



# City Council Regular Meeting

## Minutes

Monday, October 21, 2024 at 7:00 pm

### Meeting Location

1029 Court Street, Gibbon, Nebraska

#### 1. Opening Procedures

##### a. Call to Order

**Minutes:**

Mayor Deb VanMatre called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Open Meetings Notice is posted on the south wall of the Council Chambers. The City of Gibbon abides by the Open Meetings Act in conducting business.

##### b. Pledge of Allegiance

##### c. Announcement of Open Meetings Act

##### d. Roll Call

**Minutes:**

Roll Call: Leon Stall: Present; Derrick Clevenger: Present; Kevin Kraenow: Present; Bob Krier: Present

#### 2. Submittal of Requests for Future Items

**Minutes:**

None

#### 3. Reserve Time to Speak on Agenda Items

**Minutes:**

None

#### 4. Presentations and Proclamations

##### a. Buffalo County Sheriff's Department--Contract Law Enforcement

**Minutes:**

Buffalo County Sheriff's Department— Sergeant Joe Andersen: Sergeant Andersen gave the monthly report. He indicated there was nothing significant to report from September and that there have been no issues with the Knee Knocker Woods activities.

##### b. Mayor Report--Deb VanMatre

**Minutes:**

Mayor Report—Deb VanMatre: Mayor VanMatre provided information on the first reading of the garbage rate increase. Mid-Nebraska Disposal increased their rates for the service. She

indicated the city does offer recycling bins at no extra cost in addition to the two clean up days held each year. VanMatre gave an update on the League of Nebraska Municipalities conference in addition to the League Association of Risk Management and League Insurance Government Health Team annual meetings which were held October 2-4, 2024. The conference was informative, and the meetings were successful. Action from the annual meetings will need to be ratified by the council. Attending were Matt Smallcomb, Leon Stall, Bob Krier, Derrick Clevenger, Susan Tonniges, Pam Rasmussen and Mayor VanMatre. The National League of Cities' president was also in attendance. Mayor VanMatre informed the council that the year-end financial reports will be presented at the November meeting, which will be held a week later than usual. The December meeting will include action on November minutes and claims, followed by the swearing in of the mayor and council members. The new mayor will then preside over the meeting.

**c. City Administrator Report--Matt Smallcomb**

**Minutes:**

City Administrator Report—Matthew Smallcomb: Mr. Smallcomb provided the monthly operations report. He informed the council of the new skid loader lease through John Deere Financial and that the costs will be split between departments. In addition, the new jet trailer has been delivered. Mr. Smallcomb gave an update on the wastewater treatment plant and gas building. The first Downtown Revitalization meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2024. Olsson's will lead the meeting and introduce their team and projects they've done in the past. Derrick Clevenger asked about Keno funds. They are down from last year, possibly due to the Grand Island casino, other gaming devices or the economy. He also asked about the Wastewater Treatment Plant operator exams. The results should be available next week. Leon Stall asked about the Gibbon Fire Department's bunker gear claim. The gear has been replaced and we are still waiting on the status of the air packs.

**d. City Attorney Report--Barry Hemmerling**

**Minutes:**

City Attorney Report—Barry Hemmerling: Mr. Hemmerling informed the council that he has been in touch with NDEE regarding our status and updating them on our progress.

**e. Gibbon Heritage Center--Kevin McGregor**

**Minutes:**

Gibbon Heritage Center—Kevin McGregor: Mr. McGregor gave a facility update. He reviewed activities of the Heritage Center Board their plans are going forward. They have done an inventory on over 8,000 items and plan to do a deaccession of items to make more room. Examples include office machines and school trophies. There will be a notice posted with information and the process. Mr. McGregor also updated the council on planned building improvements which will be funded through the Heritage Center Foundation, including tuck pointing and basement repairs. Leon Stall indicated he had given cross county trophies and plaques to student athletes on the various teams, which was well received. He suggested they may be able to do something similar. Derrick Clevenger

suggested asking a group such as FBLA for help with inventorying or deaccession of items. Mr. McGregor indicated they have utilized the help of FBLA in the past.

## 5. Ordinances

### a. Ordinance No. 682 Changing the Residential Rate for Collection of Garbage (First Reading)

#### **Minutes:**

Ordinance No. 682 Changing the Residential Rate for Collection of Garbage Council member Leon Stall introduced Ordinance No. 682 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GIBBON, BUFFALO COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AMENDING SECTION 51.04 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CHANGE THE RESIDENTIAL RATE FOR COLLECTION OF GARBAGE Ordinance No. 682 was read by title only.

A motion was made by Derrick Clevenger and seconded by Leon Stall to approve Ordinance No. 682 on its first reading. Derrick Clevenger: Yea; Leon Stall: Yea; Kevin Kraenow: Yea; Bob Krier: Yea Yea: 4; Nay: 0; Absent: 0. Mayor declared said Ordinance No. 682 approved on its first reading.

#### **Vote results:**

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

## 6. Consent Agenda

#### **Minutes:**

A motion was made by Leon Stall to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Bob Krier. Leon Stall: Yea; Bob Krier: Yea; Kevin Kraenow: Yea; Derrick Clevenger: Yea Yea: 4; Nay: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried.

#### **Vote results:**

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

- a. Minutes of the September 16, 2024 Regular Council Meeting
- b. Minutes of the September 18, 2024 Special Council Meeting
- c. Claims for the Month of October 2024
- d. Buffalo County Sherriff's Department Report
- e. Planning Commission Report
- f. Building Permit
- g. Sign Permit
- h. Cemetery Board Report
- i. Heritage Center Report
- j. Gibbon Volunteer Fire Department Report
- k. Library Report
- l. Board Reappointment
- m. Board Appointment

## 7. Resolution and Motions

### a. Consider a Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2024-13 Temporarily Closing Public Street for Halloween Events

#### **Minutes:**

A motion was made by Leon Stall to approve Resolution No. 2024-13 Temporarily Closing Public Street for Halloween Events, Seconded by Bob Krier. Resolution Temporarily

Closing Public Street BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE ICTY OF GIBBON, NEBRASKA, that the following street will be closed to vehicular traffic for Halloween events from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on October 31, 2024. LaBarre Street from Front Street to 2nd Street and 1st Street from LaBarre Street to Niles Street. Derrick Clevenger asked that it be noted that the Halloween event has been renamed to the Dave Johnson Halloween Scare the Square Event in memory of Dave who started the event years ago. Leon Stall: Yea; Bob Krier: Yea; Derrick Clevenger: Yea; Kevin Kraenow: Yea Yea: 4; Nay: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

**b. Consider a Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2024-14 Temporarily Closing Public Street for Christmas in the Park**

**Minutes:**

A motion was made by Leon Stall to approve Resolution No. 2024-14 Temporarily Closing Public Street for Christmas in the Park, seconded by Bob Krier. Resolution Temporarily Closing Public Street BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIBBON, NEBRASKA that the following streets will be closed to vehicular traffic for Christmas in the Park from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 7, 2024: Front Street from LaBarre Street to Court Street; and Court Street from Front Street to Second Street; and First Street from Court Street to Niles Street; and LaBarre Street from Front Street to Second Street. Leon Stall: Yea; Bob Krier: Yea; Kevin Kraenow: Yea; Derrick Clevenger: Yea Yea: 4; Nay: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

**c. Consider a motion to ratify all actions of Deb VanMatre, our LARM representative, identified in the minutes of the Annual Members Meeting of the League Association of Risk Management on October 2, 2024, including the election of nominees to the LARM Board of Directors**

**Minutes:**

A motion was made by Leon Stall to ratify all action of Deb VanMatre, our LARM representative, identified in the minutes of the Annual Members Meeting of the League Association of Risk Management on October 2, 2024, including the election of nominees to the LARM Board of Directors, seconded by Derrick Clevenger. Leon Stall: Yea; Derrick Clevenger: Yea; Bob Krier: Yea; Kevin Kraenow: Yea Yea: 4; Nay: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

**d. Consider a motion to ratify all actions, including the election of the nominee to the LIGHT Board of Directors, of Deb VanMatre, our LIGHT representative, identified in the minutes of the Annual Members' Meeting of the League Insurance Government Health Team (LIGHT) on October 4, 2024.**

**Minutes:**

A motion was made by Leon Stall to ratify all action, including the election of the nominee to the LIGHT Board of Directors, of Deb VanMatre, our LIGHT representative, identified in the minutes of the Annual Members' Meeting of the League Insurance Government Health Team (LIGHT) on October 4, 2024, seconded by Derrick Clevenger. Yea: 4; Nay: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

**8. Other Items**

- a. Next Regular City Council Meeting will be held on Monday, November 25, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. (Note Meeting Date Change)**

**9. Adjourn**

**Minutes:**

A motion was made by Derrick Clevenger to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Leon Stall. Derrick Clevenger: Yea; Leon Stall: Yea; Bob Krier: Yea; Kevin Kraenow: Yea Yea: 4; Nay: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried.

Mayor VanMatre adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

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