



# SPRINGFIELD

## NEBRASKA

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### **CITY COUNCIL AGENDA - REVISED**

Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Springfield City Hall

170 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

- Public announcement that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Law is posted in the entry to the meeting room
- Roll call
- Pledge of Allegiance

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

*All consent agenda items are approved in one motion unless removed by a Council Member. Removed items will be placed under the Regular Agenda for consideration and action by the Council.*

1. Approve Minutes of the July 15, 2025, Council Meeting
2. Approve Claims
3. Approve Treasurer's Report

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

1. Consider a request from the Adair Family to place a bench in front of the building at 205 Main Street in honor of Glenn and Ginny Adair
2. **Tabled July 1, 2025.** Consider approval of a landscape plan and quote submitted by Leading Edge Lawn & Landscape for the revitalization of the flag pole area at Buffalo Park
3. Consider approval of **Resolution 2025-15** authorizing the City Treasurer to enter into an ICS Deposit Placement Agreement with IntraFi (via Horizon Bank) and transfer funds from the City Sales Tax Account into the ICS account
4. Discuss Heath Shemek's annual review and consider a proposed merit increase

5. Discuss Andie Ledenbach’s annual review and consider a proposed merit increase
6. Nicole Thomas, 185 N 8<sup>th</sup> Street – Dispute water bill charge and request an adjustment

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

1. Water & Sewer Department – Mike Neitzel
2. Library & Community Building – Michael Herzog
3. Parks Department – Kacie Murtha
4. Street Department – Dan Craney
5. Mayor’s Report – Bob Roseland
6. City Staff Reports

*The Mayor and City Council reserve the right to adjourn into executive session per Section 84-1410 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes.*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

### **MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Springfield, Nebraska was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at City Hall. Present were Mayor Bob Roseland; Council Members: Mike Neitzel, Michael Herzog, Kacie Murtha, Dan Craney. Notice of this meeting was given in advance by posting in three public places, one of the designated methods of giving notice. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to the Mayor and all Council Members and a copy of their receipt of notice is attached to these Minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. The Mayor publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

### **Consent Agenda**

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Neitzel, to approve the Consent Agenda. AYES: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Check #	Account ID	Account Description	Name	Debit Amount
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<b>General</b>				
49936	8010-10-10	Office Supplies-Gen	Amazon Business	22.96
49936	9010-10-10	Office Equipment-Gen	Amazon Business	130.65
49936	8010-10-10	Office Supplies-Gen	Amazon Business	35.48
49939	7045-10-10	Prof Svcs-Tech Support-Gen	Core Technologies, Inc	6,808.14
49939	9010-10-10	Office Equipment-Gen	Core Technologies, Inc	715.00
49940	8140-10-10	R&M Equipment-Gen	Eakes Office Solutions	917.83
49945	7030-10-10	Prof Svcs-Planning-Gen	JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	988.75
EFTPS	7270-10-10	Insurance-Gen	Travelers	347.70
			<b>Total</b>	
<b>Sales Tax</b>				
49936	9089-15-10	Community Events-Sls Tax	Amazon Business	24.99
49944	9088-15-10	Community Betterment-Sls Tax	The Rock Place II, Inc	723.90
			<b>Total</b>	
<b>Library</b>				
49937	7455-20-10	Internet-Lib	Charter Communications	48.04
49939	7330-20-10	Telephone-Lib	Core Technologies, Inc	50.00
EFTPS	7270-20-10	Insurance-Lib	Travelers	152.91
			<b>Total</b>	
<b>Park</b>				
49941	8160-30-10	R&M Grounds-Prk	Grass Pad, Inc	138.22
EFTPS	7270-30-10	Insurance-Prk	Travelers	112.03
			<b>Total</b>	
<b>Soccer Complex</b>				
49941	8160-35-10	R&M Grounds-Scr	Grass Pad, Inc	149.17
EFTPS	7270-35-10	Insurance-Scr	Travelers	112.03
			<b>Total</b>	
<b>Community Building</b>				
EFTPS	7270-40-10	Insurance-CommBldg	Travelers	119.04
			<b>Total</b>	
<b>Water</b>				
49911	7330-50-20	Telephone-Wtr	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunication	259.28
49942	7045-50-20	Prof Svcs-Tech Support-Wtr	PowerManager	625.00
EFTPS	7270-50-20	Insurance-Wtr	Travelers	373.35
			<b>Total</b>	
<b>Sewer</b>				
49911	7330-60-30	Telephone-Swr	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunication	180.48
49939	9010-60-30	Office Equipment-Swr	Core Technologies, Inc	2,169.19
49939	7045-60-30	Prof Svcs-Tech Support-Swr	Core Technologies, Inc	780.00
49942	7045-60-30	Prof Svcs-Tech Support-Swr	PowerManager	625.00
49943	7081-60-30	Sewer Connection Fee-Swr	Sarpy County & Cities Wastewater Agency	33,200.00

EFTPS	7270-60-30	Insurance-Swr	Travelers	281.58
			<b>Total</b>	
<b>Street</b>				
49938	8090-70-40	Asphalt & Concrete-Str	Concrete Delivered LLC	6,611.76
49939	9010-70-40	Office Equip-Str	Core Technologies, Inc	2,949.19
EFTPS	7270-70-40	Insurance-Str	Travelers	505.42
			<b>Total</b>	<b>60,157.09</b>

The City Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$8,066,745.88 in cash assets; Prestige Treasury, \$211,826.93; Prestige Bond, \$1,416,001.31; Keno Community Betterment, \$549,498.82; Keno Progressive Jackpot, \$50,481.39; Water Deposit Savings, \$4,277.65; Refundable Deposits Savings, \$1,248.87; Water Tower Savings, \$405,414.93; Sewer Restricted, \$404,226.53; Water Capital Facilities Fees, \$182,647.12; Sewer Capital Facilities Fees, \$1,208,809.45; City Sales Tax, \$21,509,103.74; Money Market Library Bricks, \$987.42; Government Securities, \$124,656.66; Library Savings-Estate Donation, \$1,662.28; Pinnacle Bank-ASIP, \$2,751,274.88; Time Certificates as follows: Bond, \$84,632.23; Tower, \$63,862.38; Water, \$137,795.78; Library Restricted, \$34,197.53; Cash Receipts, \$4,370,261.90; Cash Disbursements, \$1,435,238.48.

### **Regular Agenda**

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Murtha, to move regular agenda item 6 before regular agenda item 1. AYES: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item 6.** Nicole Thomas, 185 N 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Springfield stated that she had experienced a leaking toilet with her basement bathroom that they rarely use. The toilet has been repaired, but this happened to be during the months that are used to calculate the sewer average for the next year. Thomas asked that the city look at her true average monthly usage and recalculate her sewer average for the year 2025-2026. Motion by Neitzel, seconded by Craney, to revise the 2025-2026 sewer average for Nicole Thomas, 185 N 8<sup>th</sup> Street, to 2,000 gallons based on her typical water usage. AYES: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item 1.** Motion by Murtha, seconded by Craney, to table agenda item 1, regarding a request from the Adair Family to place a bench in front of the building at 205 Main Street in honor of Glenn and Ginny Adair, until the August 5, 2025, Council meeting. AYES: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item 2.** As per the Council's request at the July 1 Council meeting, Chris Woodman, Maintenance Manager, submitted a plan of action for the city maintenance staff to complete the proposed revitalization of the flagpole area at Buffalo Park. Woodman estimated that it would take 2-3 employees 6-7 days to complete. This time frame does not account for regular daily duties. With the other projects on their schedule, this project would be started by the end of summer. Neitzel would like to see the city maintenance staff complete the project. Craney

stated that it would be nice to have the project completed before the state baseball tournament at the end of July, and the Legion has committed to contributing to the cost of the project. Herzog would also like to see the project completed before the state tournament. Neitzel stated that he feels that the community is watching how often the city hires projects done and he believes the employees would be proud to complete the job in-house. Motion by Craney, seconded by Herzog, to approve the bid from Leading Edge Lawn & Landscape in the amount of \$25,000.00 for services to revitalize the flagpole area at Buffalo Park. AYES: Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: Neitzel. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item 3.** Council Member Murtha introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption. Council Member Herzog seconded the motion for the adoption of the resolution and on roll call the following Council Members voted in favor of said motion: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. The following voted against the same: None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted. A true, correct, and complete copy of said resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION  
2025-15**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Springfield, Nebraska as follows:

WHEREAS, Horizon Bank of Springfield is an FDIC-insured bank; and

WHEREAS, FDIC insures deposits up to \$250,000 per depositor, per insured bank, for each account ownership category; and

WHEREAS, City deposits over the \$250,000 FDIC insured limit are secured by safekeeping pledges that Horizon Bank obtains from other banks and bonds; and

WHEREAS, Horizon Bank is a member of the IntraFi Cash Service (ICS) program, which is a program utilized by government agencies as a way to safeguard larger deposits without having to utilize safekeeping pledges; and

WHEREAS, funds through ICS are placed into demand deposit accounts or money market deposit accounts at numerous financial institutions nationwide in an amount covered by the FDIC insured limit; and

WHEREAS, Horizon Bank would handle the transactions between financial institutions to ensure that all of the deposits placed through ICS are federally insured and protected; and

WHEREAS, the City of Springfield, Nebraska, a Municipal Corporation, agrees to enter into the IntraFi Cash Service (ICS) Deposit Placement Agreement with Horizon Bank for the protection of public funds over the \$250,000 FDIC insured limit; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees that the deposits in the City Sales Tax Savings Account (\$21,509,103.74 as per the June 30, 2025, bank statement) shall be transferred into the ICS program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Springfield, Nebraska that the Mayor is authorized to enter into the ICS Deposit Placement Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Introduced and Passed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025.

City Council Member Murtha moved the adoption of said resolution.  
City Council Member Herzog seconded the motion.

Record of Vote:

Ayes: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted.

Approved: Robert Roseland, Mayor

SEAL

Attest: Barbara Henninger, City Clerk

**Agenda Item 4.** Motion by Herzog, seconded by Craney, to move agenda item 4, regarding Heath Shemek's Annual Review and Proposed Merit Increase, into executive session. AYES: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item 5.** Motion by Herzog, seconded by Craney, to table agenda item 5, regarding Andie Ledenbach's annual review and proposed merit increase, until the August 19, 2025, Council meeting. AYES: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

### **Department Reports**

**Agenda Item 1.** No department report from Neitzel.

**Agenda Item 2.** Herzog reported that the community building floor resurfacing looks great. Gottsch noted that Woodman inquired about replacing the bench leg coverings to protect the new floor surface or removing the benches from use in the building. Council agreed to keep the benches and research options for adding protective leg coverings.

**Agenda Item 3.** Murtha reported that Tyler Holdorf, Parks Director, has been working on trimming up the trail and sprucing up city properties with the Sarpy County Fair just around the corner. Holdorf has also power washed the dugouts at Buffalo Park. Murtha stated that we need to purchase the safety sign, for right-of-way mowing on Hwy 50, sooner than later.

**Agenda Item 4.** Craney reported that he spoke with Chris Woodman, Maintenance Manager, regarding the purchase of a tractor at \$80,000 and deck at \$20,000 to complete right-of-way mowing on Hwy 50. The tractor can be used on other projects. They discussed obtaining bids for said mowing versus not purchasing the tractor and deck. Mowing would only need to be done two to four times a year. Woodman is ok with keeping the project in-house but wanted to present an option because of the cost associated with it.

**Agenda Item 5.** No department report from Mayor Roseland.

**Agenda Item 6.** Gottsch reported that City Hall has mailed out several nuisance letters.

### **Executive Session**

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Neitzel, to enter into executive session at 7:56 p.m. for the purpose of personnel matters. AYES: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Murtha, seconded by Craney, to leave executive session at 8:37 p.m. AYES: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Neitzel, seconded by Herzog, to approve a 0% merit increase to Heath Shemek, Water/Sewer Operator, based on the salary for his position being capped and performance. AYES: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Murtha, seconded by Herzog, to adjourn. AYES: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m. Motion carried.

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Springfield, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council on July 15, 2025; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the

foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

Barbara Henninger  
City Clerk

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Robert Roseland, Mayor

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Date

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