

PLATTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

July 20, 2026

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska was convened in open and public session at 7:08 o'clock p.m. on July 20, 2026 at Plattsmouth City Hall in Plattsmouth Nebraska. Present were Mayor R. Paul Lambert and Council Members: Jeanie Brookhouser, Bryan Clark, James Forrest, Terry Kerns, Morgan Muller, Steve Riese and Frederick Rollins. Absent Members: Howard "Sam" Hardy. Also present: City Administrator Emily Bausch, City Attorney Damien Wright, City Clerk Sandra J. Meyer, and Deputy City Clerk Ryan Vulgamott.

This is a regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Plattsmouth. Notice of meeting was published on July 9, 2026 in the Omaha World Herald. Proof of publication along with the Mayor and Council's Acknowledgment of Receipt of Notice are on file. The Open Meetings Act is posted on the bulletin board in the City Council Chambers. A copy of the agenda and all documents to be discussed is available to the public. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. We will follow the agenda that was made available to the public. Please silence cell phones.

ITEM 5 CITIZENS DELEGATION

No one spoke during Citizens Delegation.

ITEM 6 MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

There were no Mayoral Proclamations.

ITEM 7 CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Forrest asked for clarification of road barrier placement on the map submitted with ITEM 7 B. He wanted to confirm they would not interfere with the City Emergency Services. Emily Bausch, City Administrator, stated this map shows the limits of alcohol for the Cruizin Main event. 5th Street barrier placement will be at the alley so it will not block City Emergency Services.

Motion by Brookhouser seconded by Clark to approve the Consent Agenda with the additional claims from Courtney LLC and Nebraska Department of Revenue Charitable Gaming presented at the meeting.

- A Consider approval of the July 6, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes
- B Consider ratifying administrative approval of Special Designated License application submitted by Hy-Vee for an event, Cruizin Main, being held on Main St. from 3rd St. and 7th St. between 1st Ave and Ave A, on September 18, 2026 from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with an alternate date of September 25, 2026 (Originally approved 7/6/2026 but had wrong Liquor License #)

- C Consider Contractor's Application for Payment No. 13 submitted by Strand Associates on behalf of Valley Corporation in the amount of \$1,247,119.51 for work completed from June 1 to June 30, 2026 for the Plattsmouth Water Supply Contract W3 – Water Transmission Main (2019 FEMA Flood Recovery project #88690 – Water Supply System Project) and authorize the Mayor to execute Contractor's Application for Payment No. 13
- D Receive Treasurer's Report
- E Consider approval of claims

Claims Register Report as of 7/20/26

Pay Date: 7/10/26 185773.73

Cemetery 6417.65
Com Ctr 29775.34
EMS 28972.05
General 22934.77
Library 8972.83
Parks 2826
Police 52430.79
Senior Center 3922.65
Street 14035.31
Water and Sewer 15486.34

Vendor Name
ACCREDITED COLLECTION SERVICE 168.65
AMERITAS 21071.2
FIRST STATE BANK NEBRASKA 731.56
FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE 195
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE 43343.66
NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 225.7
NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE 5514.36
NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE (SALES TAX) 11175.02
PLATTSMOUTH COMMUNITY CENTER 1988.31

Department : 01 - GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
AMAZON.COM SALES INC 23.99
BLACK HILLS ENERGY 121.43
CASS COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS 30
IDEAL PURE WATER 30
IRINA A HARRINGTON 75
NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT 421.98
OFFICE DEPOT INC 246.26
OMAHA WORLD HERALD 621.34

OXEN TECHNOLOGY 3585.18
STERICYCLE SHRED IT 79.82
THE PITNEY BOWES BANK INC 161.01
VERIZON WIRELESS 79.86
WASTE CONNECTIONS OF NEBRASKA INC 7609.76
WELCH LAW FIRM PC 6600
WINDSTREAM 318.4

Department : 02 - HUMANE/CODE ENFORCEMENT
NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT 64.38
VERIZON WIRELESS 79.94

Department : 03 - EMS
AMY TEGELS 75
BLACK HILLS ENERGY 30.56
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC 2135.33
CHARTER BUSINESS 29.59
IDEAL PURE WATER 19.5
NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT 301.05
SGP SERVICES INC 926.89
STERICYCLE INC 127.56
VERIZON WIRELESS 111.74
WASTE CONNECTIONS OF NEBRASKA INC 54.42
WEX HEALTH INC 8.75
WINDSTREAM 103.69

Department : 04 - POLICE
AMAZON.COM SALES INC 1254.56
APPLIED CONCEPTS INC 1356
CASS COUNTY SHERIFF 3615
JONES AUTOMOTIVE INC 347.5
KEVIN CRAVEY 643.79
MULLENAX AUTO SUPPLY 59.67
VERIZON WIRELESS 252.67
WEX HEALTH INC 26.25

Department : 05 - STREET
AMAZON.COM SALES INC 19.98
BLACK HILLS ENERGY 80.98
COMMONWEALTH ELECTRIC COMPANY OF THE MIDWEST 714.05
MILL CREEK AUTO PARTS INC 281.44
MULLENAX AUTO SUPPLY 14.5
MURPHY TRACTOR AND EQUIPMENT 1504
NEBRASKA IOWA SUPPLY CO INC 4487.86
NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT 5990.25
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC 50.32

PAVERS INC 2902.65
VERIZON WIRELESS 79.86
WASTE CONNECTIONS OF NEBRASKA INC 445.51
WINDSTREAM 169.32

Department : 06 - LIBRARY

AMAZON.COM SALES INC 810.5
BLACK HILLS ENERGY 48.82
CHARTER BUSINESS 75
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC 983.91
NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT 392.03
OXEN TECHNOLOGY 359.6
WASTE CONNECTIONS OF NEBRASKA INC 54.41
WEX HEALTH INC 8.75

Department : 07 - PARKS

BLACK HILLS ENERGY 48.82
EAKES INC 36.1
MENARDS 119.94
MULLENAX AUTO SUPPLY 166.29
NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT 257.53
VERIZON WIRELESS 39.93

Department : 08 - CEMETERY

BLACK HILLS ENERGY 48.82
J & J SMALL ENGINE SERVICE 201.39
JESSE CLARK 30.45
VERIZON WIRELESS 39.93
WASTE CONNECTIONS OF NEBRASKA INC 111.79
WEX HEALTH INC 8.75

Department : 10 - FIRE

BLACK HILLS ENERGY 30.55
CHARTER BUSINESS 29.6
IDEAL PURE WATER 19.5
NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT 301.06
SGP SERVICES INC 926.89
WASTE CONNECTIONS OF NEBRASKA INC 54.42
WINDSTREAM 103.7

Department : 11 - SENIOR CITIZEN CTR

AMAZON.COM SALES INC 118.99
BLACK HILLS ENERGY 18.33
CHARTER BUSINESS 163.62
EAKES INC 36.1
NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT 458.1

PERFORMANCE FOOD GROUP INC 2887.08
UNIFIRST CORPORATION 24.18
WASTE CONNECTIONS OF NEBRASKA INC 86.81

Department : 16 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CASS COUNTY NEBRASKA ECONOMIC DEV 5000
NEBRASKA TITLE COMPANY 250

Department : 17 - COMMUNITY CENTER
BLACK HILLS ENERGY 164.94
CHARTER BUSINESS 490.85
NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT 4122.9
UNIFIRST CORPORATION 20.91
WASTE CONNECTIONS OF NEBRASKA INC 260.44

Department : 18 - AQUATIC
AQUA CHEM INC 1992.8
BLACK HILLS ENERGY 1741.44
CHESTERMAN CO 846.1
CHLOE ADDLEMAN 169.56
NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT 2378.63
PERFORMANCE FOOD GROUP INC 959.9
WASTE CONNECTIONS OF NEBRASKA INC 277.7

Department : 20 - WATER
AMAZON.COM SALES INC 179.96
BLACK HILLS ENERGY 48.82
CORE & MAIN LP 217.33
COURTNEY LLC 150 (additional claim)
FIBER PLATFORM LLC 1626.1
MIDWEST LABORATORIES INC 1416.78
MISSISSIPPI LIME COMPANY 11400
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC 150
NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE (SALES TAX) 67.51
NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT 54.81
OFFICE DEPOT INC 63.65
ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC 96.6
OXEN TECHNOLOGY 647.46
PETTY CASH WATER DEPARTMENT 615.67
STRAND ASSOCIATES INC 231768.5
TRANSWOOD LOGISTICS INC 1169.65
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES 108.13
VERIZON WIRELESS 139.81
WELCH LAW FIRM PC 2200
WEX HEALTH INC 17.5
WINDSTREAM 168.91

Department : 24 - DRUG FORFEITURE
AFL LLC 45352
VERIZON WIRELESS 37.98

Department : 30 - SEWER
BLACK HILLS ENERGY 209.1
DULTMEIER SALES LLC 284.8
FIBER PLATFORM LLC 1249.5
MIDWEST LABORATORIES INC 580.02
NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT 52.4
NIJOSK INC 2896.25
ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC 96.6
OXEN TECHNOLOGY 2329.74
PRUITT OUTDOOR POWER 181.39
STRAND ASSOCIATES INC 27595
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES 108.12
VERIZON WIRELESS 100.05
WASTE CONNECTIONS OF NEBRASKA INC 304.45
WELCH LAW FIRM PC 2200
WINDSTREAM 128.17

Department : 40 - PLATTSMOUTH KENO
NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE CHARITABLE GAMING DIVISION 10620
(additional claim)

ROLL CALL: Yes-Kerns, Rollins, Muller, Riese, Forrest, Clark and Brookhouser. No-None.
Absent-Hardy. Abstain-None. MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 8 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM 8 A

Council member Kerns stated he would be abstaining from any action or discussion on ITEM 8 A due to a conflict of interest. Motion by Forrest seconded by Rollins to approve Contractor's Application for Payment No. 12 submitted by Strand Associates on behalf of Building Crafts Inc. in the amount of \$597,170.01 for work completed from June 1, 2026 to July 1, 2026 for the Plattsmouth Water Supply Contract W2 – Water Booster Station (2019 FEMA Flood Recovery project #88690 – Water Supply System Project) and authorize the Mayor to execute Contractor's Application for Payment No. 12. ROLL CALL: Yes-Forrest, Clark, Brookhouser, Rollins, Muller and Riese. No-None. Absent-Hardy. Abstain-Kerns. MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 8 B

Emily Bausch, City Administrator, gave Council a quick update on the real-estate transfer of property located at 522 & 526 Main Street. The City has received the title paperwork and there are

no concerns about it at this time. The City is planning on closing on the property in August after they receive the Engineer update with project scope and cost estimates. NO ACTION TAKEN.

ITEM 9 NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 9 A

Steve Rathman, Plattsmouth Police Chief, reviewed the new SRO contract with Council. The School District prefers one-year contracts, but Chief Rathman was able to secure a two-year agreement with Dr. Richard Hasty, Superintendent-Plattsmouth Community Schools. Dr. Hasty has posted notice of his intent to retire after the next school year so this two-year agreement will provide stability for the department and school during that leadership transition. The only change to the SRO contract was a salary cost of living increase, the 75% School / 25% City cost share remains the same with the SRO officer coming back to the department during the summer. Chief Rathman highlighted the success and positive impact of the SRO program and the outstanding contributions SRO Officer McKneely has made to the school and community.

Motion by Muller seconded by Riese to approve the School Resource Officer (SRO) Contract for Interlocal Services and Cooperation Between The Plattsmouth Community Schools and The City of Plattsmouth 2026/2028 contract Addendum (current contract expires July 31, 2026) and authorize the mayor to execute the Addendum. ROLL CALL: Yes-Rollins, Muller, Riese, Forrest, Clark, Brookhouser and Kerns. No-None. Absent-Hardy. Abstain-None. MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 9 B

Emily Bausch, City Administrator, provided Council with a memo on Unified Trash Hauler Systems, based on previous inquiries and discussions on reducing waste hauling costs. Many communities around Plattsmouth have unified haulers, a similar system in Plattsmouth could have many benefits such as lower costs for residents, curbside recycling, and reduced truck traffic on City streets. Unified hauling would only apply to residential accounts, the City, businesses, apartments, and trailer parks would still have individual commercial accounts. The City has already reduced costs by eliminating some dumpsters from their contract. Emily noted that if Council wants her to proceed further, she will review other communities contract terms and conditions and franchise fees. Council member Muller commented on how his neighborhood has three separate haulers on three separate days; a unified hauler would noticeably reduce traffic. Muller also noted curbside recycling would eliminate the need for the downtown recycle trailer, which is regularly abused as a trash site instead of recycling. Council member Rollins stated how much his trash bill has increased in the past five years and believes a unified hauler contract could minimize those dramatic increases.

Motion by Muller seconded by Forrest to direct staff to create a draft RFP for Unified Hauling Services and bring it back to Council for approval. ROLL CALL: Yes-Clark, Brookhouser, Kerns, Rollins, Muller, Riese and Forrest. No-None. Absent-Hardy. Abstain-None. MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 9 C

Emily Bausch, City Administrator, reviewed the Historic Preservation Board (HPB) minutes and packet information on the property located at 410 Main Street with Council. The HPB has reviewed this item multiple times since their first discussion at the December 15, 2025 meeting and have not been able to come to a consensus on the modified plans. The property owners deviated from the approved plans when they ran into complications during construction. The City allowed hardship repairs, but those repairs still needed HPB approval. Council members Muller and Brookhouser said the Historic Preservation Board exists to oversee Main Street and ensure historic guidelines are maintained. If Council can override everything the HPB decides, what is the point of having the board to begin with? Emily believes there is valid reason for Council to appeal the HPB denial due to the variables that were discovered during construction, and the revised façade is still compatible with the character of the Main Street Historic District.

Motion by Clark seconded by Forrest to Reverse the denial and approve issuance of a Certificate of Approval for Façade Improvements at 410 Main Street upon finding that denial would create an undue or unnecessary hardship. ROLL CALL: Yes-Riese, Forrest, Clark, Kerns and Rollins. No-Muller and Brookhouser. Absent-Hardy. Abstain-None. MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 12

At 8:10 p.m. Motion by Brookhouser seconded by Clark to adjourn. ROLL CALL: Yes-Brookhouser, Kerns, Rollins, Muller, Riese, Forrest and Clark. No-None. Absent-Hardy. Abstain-None. MOTION CARRIED.

R. Paul Lambert, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandra J. Meyer, City Clerk