

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PAWNEE CITY, HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTBER 14, 2025, AT 7:00 P.M. AT CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY 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. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice 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: Donnie Fisher, Vickie Zelenka, Pat Hatfield and Susan Eisenhower; Tamela S. Curtis, City Clerk/Treasurer; Kellie Wiers, Deputy City Clerk and Foreman Spencer Cumley. **Absent:** none. Mayor Hatfield called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. informing all those present of the posters stating the Open Meeting Law Changes on the West meeting room wall accessible to the public. At this time, all those present stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Zelenka moved to approve the September 22nd, 2025 regular meeting minutes. Council Member Eisenhower seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Council Member Eisenhower moved to approve the September 29th, 2025 special 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 approval **10/7/25 Payroll:** 11,550.01; **Union Bank & Trust**, FWH 3,371.93; **NE Dept. of Rev**, SWH 462.69; **John Hancock**, ret 1692.50; **BOK Financial**, Swr Bond Pymt 83,892.50/Wtr Bond Pymt 139,888.75; **Stehlik Law Office**, City atty retainer 1000.00/ReUse atty fees 972.00; **US Cellular**, emerg cell phone 48.71; **NPPD**, elec 2471.18; **OPPD**, elec-wells 520.81; **Hometown Leasing**, Libr copier pymt, 100.79; **PC Thriftway**, sup 77.45; **OneCall Concepts**, digger locates 31.78; **Quill**, office sup 467.26/Libr sup 418.01; **NE Pub Health Env Lab**, wtr sample testing 15.00; **Pawnee Gun Club**, FY 25-26 donation 750.00; **Pawnee Co 4-H Foundation**, FY 25-26 donation 500.00; **Pawnee Co Rural Water Dist.**, Pond wtr hydrants 67.50; **Stallbaumer Lumber**, sign posts 161.43; **Verizon Wireless**, fire home conn/jetpack 64.92; **Protex Central Inc.**, libr fire insp 512.50; **Schaardt Lawn Care**, libr lawncare 1285.00; **Barco Prod**, pond signs-s/h 225.24; **Amazon Cap Serv**, rep parts/sup 281.45; **Windstream**, Office int/Libr ph & int/pool/swr plant ph 380.49; **Tamela Curtis**, Leag Conf mileage/meals 180.10; **Capital Bus. Sys**, Elevate ph 201.92; **FireGuard**, rep backflow device @ fire hall 686.00; **Lincoln WinWater**, wtr parts 95.20; **Jr Libr Guild**, libr materials 5629.55; **Cummins Sales & Serv**, swr plant generator yrly maint 1186.53; **Radar Sign**, (3) radio signs 9,696.00; **Subsurface Solutions** GPS Serv annual sub 360.00; **SEND**, ReUse Admin Fees 420.00; **Arbor Ink**, dog license books 88.89; **Maguire**, wtr tower maint program 15,017.00; **NMC-CAT**, CAT Skidster lease 5500.00; **Mitchell Elec**, parts 32.70; **Pawnee Co Reg of Deeds**, filing fees 52.00; **MidWest Labs**, swr samp testing 519.64. Council Member Zelenka moved to approve the claims as submitted.

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

Review Treasurer's Report as of 9/30/2025, end of the 2024-25 Fiscal Year: Council reviewed the Treasurer's Report as of 9/30/2025, end of the 2024-25 Fiscal Year. Council Member Eisenhower stated that a good chunk of the funds that are left in this budget are from the RCRP and CDBG Street Project Grants that were carried forward to be spent in the current budget.

Phyllis Ideus, Request naming a street after long-time pharmacist Pete Vonderfecht: Phyllis Ideus met to discuss a request to name a City Street after long time business owner and pharmacist Larry "Pete" Vonderfecht. Ms. Ideus stated that she had talked with Pete's wife Pat about requesting a street be named after her late husband and she thought that it would be wonderful. Phyllis stated she would give a little background about Pete for all those who may not have gotten a chance to know him. Pete and Pat Vonderfecht moved to Pawnee City in 1969 when he started working for Mr. Colwell. Pete then bought out the Pharmacy from Mr. Colwell and then later on he purchased the whole building. He and Pat had three sons, Scott, Steve and Sean. Pete passed away on October 8, 2021. Ms. Ideus stated they would like to have 5th Street from G to P Streets name "Vonderfecht Street". More discussion followed. Council Member Eisenhower moved to name 5th Street from G to P Streets "Vonderfecht Street" in honor of Larry "Pete" Vonderfecht, a former Pharmacist in Pawnee City for many years. Council Member Hatfield seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

John DeFreece & Josie Friedly, Discuss PC Little Learners and Pawnee City Assisted Living (PCAL): John DeFreece, PCAL Board President and Josie Friedly, President of the PC Little Learners Board met with Council to discuss the PC Little Learners Daycare possibly moving into a couple of the rooms at PCAL that are not being used right now while the PC Little Learners Daycare Board continues with their fundraising efforts. Mr. DeFreece stated he had talked with Luann Brown with USDA before the Government Shutdown and she gave USDA's blessing but it was ultimately up to the City, as owners of the PCAL building. DeFreece continued that the only problem that they have come to so far was that PCAL's insurance company stated they would probably drop their insurance coverage on PCAL as they were not set up to also cover a daycare being run out of the PCAL business. Council discussed this at length stating that for right now it appeared that there weren't any pressing issues with the PC Little Learners renting a couple rooms from PCAL, if they weren't able to get the current daycare building purchased. Ms. Friedly stated that their PC Little Learners Daycare board continues to try and come up with additional pledges of donations and finding grants to apply for. Friedly stated when figuring a budget for the daycare they need at least 30 kids attending to even break even. So far their fundraising efforts have raised \$85,000 but their main problem is time, as they need to have the \$250,000 raised in order to purchase the current daycare building by 11/1/2025. At that time, all parents that have children attending the Second Home Daycare have to start finding different options for daycare services as the Niss' plan to make adjustments to the current daycare building to sell it as more of a home option. The PC Little Learner's Board plans to meet Wednesday morning with two foundations that have been known to make huge donations towards rural daycare facilities. Ms. Friedly inquired if the City would be willing to make a donation to the PC Little Learners Daycare since she had been told that the City makes donations to other organizations each year?

More discussion followed about a donation amount from the City not coming close to \$25,000. Council Member Eisenhower stated that when the donation time comes, the City may also entertain the idea of providing a break on the water bill for the Little Learners Daycare if they are able to buy the current daycare building. Council Member Eisenhower moved for the City to authorize the Pawnee City Assisted Living to rent out a few rooms to the Little Learners Daycare. Council Member Hatfield seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. ***Review PCAL's August Meeting Minutes & Sept. Meeting Agenda:*** Council reviewed PCAL's August board meeting minutes and the September PCAL meeting agenda. ***Review letter from Colonial Acres/City of Humboldt re: management company change:*** Council reviewed the letter from Colonial Acres/City of Humboldt stating that they would be changing from RHD Management to a new management company, Ambassador Health of Nebraska City effective November 16, 2025. The letter stated the City of Humboldt and the Colonial Acres Board are working together with Ambassador Health to make Colonial Acres stronger and ensure it remains part of their community for many years to come. Council inquired to Mr. DeFreece if this is also something that PCAL is looking into doing. Mr. DeFreece stated that PCAL plans to stay with RHD Management at this time.

Josie Friedly, Economic Development Co-Director: Present new "Letter of Intent" to submit application for becoming a Leadership Certified Community: Pawnee City Development Corporation's (PCDC's) Economic Development (ED) Co-director Josie Friedly handed out the updated "Letter of Intent" to submit an application for the City of Pawnee City becoming a Leadership Certified Community. Josie stated that the City had actually signed a previous letter of intent when Aaron Sawyer was the ED Director but because so many changes have occurred since that time, Rick Nelson, NPPD ED Director felt it would be a good idea for Pawnee City to re-submit another letter of intent to become a Leadership Certified Community. Council Member Eisenhower moved to approve the Mayor and City Clerk signing the Letter of Intent to submit an application for becoming a Leadership Certified Community. Council Member Zelenka seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Sheriff Braden Lang: Sheriff Braden Lang met with Council to discuss updates on the K-9 Dog, stating that he is still not certified with the State of Nebraska, but Deputy Stankoski is working on it. Clerk Curtis stated that the permit applications have been turned into the State, and they are just waiting for their approval before putting up the three radar signs. Foreman Cumley stated that they will be put on the speed limit signs on all three locations coming into town. Sheriff Lang stated there was a dog reported running at large today and although he couldn't catch it, he knows who it belongs to so they were sited a ticket for dog running at large and no license and since this was the second ticket for no licensing it's a \$100 fine. Sheriff Lang reported that the dog captured out in the County is still at the sewer plant, but he needs to have Nancy close the office to take it to the Lincoln Humane Society as it's been down there over three days. Foreman Cumley stated it was a really nice dog and was surprised someone hadn't wanted to adopt it yet. Sheriff Lang stated he wasn't sure it had been posted that it was up for adoption, but he could have Nancy post something on Facebook. Council Member Eisenhower volunteered to take the dog to Lincoln to the Humane Society if the dog hadn't been adopted by the end of the week as she was available either Thursday or Friday morning to make the trip. Sheriff Lang stated he appreciated her volunteering to do that and would keep in contact with her on if the dog was adopted out or not. Council Member Eisenhower inquired if they had any good candidates to hire as a deputy sheriff yet? Sheriff Lang stated that they do have a good

applicant that will start his basic training in January 2026 and would be out in March or April of 2026. They are hoping to get his field training completed before he enters the academy, but he hasn't completed his 80 hours yet, so he can't have any contact with the public yet. Sheriff Lang stated he is a really nice sharp kid and is in the military. They might possibly be getting a part-time person who formerly worked for Richardson County and Atchison, KS but had quit to have a child. She likes the idea of working the 24-hour long shift as she lives over an hour away, so if she's going to drive all that way, she wants to make it worthwhile. Sheriff Lang stated that there is a bed set up in the courthouse now so this would be available to her. If that would work out, that would actually take a lot of hours off of the deputy's workload.

City Atty Stehlik-Ladman: Discuss Nuisance Abatement Letter published in newspaper for two weeks to Eileen Hines on lots next to HealthFirst Pharmacy: Council reviewed the abatement letter that had been published in The Pawnee Republican newspaper in the legals section of the paper for the past three weeks to give Notice to Ms. Hines. City Attorney Stehlik-Ladman stated she had also emailed Ms. Hines the abatement notice, stating it would be run in the newspaper, which according to Nebraska State Statute can serve as notice. **Executive Session: For the purpose of a strategy session with respect to real estate purchases:** Council Member Eisenhauer moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of a strategy session with respect to real estate purchases at 7:40 p.m. Council Member Zelenka seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. City Attorney Stehlik-Ladman, Foreman Cumley, Clerks Curtis and Wiers remained in closed session. Council Member Eisenhauer moved to come out of Executive Session at 7:52 p.m. Council Member Hatfield seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. Council Member Eisenhauer moved to approve the City purchasing the lots next to the HealthFirst Pharmacy, which are 24' wide, for the amount of \$4500.00 from Eileen Hines, so we can put an end to this whole fiasco. Council Member Hatfield seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. City Attorney Stehlik-Ladman stated she would get ahold of Ms. Hines attorney right away to get a purchase agreement signed so we can try to get this property purchased before the contractor shows up to remove the collapsed building debris. Council stated that if City Attorney Stehlik-Ladman does not get the purchase agreement in the next month then they would like her to start the abatement process on Ms. Hines.

City Atty Stehlik-Ladman: Discuss Nuisance Property Updates: 1145 G Street (Percival): Janice Percival Lewis was served Resolution #14 (which states that the property at 1145 G Street in Pawnee City, Nebraska is in violation of the City municipal codes and to proceed with clean-up and potential demolition of the property) on September 9, 2025 by Sheriff Braden Lang. The 30-day waiting period had expired and it does not appear any arrangements have been made by Ms. Lewis to start the demolition process herself and she had not made any contact with the City Office. City Attorney Stehlik-Ladman stated that the first thing they need to do is get the asbestos removed from the house, which the Clerks will get in contact with dbEnvironment who tested for the asbestos. Stehlik-Ladman also stated the City needed to have discussions with the Fire Department for their actual burn plan, as once the asbestos is removed and the trees around the house are cut down, they can burn it. Stehlik-Ladman stated that the City Crew can go ahead and take the trees down also. Mayor Hatfield stated that when Nolan with DHHS was down to test the collapsed buildings for asbestos, he stated that he would be available

to talk with our Volunteer Fire Department about burning a property, if they wanted to get in contact with him. Council Member Hatfield stated he would share Nolan's contact information with Fire Chief Russ Smith. ***1129 G Street (Mora-Herra):*** Discussion was had that Ramon had started on the roof a few weeks ago and finally came back to finish it up completely. Clerk Curtis inquired if the collapsed garage building had been removed yet either? Mayor Hatfield and Deputy Clerk Wiers stated that as of last week the collapsed building had not been removed from the property. Council stated that since Mr. Mora-Herra had finished the roof project, they would give him more time to complete the task of removing the collapsed garage off of the property. Clerk Curtis will keep this item on the next meeting's agenda for discussions. ***1120 5th & 728 9th Streets (Parker):*** City Atty Stehlik-Ladman stated she had sent Parker's Abatement Letter to be served by the Lancaster Co Sheriff's Dept. but had received it back today that they were unable to serve the Parkers. City Atty Stehlik-Ladman stated that she will send the abatement notices to the newspaper on each of these properties to be run in the legals section, which serves as notice so the City can keep moving forward on cleaning up these properties. ***112 12th Street (Osborne):*** City Attorney Stehlik-Ladman stated that Mr. Osborne signed for the certified letter on 9/18/2025. Clerk Curtis stated that he had mentioned something to her recently about working on cleaning up his property. Foreman Cumley stated that right now you can't really see much of the items Mr. Osborne had in his yard as he has moved a majority of them to the West side of his property so that people are not able to see these items on his property from the street. ***200 11th Street (Burcham):*** City Attorney Stehlik-Ladman stated that Mr. Burcham had signed for the certified letter on 9/19/2025. Council discussed this at length stating that it would be a perfect time for Mr. Burcham to put items on the curb for the City Crew to pick up on the City's Clean-up Day scheduled on November 3rd. Council Members Fisher and Hatfield, Mayor Hatfield and the clerks volunteered to assist Mr. Burcham in putting items in his yard out to the curb for town-wide clean-up day. More discussion followed with Deputy Clerk Wiers volunteering to call Mr. Burcham to discuss the City Fall Clean up with him along with the volunteers that were willing to help him get the items out to the curb for the Crew to pick up and dispose of.

Discuss In-Line Construction honoring their original bid of \$39,700 on the RCRP Grant Debris Clean-Up Project at 522 & 526 G Street Properties: Clerk Curtis made contact with the owner of In-Line Construction, along with Deputy Clerk Wiers and Council Member Eisenhauer sitting in on the phone call to which Clerk Curtis told him that the City either needed him to honor his original bid of \$39,700 or he needed to withdrawal his bid altogether as the City was not going to allow him to add an extra \$12,500 onto his original bid amount because he was given the wrong amount the first time he called up to Beatrice Landfill for dumping fees. The owner of In-Line Construction stated that he did not want to cause any trouble for the City, so he was fine with honoring his original bid of \$39,700 on the debris clean-up project at 522 & 526 G Street properties. Clerk Curtis stated he also inquired about getting a phone number for Tyler Binder, as he was interested in hauling some of the concrete debris to where Mr. Binder might be interested in having it hauled to. Clerk Curtis added that he also hoped to possibly be there to start the demo site clean up before November 1st.

A Report and update from Council Member Hatfield: *Employee Handbook Additions:* Council Member Hatfield stated that he felt that a few more items needed to be added to the City Employee Handbook. There was much discussion with City Attorney Stehlik-Ladman about the additional employee handbook changes including When an Employee

calls in, they need to state “sick or vacation”, an employee cannot just say “I’m not coming in today”. For a “No Call, No Show” employee, see Discipline #2. (*under Attendance & Tardiness*); Employees who are sick for three (3) consecutive days will need a Dr’s note. (*under Sick Leave*); If the person on-call is off work on vacation or sick leave, they shall hand emergency phone off to another crew member for that day & will not be paid for the 1-hour on-call straight pay. (*E. under On-Call Pay*, page 21) and the Clerks inquired if we can remove “Covid-19 pages” since everything has changed since 2019? More discussion followed with Council tabling this item to give City Attorney Stehlik-Ladman more time to do research on a couple of these items Council Member Hatfield had brought before the Council to add to the City Employee Handbook. Council was in agreement to remove all of the “Covid-19 pages” since everything has changed since 2019.

A Report and update from Mayor Hatfield: *Mayor Hatfield recommends appointing Joe Norman as the new Zoning Administrator/Floodplains Manager (as per City Atty Stehlik-Ladman this is an appointed position such as the City Clerk)*: Mayor Hatfield stated that he has talked with Joe Norman a couple times and he is interested in being the Zoning Administrator and Floodplains Manager, even after he got involved in some of the zoning issues that arose last week over a building permit that had been previously approved for four (4) show chicken buildings. Mayor Hatfield stated he recommends appointing Joe Norman as the new Zoning Administrator/Floodplains Manager, especially since he isn’t from around here, so there won’t be any special treatment. Council Member Eisenhower moved to approve appointing Joe Norman as the new Zoning Administrator/Floodplains Manager. Council Member Fisher seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. ***Discuss hiring Gyhra Construction to run the Motor Grader on all of the City’s Gravel Streets before winter, including going to the Sewer Plant/Tree Dump area:*** Mayor Hatfield stated that he had talked with Randy Gyhra and they are still available to have Rasty Stephens come run the motor grader on all of the City’s gravel streets before winter including going to the sewer plant and tree dump area. By grading around the tree dump area, he is in hopes they can fill in some of the mud holes that have been left by having such a wet summer/fall. ***Discuss leak in pond:*** Mayor Hatfield stated that he had also talked with Randy Gyhra about the leak on the east side of the pond. After Randy looked over the area where the leak was located, it was his suggestion to have the City Crew dig down and see what they find. If they find a tunnel, have them put clay dirt in there and pack it in. Council Member Eisenhower stated she had even considered having the Mudjackers fill it in with sludge. Council Member Eisenhower stated she was looking into getting clean rip rap rock all the way around the pond which ends up being 1,046’ by 5’. Foreman Cumley stated they usually put 3” rock around the pond. More discussion followed with Mayor Hatfield stating that he would suggest when the City Crew gets ready to haul the rock to get ahold of Andy Keller with Martin Marietta and see if they would donate a portion of the rock as one of their community projects.

A Report and update from Foreman Cumley: *Updates on having Clean Water Samples after losing Water Pressure:* Foreman Cumley stated that the water samples had come back all clean, so water tower and wells were both back up and running correctly. No need to chlorinate anymore. ***Updates to damages to the Fire Station from their backflow preventer getting stuck closed:*** Cumley explained there was quite a bit of water at the fire hall and a claim was turned into LARM. The Fire Dept. hired someone to clean up the water and set up some industrial dehumidifiers to get rid of the water. Clerk Curtis stated she heard from “Phil” the insurance adjuster today and he said they are sending the City a

check less the \$1000 deductible. Council Member Hatfield asked if the damage to the Fire Hall was caused from the water tower losing pressure? Yes. Cumley explained when the water tower lost pressure, the backflow device at the fire hall stuck open and water flooded the building. The backflow devices are tested and inspected yearly but there could have been rust or something in the line which made it stay open. ***Review flyer on Fall Clean-Up set for November 3rd that has been advertised:*** Council reviewed the Fall Clean-Up flyer that was set for November 3rd and is currently being advertised in the newspaper. Clerk Curtis stated that they already have quite a few people on the list with items to be picked up on the town-wide clean-up day. Clerk Curtis had also made a post on Facebook. Discussion was had that there are people who have had furniture setting out by their trash cans already and the city crew will pick up those items even if the citizen doesn't call in to be added to the list in order to alleviate the nuisance issue. Josie Friedly asked if any of these items are recycled? She will look into grants to set up recycling for Pawnee City again. ***Discuss questions about driveway tubes – (Hinrichsens & Rogers):*** Foreman Cumley stated that there is a new house on 10th street, and the owners removed the driveway tube but want to install three new tubes and asked if the City would pay to install one of the tubes. Discussion was had and Council agreed the City would pay for one 20 ft. tube. Bruce Rogers is also building a new house and had Gyhra Construction install a new driveway tube while they were already on-site doing dirt work. They installed a 30 ft tube, but the ordinance states a 20 ft. tube. Clerk Curtis explained that Mr. Rogers wanted to know if the City would pay for 20 ft of the new tube if Gyhra Construction billed the City for 20ft. cost of the 30 ft. tube? Discussion was had and Council agreed to pay 20 ft. of a driveway tube regardless if the tube is plastic or metal. DC Wiers asked what if a citizen wanted to dig up their 20 ft. tube because they wanted a longer tube? Would the City pay for 20 ft. of a new tube. Discussion was had and Council agreed the City would not pay for a new tube unless the driveway tube actually needed to be replaced due to deterioration. ***Discuss sidewalks along culvert on Hwy 8 by Rogge's horse pasture:*** A couple weeks ago Foreman Cumley heard from NDOT Foreman Dave Klepper because he received a call from a NDOT inspector asking what the City was going to do about the sidewalk along the culvert by Jan and Lee Rogge's horse pasture. There is a section of sidewalk missing along the creek bank. Discussion was had that there is little or no use of this sidewalk and it would be very expensive to fix the area where the sidewalk has collapsed due to the creek bank eroding. NDOT would have to at least install a permanent snow fence or a type 2 barricade to block it off permanently to prevent public injury. Discussion was had whether this area would be fixed with the highway project, but a meeting was held to discuss the highway project, and the City of Pawnee City wasn't notified about the meeting to give input. This project is now scheduled for 2027. Mr. Klepper explained to Foreman Cumley that all of the curb and gutter has been taken out of the plans for the highway project going through the east side of town. It was also suggested to remove the sidewalk, but it is located on the state ROW. Other solutions were also discussed. ***Discuss various projects throughout town that City Crew has been working on:*** Foreman Cumley stated the crew has been busy still mowing, putting signs up at VanHorne Park and the City Pawnderosa Pond. They've also been dealing with issues at the Sewer Plant. Foreman Cumley reviewed the test meter at the sewer plant, and it hasn't been going well. A new flow meter was installed but they haven't received any results from it for almost a week because it keeps turning off the programming and stops recording data. A tech from GPM is coming out tomorrow to check on it. Foreman Cumley got a quote for a new flow meter, \$2879.78 as the current flow meter was damaged by hail and we have to have an effluent flow meter. The brand new jet pump from Iowa Pump is not working correctly either, which Cumley plans to call them about it. The City Crew tore the south side of the City parking lot

downtown to be replaced this week. The City Crew also plans to work on the street at the end of G street before winter. They will dig a hole for a monument at the north park which will be similar to the monument installed at the new fire hall. Foreman Cumley reported that one of the good John Deere mowers isn't running right. He has a fuel pump ordered from NAPA but he's not sure if it will fix it. Council Member Eisenhower stated that if this fuel pump he has ordered doesn't fix the issues, then send the mower in to be looked at.

Review/Discuss Hazard Mitigation letter from JEO Consulting Group: *Motion to approve Resolution #1 adopting the Nemaha NRD Hazard Mitigation Plan*: Council Member Eisenhower moved to approve Resolution #1 adopting the Nemaha NRD Hazard Mitigation Plan. Council Member Fisher seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Review/Approve Resolution #2 (2025-26) authorizing the Mayor to sign the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance Form 2025: Clerk Curtis stated that we keep the Street Report, 1&6 Year Street Plan, Lane Miles Report, etc. on file here so that if we are ever audited on this certification process by the State then we have everything in order as this is what determines the City receiving Highway Allocation funds or not. Council Member Eisenhower moved to approve Resolution #2 (2025-26) authorizing the Mayor to sign the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance Form 2025. Council Member Fisher seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Review email & letter from Megan Buckley, Emergency Manager re: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)/Agreement for the remote activation for sounding of the siren from dispatch: *Approve MOU Agreement for the remote activation for sounding of the siren from dispatch*: Council Member Zelenka moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding agreement for the remote activation for sounding of the siren from dispatch. Council Member Eisenhower seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Review/Approve Special Designated Liquor License for Little Brown Jug for Ball Association Fundraiser Event at 1344 H Street on November 7th, 2025 from 5 p.m. to 12 a.m. Council Member Eisenhower moved to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for the Little Brown Jug on November 7th for a Fundraiser for the Pawnee City Ball Association to be held at the Sunneberg Shop at 1344 H Street. Council Member Hatfield seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Review/Discuss email from Clint Simmons re: cost savings to raise the deductible amount to \$2500: Council Member Hatfield stated he felt a savings of almost \$9000 was worth the savings of changing the City's deductible amounts up to \$2500 per incident. More discussion followed with Mayor Hatfield tabling this item until the Council can review an itemized listing of what funds these savings would be deducted from.

Review/Approve Village of DuBois Interlocal Agreement for Animal Control: Council Member Eisenhauer moved to approve the interlocal agreement with the Village of DuBois for kenneling services with no changes. Council Member Zelenka seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Correspondence: Council reviewed an email from Steve Glenn regarding purchasing Premier Estates to remodel it into 15 modern apartments, including three 3-bedroom units, eight 2-bedroom units and four 1-bedroom units; a letter from Hilary Maricle, State Executive Director, Nebraska FSA State Office on Pawnee County's FSA office; the Water Utility Board & Council Workshop to be held in Fairbury on Tues., Oct. 28th from 5-8 p.m. and SENCA's Community Improvement Project that had received grant funds to expand the project, which is able to provide financial assistance to homeowners in Johnson, Nemaha, Pawnee or Richardson Counties to tear down unsafe housing. Council Member Zelenka moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Fisher seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried, and meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Attest: Tamela S. Curtis, City Clerk

Charlie Hatfield, Mayor