Regular City Council Meeting

**7-7-25**

Mayor Kovar called the meeting to order at 7pm

Present: Breann Krebs, Mike Grote, Rebecca Ferderer, Tom Gorek, Rex Fitch & Chris Fitterer

Excused: None

Motion by Breann, seconded by Tom to approve the June 2025 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The county policing report was presented by Sheriff Warner. In the month of June there were 20 calls for service which included a hit and run, disorderly conduct, animal neglect, reckless driving, and destruction of property. Sheriff Warner asked about the security cameras and they are now installed. There is great coverage of the city buildings and the cameras go out to the street as well to see vehicles that are driving by. There is also audio on the cameras and the audio works very well. Motion by Breann, seconded by Mike to approve the county policing report. Motion carried.

**Mayors Report**

The mayor inquired about a Rabies Clinic in New England as we have had them annually in New England until recently. If West River Vet Clinic does not want to put one on, the Auditor will call other towns to see if they will come and have a Rabies Clinic in New England.

**Water & Sewer**

Nothing to report

**Street & Lights**

Nothing to report

**Buildings & Grounds**

The cement got fixed on the steps in front of Memorial Hall.

**Equipment**

Nothing to report

**Ordinance**

Motion by Breann, seconded by Mike to approve the 2nd reading of the chicken ordinance. Motion carried.

**City & Government Affairs**

When the grant becomes available for tearing down blight houses or for clean up of abandoned homes, the city should look at re-applying for that grant.

**Zoning Commission**

Nothing to report

**Auditors Report**

Motion by Breann, seconded by Mike to approve the following bills for payment. Motion carried.

7/7/2025 16105 Guadalupe Lara Curb and Gutter Work -4,235.00

7/13/2025 16106 Menard's Tools -185.93

7/13/2025 16107 One Call Concepts Call Tickets -7.50

7/13/2025 16108 NE Library July Taxes -43.09

7/13/2025 16109 NE Cemetery July Taxes -7.85

7/13/2025 16110 Special Assessment Deficiency City share Taxes -147.20

7/13/2025 16111 Special Assessment Deficiency Specials street 3-35 -1,819.77

7/13/2025 16112 Special Assessment Deficiency Specials Water 4-35 -515.55

7/13/2025 16113 Consolidated Ambulance Phone -51.35

7/13/2025 16114 Consolidated City Hall Phone -515.43

7/13/2025 16115 City of Dickinson Landfill Charges -2,956.80

7/13/2025 16116 NE Library State Aid for Public Libraries -393.15

7/13/2025 16117 Southwest Water Authority Monthly Water -20,876.96

7/13/2025 16118 Clean Sweep Vacuum Center Repair Vacuum -157.52

7/13/2025 16119 Southwestern Dist. Health Unit Water Samples -50.00

7/13/2025 16120 North Dakota League of Cities Yearly Dues -1,012.00

7/13/2025 16121 Helena Agri Enterprises Chemical for Spraying -977.50

7/13/2025 16122 Menard's Pump for Lagoon, Carb Cleaner, Gloves -737.18

7/13/2025 16123 GS Publishing Ad Water Quality Report -69.80

7/15/2025 16124 Justabout's Services LLC Paving -8,800.00

7/20/2025 16133 VISA 8078 Operators license renewal fee, oil -319.34

7/20/2025 16135 Tri County LLC Hose, adapter, bushing, gas tank, valves -174.09

7/20/2025 16136 The Hub Convenience Stores Fuel -1,002.83

7/20/2025 16137 Hanson Plumbing Installation water heater memorial hall-572.35

7/20/2025 16138 One Call Concepts Call Tickets -9.85

7/20/2025 16143 NE Rural Fire Protection Dist. Yearly Taxes -6,600.00

7/20/2025 16144 NE Ambulance Yearly Taxes -550.00

Updates on projects that have been completed this summer. We did get the security cameras installed at City Hall, the chip sealing was completed, the curb and gutter work has been completed, the new Christmas lights are here, and the paving will be completed on low spots within the week.

There were some oil spots on the street from the chip seal job. The company had a leak and they are coming back to try and scrape it off.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Brian Herold representing the City Sales Tax Committee had a city sales tax application for the New England Library. Motion by Chris, seconded by Tom to approve the sales tax application for the New England Library for $2,500 for replacement and installation of the back door. Motion carried.

Brian stated the city sales tax committee needs a new member and the council will look for a replacement. The next meeting is September 4th at 7pm.

Brian also brought up the idea of installing new Welcome to New England signs on the north and south end of New England. These will not be standard signs, they will be signs that will be appealing to people driving by New England. The City Council is 100% behind this project. Chris stated that this would be a good use for city sales tax funds.

Discussed property cleanup and the City Council has noticed there are several properties that need to be cleaned up. There are also noxious weeds in people’s yards as well. If you see a yard that needs to be addressed or see noxious weeds, take pictures and get those to the City Auditor. The City Auditor will send out a letter with the ordinance violation and the property owner needs to address it. If they property owner does not, we can get our City Attorney involved for enforcement and/or fines.

**Council Comments**

The sign got fixed at the bridge south of Main Street.

Discussion was held on being good neighbors and better adjacent property owners.

Motion by Breann, seconded by Rex to adjourn. Motion carried.

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