

February 12, 2025, at 6:30 pm - City Council Meeting Minutes

The City Council held a public hearing and meeting, convening in open session on February 12, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the City Administration Building (212 E Broadway St., Randolph, NE). Council acknowledged by Receipt of Notice for the Council meeting. Written public notice of the meeting was published in the Randolph Times on February 5, 2025, and publicly posted at Lied Library, First State Bank, Post Office & City Administration Building. Staff members Rayford, Korth-Focken, Dickes, City Attorney Holloway, and eleven members of the public were in attendance.

I. OPENING PROCEDURE

1. Mayor called meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. Mayor announced Open Meetings Act on the wall.
3. Pledge of Allegiance

II. ROUTINE BUSINESS

1. Roll Call: PRESENT: Mayor Schutt, Council President Nielsen & Council Members Korth, Greiner and Backhaus. ABSENT: None.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. None

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. New resident Doug Hallam introduced himself. Also discussed bright lights at golf course near his home and opportunities for tree plantings.
2. Summer Youth members Joaquin Santos and Abby Dorcey discussed baseball and softball field conditions and upkeep, mowing, finances, and upcoming sign-ups for season.
3. Library Director Peggy Leiting reported that during the 2023-24 Fiscal Year, the Randolph Lied Library offered 171 programs with 3,458 individuals attending in addition to 16,750 items circulating. Leiting provided data detailing how much money library visitors save by not having to individually buy new books and other items.
4. Pub and Grub owner Donna Mae Schutt reported there are pipe and wall issues along the east wall of her building.
5. Tom Guenther (regarding above topic) reported where an old chimney was on Pub and Grub east wall, could see broad daylight, in addition to seeing rafters and experiencing water/piping issues.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Motion by Greiner, seconded by Nielsen, to approve the consent agenda items as presented. ROLL CALL YEAS: Korth, Nielsen, Greiner, Backhaus. NAYS: None. Motion passed.
 - i. Approve the following permits:
 1. House addition/building permit at 401 E Mosher St.
 2. Sign permit at 55786 Hwy 20.
 - ii. Approve the following meeting minutes:
 - 1/15/25 City Council
 - 1/27/25 Planning Commission
 - 2/3/25 Fire Department
 - 2/5/25 Golf Board
 - 2/10/25 Rescue Squad
 - 2/10/25 Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB)
 - 2/11/25 Library Board

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Regarding potential for tree planting east of east cart storage shed at golf course, Golf Course Board has been in touch with Doug Hallam on next steps and invited Hallam to the next Golf Board meeting in March. Hallam proposed planting maples between home and cart storage shed to reduce light coming into home windows from golf course lights. Public Works Director Dickes offered changing bulbs on lights to dim and/or change direction of light.
2. Motion by Greiner, seconded by Backhaus, to table the Summer Youth 2025 agreement with the City. ROLL CALL YEAS: Korth, Nielsen, Greiner, Backhaus. NAYS: None. Motion passed.
3. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Korth, to table Resolution No. 2025-01 on approval of Summer Youth authorized representatives to sign checks and withdraw funds from the Summer Youth checking account on deposit with First State Bank. ROLL CALL YEAS: Korth, Nielsen, Greiner, Backhaus. NAYS: None. Motion passed.
4. Motion by Korth, seconded by Nielsen, to approve Claims for City, Golf, and Rescue as presented. ROLL CALL YEAS: Korth, Nielsen, Greiner, Backhaus. NAYS: None. Motion passed.

City Claims	
Advantage Computer	850.00
Allo Business	346.95
Appeara	170.68
BARCO	1,671.00
Black Hills Energy	1,377.66
Blue Cross & Blue Shield of NE	10,122.64
Bomgaars	111.96
Bullseye Fire	590.10
Card Services	403.65
CITY OF RANDOLPH	8,237.08
Colonial Research	1,161.60
Continental Life	146.36
Core & Main LP	1,044.72
EFTPS	8,068.40
EQUITABLE FINANCIAL	1,715.07
First State Bank	340.41
Grossenburg Implement	850.00
Intuit	1,496.93
JEO Consulting	112.50
L P Gill, Inc.	2,145.42
League Association of Risk Management	1,522.42
LEITING AUTO SUPPLY	279.10
Lied Randolph Public Library Treasurer	6,700.00
Lingo Communications	120.52
Midwest Laboratories Inc	308.00
Monson & Holloway	1,150.00

Motorola Solutions	6,460.40
NE Child Support Payment Center	581.56
NEB DEPT OF REVENUE SALES & USE TAX	5,088.10
NEB DEPT OF REVENUE-WH	1,470.04
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab	154.00
NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	39,560.06
Northeast Nebraska News	279.71
Northeast Power	12.79
PAUL'S WELDING	361.98
Principal	574.07
Quill Corp	69.99
RANDOLPH COMMUNITY GOLF COURSE Transfer	4,150.00
RANDOLPH FARM SUPPLY	2,551.34
RVW, Inc.	700.00
Salaries	28,298.46
SAM'S HARDWARE HANK	20.95
Tunink Construction	2,010.00
UECO	11,987.00
US 20 LLC	138.05
US DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY	6,794.53
V S P	184.80
WATTIER TRUE VALUE	765.53
William Fye	172.00
Y & Y LAWN SERVICE	6,137.00
RCGC Golf Course Claims	
Appeara	136.18
Arctic Glacier Ice	150.00
Bill Schmit	185.00
City of Randolph	2,025.43
Denise Gubbels	15.00
Eagle Distributing	1,442.43
EFTPS	1,641.80
First State Bank	468.81
Jim's Food Center	506.14
League Association of Risk Management	695.00
Mahaska	80.00
MH Services	20.00
N T & T	76.67
Nebraska Department of Revenue	330.65
Nebraska Licensed Beverage Association	200.00

Northeast Nebraska News	50.08
Olson's Pest Technicians	77.04
Randolph Farm Supply	233.65
Salaries	6,342.00
Sam's Club MC/SYNCB	885.78
Sam's Hardware Hank	37.44
Sparklight	106.69
Sysco	1,749.05
Wattier's True Value	16.99
Wayne Herald	60.00
Rescue	
Bound Tree Medical	352.20
Cenex Fleet	183.38
Danielle Graf	50.00
First State Bank	20.00
Sparklight	47.19
Quickbooks	30.00
Quick Med Claims	567.50

5. Motion by Greiner, seconded by Korth, to approve pool purchases for summer of 2025 which were budgeted for current Fiscal Year. ROLL CALL YEAS: Korth, Nielsen, Greiner, Backhaus. NAYS: None. Motion passed.
6. Motion by Greiner, seconded by Nielsen, to introduce, waive three readings of, and approve Ordinance No. 749 – Vacant Property Utility Shut-offs. ROLL CALL YEAS: Korth, Nielsen, Greiner, Backhaus. NAYS: None. Motion passed.
7. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Greiner, to introduce, waive three readings of, and approve Ordinance No. 750 – Amendment to Fence Regulations regarding temporary snow fence permits. ROLL CALL YEAS: Korth, Nielsen, Greiner, Backhaus. NAYS: None. Motion passed.
8. Motion by Korth, seconded by Greiner, to pursue an interlocal agreement with Cedar County to allow the Cedar County lottery to be available in the City of Randolph. ROLL CALL YEAS: Korth, Nielsen, Greiner, Backhaus. NAYS: None. Motion passed.
9. Motion by Korth, seconded by Nielsen, to table an update of the City of Randolph employee handbook. ROLL CALL YEAS: Korth, Nielsen, Greiner, Backhaus. NAYS: None. Motion passed.
10. Motion by Greiner, seconded by Korth, to approve City of Randolph submission of Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on floodplain remapping. ROLL CALL YEAS: Korth, Nielsen, Greiner, Backhaus. NAYS: None. Motion passed.
11. No action taken on next steps for Chief of Police hiring.
12. No action taken on survey of City-owned property.
13. Department reports

- Police – one welfare check, one animal complaint, two disturbances, four rescue calls, two non-traffic warnings, one funeral traffic, and one traffic warning in January 2025.
- Public Works – water main break and street/storm drain repair work at Douglas and Walden Streets, received approximately \$40,000 estimate for water well 1 repair work from Sargent Drilling, and electrical work at various locations in past month.
- Treasurer/Administration – school intern has started at City office, City received asbestos grant reimbursement from State of NE for downtown buildings, currently hiring for pool and public works summer positions, and City website has been updated with meeting dates/times, businesses, and other info.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Korth, to enter into executive session at 8 pm to discuss legal strategy on real estate which is in the public interest. ROLL CALL YEAS: Korth, Nielsen, Greiner, Backhaus. NAYS: None. Motion passed.
2. Motion by Korth, seconded by Greiner, to exit executive session at 8:41 pm. ROLL CALL YEAS: Korth, Nielsen, Greiner, Backhaus. NAYS: None. Motion passed.

VIII. ADJOURN

1. Motion by Korth, seconded by Backhaus, to adjourn. ROLL CALL YEAS: Korth, Nielsen, Greiner, Backhaus. NAYS: None. Motion passed.

The next City Council meeting and public hearing will be held on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 6:30 pm at the City Administration building at 212 E Broadway St. in Randolph, NE. The Council may convene as the Community Development Agency (CDA). All meetings are open to the public, and an agenda is kept current and available for public inspection.