoning services 800.00; **Hometown Leasing**, Libr copier lease 100.79; **SYNCB/Amazon**, Libr office sup/materials 254.03; **BOKF**, NA, Wtr/Swr Bond Interest Pymt 12,516.25/agent fee 400.00; **Verizon Wireless**, home connect/jetpack 64.99; **Martin Marietta**, rock for pond perimeter 3009.66; **Biblionix**, Libr maint agrmnt 1430.00; **T. Curtis**, rmb mileage/meals-Clerk's School 146.14; **US Cellular**, Emerg cellphone 48.76; **Casey's**, equip fuel 700.66; **3-J Pest Control**, mosquito spraying 2137.50; **NE Public Health Env Lab**, wtr samples 45.00; **SAPP Bros**, equip fuel 1143.38; **Meyer Labs**, park TP sup 79.95; **Smith Auto**, mirror-2021 Chevy pu 513.00; **Pawnee True Value**, rep parts/sup/mulch 978.01; **Turnbull Ag Tires**, sludge wagon tires 2000.00; **Stallbaumer Lumber**, stain-VHP fence 229.95; **NE Dept of Labor**, qrtly unemplymnt tax 158.11; **Spectrum**, Shop internet/phone 193.50. Council Member Zelenka moved to approve the claims as submitted. Council Member

Fisher seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Review March Treasurer's Report: Council reviewed the March 2025 Treasurer's report with no questions.

Dave Honz, NE Dept of Economic Development (DED) presenting Leadership Certified Community Certificate: Dave Honz, NE Dept of Economic Development (NDeD) met with Council to present a Certificate to the City of Pawnee City & Economic Development Co-Leaders Jess Colo and Josie Friedly for Pawnee City becoming a Leadership Certified Community. Mr. Honz stated, "Pawnee City is the 30th community in Nebraska to be granted the Leadership Certified Community Award. NDeD highlights communities that are prepared, proactive and ready for growth. It tells businesses, developers, and state partners that Pawnee City has a plan and more importantly is putting that plan into action. What stood out here in Pawnee City was the strong collaborative approach the City has taken for economic development, the work of the Pawnee City Development Corporation (PCDC) along with partnering with SouthEast Development District (SENDD) and Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) have resulted in a clear vision for our future. A big part of that vision was the City's focus on housing. Through the Vision 2030 Initiative, the Pawnee City Community Foundation created a \$50,000, 0% interest homebuyer program and secured \$640,000 in housing trust fund dollars, both supporting new home construction and additional residential lot development. These are real and meaningful steps to address workforce housing development needs in Pawnee City. The City has also made important infrastructure developments including using Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) for infrastructure, drainage and street improvements along with planning efforts to guide future growth. The City's long standing LB840 program shows a continued commitment to supporting local business and expanding economic opportunities. Investing our local sales tax dollars into local businesses is a tremendous accomplishment and it keeps the money local and assists in expanding our community. The collaboration between the City of Pawnee City leadership, the Pawnee City Development Corporation, and the other Community Organizations along with the work by Jessica Colo and Josie Friedly, ED Co-Leaders have been critical in moving these efforts forward. The City is thinking creatively about the future, whether it's supporting tourism, planning for business succession, or even ensuring the Community retains its local newspaper. All of these efforts contribute to a stronger, stable, more sustainable community. At the end of the day this designation reflects a community that isn't waiting for the opportunity, they are creating it." Mr. Honz congratulated the City of Pawnee City on a well-deserved recognition, and he looks forward to seeing Pawnee City grow on this momentum. At this time photos were taken of Mr. Dave Honz presenting the Leadership Certified Community Certificate to Mayor Charlie Hatfield, City Clerk Curtis, Economic Development Co-Leaders Jessica Colo and Josie Friedly.

Danielle Solary, Pawnee City USPS re: *the Post Office being interested in obtaining a portion of the City's Mini Park by the P.O. so their delivery trucks (ie: Amazon) can have a direct route to the back entrance:* Danielle Solary with the Pawnee City Post Office met to discuss the Post Office obtaining part of the City's mini park towards the West end to put a driveway in coming off of the highway so that their Fed-Ex and Amazon truck drivers are able to turn around

to back into the loading/unloading dock. Clerk Curtis stated the Post Office would need to get a State Permit in order to have a driveway coming off of the highway. More discussion followed about possibly not making the driveway go all the way to the highway, but just as an area to allow the drivers to pull into in order to back up to the dock more easily. Ms. Solary stated that she had heard that the City might be interested in giving up the whole mini-park area. Council was in agreement but would need to check with the City attorney on whether this park area would need to be put out to bid or if the City could just sell it to the Post Office. Ms. Solary stated she would talk with her bosses and also look into the State Permit while the City checked with their City Attorney. Clerk Curtis stated that once Ms. Solary has obtained her answers to let her know so she can put this line item back on the agenda for further discussion.

Donations to Organizations: Josie Friedly, PC Little Learners (*previously donated \$1000 & applied \$1000 credit in February 2026 to PC Little Learners Utility Account*): Ms. Friedly was unable to stay for tonight's meeting, so Council rescheduled her line item until the April 27th meeting.

Donations to Organizations: Terry Borchert, Fairview Golf Course (*previously gave \$1000 credit on Fairview Golf Water Account & \$500 credit on the Ag Society's South Meter Account due to watering new grass in 2023, 2024 & 2025*): Terry Borchert, Fairview Golf Club handed out their Financial Report for the past year. Mr. Borchert thanked the City for all their past support and hopes that the City continues to support the Fairview Golf Club. Mr. Borchert would appreciate the City continuing to provide \$1000 credit towards their water bill and again a \$500 credit to the Ag Society's water account, too. The Golf Club is continuing to use the South Meter, which water is paid for by the Ag Society, to water the T-boxes that are on the south end of the course. There will also be some additional changes happening soon at the golf course as Mark Sunneberg Jr has purchased the Peckham property and plans to have the property demo'd and the trees removed then donate it to the golf course. With this new piece of property, they plan to reconfigure a couple of the holes, so there will be a lot more watering done to try and establish a good grass standing once all of the renovations are completed. Council Member Eisenhower moved to approve a \$1000 credit on the Fairview Golf Clubhouse water account plus a \$500 credit on the Ag Society's South meter with that to be revisited again at next year's request for donations. Council Member Fisher seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Donations to organizations: PC Chamber of Commerce: (*previously City paid for Fireworks Liability Ins*, donated \$500 towards Fireworks, the City continuing to mow & pay the electric at the Chamber Welcome Signs & donate \$75 towards Little Brown Jug's water bill for them to keep the Island Flowers watered; Council agreed earlier this year the City watering two (2) of the Hanging flower baskets in 2026 *Note: Fireworks Liability Ins was \$865 in 2025 & now \$898 in 2026*): Lola Seitz, Chamber President reviewed with Council the Chamber's 2025 Projects listing. This year the Chamber is asking for the City to continue to mow around the two Welcome signs, paying electric on one of the signs, provide a \$75 credit on Little Brown Jug's water bill for watering the Island flowers all summer, watering the two hanging flower baskets during the week, providing the \$500 donation towards the Fireworks purchase and paying for the Fireworks Liability Insurance. Much discussion followed.

Council Member Eisenhower moved to pay the \$898 liability insurance and \$500 donation towards the cost of fireworks for the July 4th celebration, to have the City Crew continue to mow around the Welcome signs with the City paying the electric at one sign and water the two hanging flower baskets on F Street during the week plus a \$75.00 credit to the Little Brown Jug's water bill for watering the flowers in the island on the highway east of their building. Council Member Hatfield seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Old Guys Brew: Discuss request for extended area on Liquor License: Chuck Rathbun, Heidi Koster and Keri & Bill Crosby with Old Guys Brew all met with the Council to discuss their request for an extended area to their Liquor License. Heider Koster stated that they are building a patio on the back west side of their building that will be fenced in for privacy. Council reviewed the picture of the patio drawing that Chuck Rathbun had shared to put in the agenda packet. More discussion followed. Council Member Hatfield moved to approve the request to extend the area of Old Guys Brew's Liquor License to their back patio area. Council Member Zelenka seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Mike Habegger: Discuss/Approve Pawnee City Development Corporation (PCDC) setting up a Business Loan Program with a portion of the LB840 program funds: Mike Habegger, PCDC President met to discuss a new program that PCDC is working on setting up called the Pawnee City Business Loan Program with a portion of the LB840 program funds. They have worked with Suzanne Borchert who is a Banker and the head member of the Citizen Advisory Board that performs semi-annual audits on PCDC. The PC Business Loan Program is offering business loans up to maximum of \$50,000 from 0-3% interest for up to five (5) years. Mrs. Borchert has assisted them in writing up a questionnaire sheet, background checks, a weighted scoring sheet with extra points awarded for the number of employees that the business is hiring and if tax money will be coming back in the City from this business. This PC Business Loan Program is meant to be secondary to a bank loan. The loan program will be accessible based on the availability of funds. This loan program will be mirroring the City's former ReUse Loan Program. Mr. Habegger stated that in speaking with the former PCDC President Bob Miller, it was stated that the City had previously approved PCDC having a blanket approval for their grant programs, so they are requesting the same blanket approval on the Business Loan Program. Discussion followed with Mr. Habegger stating that the City would still be able to review what business loans PCDC had awarded from the semi-annual audits the Citizen Advisory Board performs on PCDC. Council Member Eisenhower moved to approve the Pawnee City Development Corporation (PCDC) having blanket approval for their Pawnee City Business Loan Program. Council Member Zelenka seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. **Review email re: Fire Station overhead door wraps to look like a mural:** Mike Habegger, Deputy Fire Chief stated that after the Pawnee City Volunteer Fire Department's Co-ed Stag this year, the Fireman decided that they wanted to use some of the Fireman's Stag fundraising money to have the overhead doors wrapped to look like a mural. They wanted to do something to give back to the community and make the entrance coming into town more appealing.

Discuss April 18-19, 2026, deadline approaching for Nuisance Property Clean-up at 1038 7th St: Clerk Curtis stated that this coming weekend is the deadline that the Council gave the nuisance property owner of 1038 7th Street to have the property cleaned out in order to sign it over to PCDC as part of their Amnesty Program. Deputy Clerk Wiers stated she had visited with Ms. Johnson, and she declined any help from the Council over this coming weekend as she already had people lined up to help. More discussion followed with Clerk Curtis stating that Greg with Seneca Sanitation had called the City Office this past week and told the Clerks that nobody had ordered a roll-off dumpster as of then to be delivered to that property. ***Approve proceeding with Abatement Process if deadline is not met:*** Clerks Curtis and Wiers stated that in visiting with City Attorney Stehlik-Ladman, if the property is not cleaned out by the deadline previously given by the Council, then the City can proceed with starting the Abatement process. Clerk Curtis stated she felt that the Council should go ahead and put that into a motion. Council Member Hatfield moved that if the property owner at 1038 7th Street does not meet the deadline of April 19, 2026, to have the property cleaned out, then the City approves to have the City Attorney proceed immediately with the Abatement Process. Council Member Eisenhauer seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

CDBG 25-PP-011 Planning Grant to update City Comprehensive Plan: *Notice of Environmental Clearance and Notice of Release of Funds*: Council reviewed the Notice of Environmental Clearance and Notice of Release of Funds from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDeD). ***Review email from James Owens/SENDD & Template for RFP (that needs spaces filled in) on updating City's Comp Plan:*** Clerk Curtis stated that she had shared this email from Council Member Eisenhauer who had made contact with the PCDC's Economic Development Co-Leaders Josie Friedly & Jess Colo and Pawnee City Community Foundation (PCCF) members Sherri Smith & Suzanne Borchert. Josie and Jess both stated they would like to be a part of the planning process of updating the City's Comprehensive Plan along with Sherri and Suzanne stating that one of them would also be happy to assist on this Comp Plan update project. Clerk Curtis stated she was not too impressed with SENDD's assistance in the template they provided for the Request for Proposals (RFP) that ended up being 16 pages and has several spaces that need to be filled in. Clerk Curtis stated she felt this was way too much information needed for an RFP but more so what the Consulting Firm hired would do to assist the City in deciding which direction the City is wanting to go with in updating their Comprehensive Plan. Council Member Eisenhauer stated she completely agreed with Clerk Curtis and felt this 16-page document was a complete overkill for what the Consulting firms should know in order to want to submit an RFP to the City. Clerk Curtis stated that she will put in a call to James Owens with SENDD to see if there wasn't a shorter version of this RFP to advertise and send out to consulting firms.

Review/Approve Proclamation declaring April 19-25, 2026, as National Library Week: Council Member Zelenka moved to approve the proclamation declaring April 19-25, 2026, as National Library Week. Council Member Eisenhauer seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Review estimates through LARM for wind damage claims: Council reviewed the estimates & spreadsheets through LARM on the replacement of roof at the Library and the gravity roof

ventilator at the Pawnee City Assisted Living Facility (PCAL) from the March 12, 2026, wind damage. **Review/Approve Sworn Statement in Proof of Loss:** Council reviewed the Sworn Statement in Proof of Loss for both the Library roof and PCAL's gravity roof ventilator. Council Member Hatfield inquired about the cost total estimate, less the City's \$2500 deductible and if this was paid directly to the contractor for work performed from LARM. Clerk Curtis stated that LARM would pay that \$33,957.71 directly to the City and the City would be responsible for paying the contractor directly for replacing the Library's roof and PCAL's gravity roof ventilator with the Library's wind damage coming out of the Library's budget funds and PCAL's wind damage coming directly out of PCAL's budget funds. Because the Library and PCAL are both considered as part of the "General Funds", along with Streets, Pool & Park Budgets, we may end up having to amend the General Fund Budget if paying for these wind damage claims puts us totally over budget, but these types of things are what the State finds acceptable to amend a City Budget. Clerk Curtis continued that when the City obtained great hail damage to at least 17 City-owned buildings, the City had no choice but to amend the City's Budget that year, as all of those hail damage claims were completely unexpected and therefore had not been budgeted for. More discussion followed. Council Member Hatfield moved to approve the Sworn Statement in Proof of Loss on the wind damage to the Library roof and PCAL building's gravity roof ventilator. Council Member Eisenhauer seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. **Review/Approve Request For Proposals (RFP) Advertisement, RFP Full Sheet, Contractor Mailing List and Bid Pricing Sheet Attachment for Contractor Bids:** Council reviewed the RFP Ad, RFP full sheet, contractor mailing list, and Bid Pricing Sheet Attachment for Contractor Bids that Clerk Curtis had compiled. Clerk Curtis stated that the date would need to be moved back a week to March 14th for receiving the RFPs as she would not be able to get the advertisement in this week's newspaper. Council Member Hatfield moved to approve the Request For Proposals (RFP) Advertisement with bids accepted until May 14th, 2026, the RFP Full Sheet, Contractor Mailing List and Bid Pricing Sheet Attachment for Contractor Bids on the wind damage claims on the Library roof and PCAL's gravity roof ventilator. Council Member Fisher seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Report and update from Deputy Clerk Wiers: Discuss updates on the Dog Park, Fundraising & Donations: DC Wiers explained members of the Pawnee City Dog Park Committee have been meeting for a couple months. The members, consisting of Kellie Wiers, Joe & Emily Norman, Mandy Layne, Marketing Project Specialist at Alphia, and City Crew Member Brandon Holthus, have developed a design for the dog park that consists of two runs 40 ft x 80 ft. and at least a couple benches, a trash can and dog waste disposal bags. Parking will be located on the north side of the park on 8th street. Alphia has pledged \$10,600 and Sydney Hunzeker has pledged \$100 and the Pawnee City Community Foundation (PCCF), which is a 501(c)(3) has agreed to accept donations for the dog park to pay for the improvements. The committee is planning to set up a table in front of the Little Brown Jug on May 2nd during the city-wide garage sales. Mandy Layne is working on pamphlets with information about the dog park and where to make donations. Emily Norman designed a logo and will print t-shirts for the committee members to wear. Emily and Joe Norman were present at the meeting. They explained that they plan to print up more t-shirts to sell as a fundraiser.

A Report and update from Council Member Zelenka: *Discuss Water Rationing/Restrictions:* Council reviewed the three stages & flyer on stage 1, “Voluntary Water Conservation”. Council Member Zelenka inquired to Foreman Cumley how the wells were doing? Zelenka continued that she was concerned about the lack of snow that was received in the Rocky Mountains this winter, so the aquifer is going to continue to be low. Foreman Cumley stated that nothing has changed and the wells are staying steady. It was decided that it would be best to add an agenda line item under Foreman Cumley concerning the wells.

A Report and update from Foreman Cumley: *Review/Discuss Email from NE Game & Parks re: their recommendations to repair City Pond Leak:* Foreman Cumley stated that a few weeks ago an engineer from Nebraska Game & Parks, Troy Bohling, came down to look at the leak on the Northwest corner of the Pawnderosa Pond. Mr. Bohling then emailed three options for the City to consider in repairing the leak. Option One (1) was to fill the hole with soil, which has already been done a few times. Option Three (3) would be to construct a clay cutoff wall around that corner of the pond with a clay-soil mix. This option would be the most expensive as it would require a Geotech investigation for the amount of bentonite needed and require hiring a contractor that was familiar with mixing bentonite and soil. Option Two (2) is the best option for the City to do at this time, which includes excavating a section of the bank at the hole and fill with bentonite-coated aggregate (ex. AquaBlok). This might include excavating a hole 5ft deep, 4-5ft wide, and 5-10ft long towards the road. Fill the spot where the seep is with AquaBlok 3ft deep, 4ft wide, and 5ft long and compact as much as reasonably possible. This would take about 1-2 pallets of 50 lb. boxes. Then cover AquaBlok up with the excavated soil. Rough costs around \$1,000-\$2,000 for the material. This is the fix Mr. Bohling recommends the City to do first. Council Member Eisenhauer stated she and Foreman Cumley had found a company, ASP Enterprises that had this product available in both Omaha and Kansas City. Foreman Cumley stated that they did not have enough of the AquaBlok product available in Omaha but had what the City needed to order from the Kansas City site. Council Member Eisenhauer stated according to the email received from the salesperson with ASP Enterprises, the City would need 79 bags, 50# each at \$21.00 per bag plus \$550 for freight costs for a total cost of \$2,209.00. Council Member Eisenhauer stated she felt it was critical to get this leak fixed before it gets any worse. Council Member Eisenhauer moved to approve purchasing the AquaBlok product plus freight for the total cost of \$2209.00 to fix the northwest side of the Pawnderosa Pond. Council Member Hatfield seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. ***Review Service Return:*** Council reviewed the Service Return of the City Billing Statement for the costs associated with the Nuisance Abatement served to Janice Lewis by Foreman Cumley on March 18th, 2026. ***Discuss updates on projects in the City:*** Foreman Cumley stated the City Crew has prepared three (3) areas for concrete patches and have gotten two (2) of them finished. They will be trying to get the end of G Street repaired in the next few weeks. Foreman Cumley reported that the new replacement street signs are in, so they will be working on putting them all up. The Crew has gotten all of the lawn mowers serviced, with three functioning mowers. They took the John Deere mower to Heritage Ag to look at, and it has a lot of issues. Heritage Ag quoted the City \$2400 to repair everything or \$3275 to totally replace the engine. Much discussion followed. Council Member Eisenhauer moved to replace the engine for \$3275, which will take care of all of the issues on the John Deere Mower. Council Member Fisher seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. Discussion was had on the issues the Grasshopper mower has always

had since it had slid off and rolled over in a ditch, shortly after it was purchased. It was decided that trading off the Grasshopper mower and purchasing a new mower would be discussed at budget time for the FY 2026-27 Budget.

Discuss Updates to Water Meter Replacement Project Updates: Foreman Cumley stated the meter equipment should be here by mid-May. The installation company's goal is to be here to start installing the new meters by late June-early July and work until the project is completed. Derek with Lincoln WinWater is emailing Foreman Cumley what criteria from the City is needed to assist the Installers. Foreman Cumley will keep the Council updated as he finds out more information. **Review/Approve Letter to Union Bank & Trust re: Confirmation of Bank Qualified Tax-Exempt Financing:** Council Member Fisher moved to approve the letter to Union Bank & Trust for the confirmation of bank qualified tax-exempt financing. Council Member Zelenka seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. **Review/Approve Resolution #3 authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute documents between the City and Union Bank & Trust to obtain Loan Financing for the Water Meter Replacement Project:** Council Member Fisher moved to approve Resolution #3 authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute documents between the City and Union Bank & Trust to obtain Loan Financing for the Water Meter Replacement Project. Council Member Zelenka seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

A Report and update from Council Member Hatfield: Discuss JEO's request for NPPD Pole to be moved for Street Project & the costs to the City: Council Member Hatfield stated that JEO's Engineer is being persistent about making NPPD move a light pole. Hatfield stated their engineers are worried about having that pole stay right there with what the depth of the ditch will be once the dirt work is done and the street overlay project happens. Council Member Hatfield stated that NPPD is sending one of their engineers down to look further into it because if NPPD has to move this pole it will cost the City somewhere between \$5-7,000 out of pocket, which was not a cost included in this CDBG Street Improvement Project Grant.

A Report and update from Council Member Eisenhauer: Review flyer from Pawnee City Schools in celebration of Teacher Appreciation Week – they have requested to give away (2) Pool Passes: Council reviewed the flyer in celebration of Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4th - 8th. Council Member Eisenhauer moved to donate two 2026 family pool passes to the PC Schools Board of Education & Education Foundation for Teacher Appreciation Week. Council Member Hatfield seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. **Review/Discuss events booked at VanHorne Park's Amphitheatre:** Council Member Eisenhauer stated she received this listing of events that are to be held at the VanHorne Park Amphitheater from the Economic Developers Jess Colo and Josie Friedly. She had then emailed Steve Glenn stating that she would bring this before the Council for a vote but was sure there wouldn't be a problem. Council discussed that it would be nice if Mr. Glenn communicated with the City first, before scheduling all of these events but were glad the amphitheater was going to be in use this spring and summer. The calendar of events booked so far included April 30th, Pawnee City High School Band; May 25th, SouthEast Nebraska Community Band (SENCB); June 14th, The Jane Doe Duo; June 21st, Duel Pianos; June 28th, Frailin Hearts; July 5th, SENCB, July 26th, Nebraska All-Star Rock & Roll Band. Council

Member Eisenhauer moved to approve the events planned to perform at the VanHorne Park Amphitheater. Council Member Zelenka seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. **Report on Pool Managers & Lifeguards hired:** Council Member Eisenhauer stated that the Pool employees have been hired as Pool Manager Mallory Branek with Assistant Pool Managers being Madi Fender & Velma Hauck. The returning lifeguards hired are Larkyn Vlcek (4th yr), Kinsley Benson & Madi Osborne (3rd yr) and Payton Rose (2nd yr) with the new lifeguards hired being Maverick Glathar, Liam Glathar, Jaiden Howard, Kailyn Jensen, Ainsley Rauner and Emily Koster. Council Member Eisenhauer stated she wanted the Council to know that she raised the wages of the managers and lifeguards this year to be competitive with other jobs available in the area but has the funds budgeted in Parks to cover the extra costs.

Tranquility Park: Review/Discuss/Approve Creative Landscaping's updated Design & Cost Estimate: Clerk Curtis stated that Creative Landscaping's cost estimate does not include the fence or gazebo as when the costs to resurface the pool were much higher, then the budget for Tranquility Park had to be trimmed way back. Clerk Curtis continued that Marvin Lambie, co-owner of Creative Landscaping had previously included a wooden fence, but it was decided that option would need to be stained and would not be very low maintenance. More discussion followed about doing a Phase 2 to finish up everything for this park with SENDD's assistance in applying for a park grant. Council Member Eisenhauer moved to approve the updated design and cost estimate of \$115,310 for Tranquility Park from Creative Landscaping. Council Member Hatfield seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. **Review/Discuss/Approve Fencing Price Quote from LuxSteel for Tranquility Park:** Foreman Cumley stated he had called the owner of LuxSteel Products to find out what exactly the City was getting with this fence quote. Cumley continued that this quote is for the 6' pickets only, which said fence pickets will equal 90 feet of fence, but it does not include any posts or crossmembers. More discussion followed about whether to get steel or wood posts/crossmembers. Clerk Curtis and Foreman Cumley shared pictures from the LuxSteel website of what their finished fence products looked like. Council Member Hatfield inquired if the City Crew would be installing this fence? Clerk Curtis stated that yes, this quote from LuxSteel was for the pickets only and did not include the installation of a fence and neither did the quote from Creative Landscaping. Clerk Curtis stated that there was only around \$1875 left in the RCRP Grant Funds for fencing and the quote for the steel pickets from LuxSteel was for \$1575.00 so that only leaves around \$300 left in grant funding. Council Member Eisenhauer stated that the rest of the costs for the posts and crossmembers can come out of the park funds. More discussion followed. Council Member Eisenhauer moved to approve the LuxSteel quote for 90 feet of fencing pickets of \$1575.00 with the balance of the fencing requirements to be purchased out of the Park Fund. Council Member Zelenka seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Pool Resurfacing Project: Review emails re: scheduling resurfacing pool project: Council reviewed the emails from Ryan at Mid-America Pool Renovations stating that they would no longer be able to make the schedule of having the resurfacing project completed before Memorial Day weekend. The soonest they could schedule the City was in mid-July in which Council Member Eisenhauer had stated would not work as she did not want to close the pool earlier than usual to get this work completed. Council Member Zelenka inquired what had

changed that they could no longer get this project completed by Memorial Day weekend. Clerk Curtis and Foreman Cumley stated that by the time the agreement could be approved by the City Council, their timeslots had already filled up for spring work. Council Member Eisenhower stated that Mid-America Pool Renovations have agreed to start the resurfacing project as soon as the pool is closed and drained, which the pool is set to closed on August second. **Decide on an August date to complete the Scope of Work by:** Clerk Curtis stated that we need to decide on a date that the scope of work would need to be finished by on the Construction Agreement with Mid-America Pool Renovation. Council Member Eisenhower stated she felt August 21st, 2026, would be a good date, as that would give them almost three full weeks to get the project finished and they had stated that it shouldn't take over 7-10 days to complete the full project. **Approve Construction Agreement with Mid-America Pool Renovation with Exhibit A-Bid Form Attached:** Council Member Eisenhower moved to approve the Construction Agreement with Mid-America Pool Renovation with Exhibit A-bid form attached with the Scope of Work completed by August 21, 2026. Council Member Fisher seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Review PCAL's 2/25/2026 regular meeting minutes & the 3/25/2026 Board Meeting

Agenda: Council reviewed the PCAL February meeting minutes and March agenda.

Review Correspondence from: Review Joe Norman/Bus. Mgr-The Pawnee Republican email re: Graduation Congratulation Ads: Council Member Eisenhower stated she did not feel this was a good use of public funds. No action taken. **SENDD's Monthly Newsletter:** Council reviewed SENDD's monthly newsletter that included Pawnee City as the "Community Spotlight." **League Email:** Council reviewed the email from the League of Municipalities on a Free Webinar for Spring Cleaning Tips/Resources to Revitalize Eyesore Properties in your Community.

The Mayor and City Council will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26th to hold the Clerk & Foreman Evaluations before the start of regular meeting. Discussion was had on setting up a different evaluation form for all City Employees. Clerk Curtis stated she had a file with various different evaluation forms that she could share with them. Wage Committee members Susan Eisenhower and Pat Hatfield will work on getting that done.

Deputy Clerk Wiers reminded everyone that if they didn't bring their City Employee Handbooks to the meeting tonight, to just drop them off at the City Office as they had the City Employee Handbook inserts to change out in everyone's handbooks and the signature page. Council Member Zelenka moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Hatfield seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all in favor of the motion and meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Attest: Tamela S. Curtis, City Clerk/Treasurer

Charlie Hatfield, Mayor