

Kearney, Nebraska
March 25, 2025
5:30 p.m.

A meeting of the City Council of Kearney, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 5:30 p.m. on March 25, 2025 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were: Jonathan Nikkila, President of the Council; Peggy Eynetich, City Clerk; Council Members Randy Buschkoetter, Tami James Moore, Kurt Schmidt and Alex Straatmann. Absent: None. Brenda Jensen, City Manager; Michael Tye, City Attorney; Kayla James, Director of Finance; Sarah Sawin, Director of Utilities; Kevin Thompson, Police Captain; and Luke Dutcher, Assistant Public Works Director, were also present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Kearney Hub, the designated method for giving notice, a copy of the proof of publication being attached to these minutes. Advance notice of the meeting was also given to the City Council and a copy of their acknowledgment or receipt of such notice is attached to these minutes. Availability of the Agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and City Council. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

With the absence of a minister, the Council held a moment of silence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council members led audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Nikkila announced that in accordance with Section 84-1412 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is available for review and is posted on the wall of the Council Chambers.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were no Oral Communications.

II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

SALES TAX CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Mayor Nikkila opened the public hearing on the ½¢ Sales Tax Capital Improvement Plan

for the City of Kearney, Nebraska.

Brenda Jensen, City Manager presented this matter to the Council. Ms. Jensen stated the City is estimating approximately 6.25 million in revenue will be collected from the half-cent sales tax; the City has a policy that 10% of that amount is reserved for fund balance. From a spending standpoint, approximately 5.6 million will be spent in the upcoming year, and noted the first ten items on the list are debt payments the City is obligated to pay. Ms. Jensen stated when voters passed the half-cent sales tax, the City pledged to utilize 50% of the dollars collected towards streets. Annually, monies are set aside for ADA/curb ramp or sidewalk projects and asphalt projects, unless the asphalt project is larger and would be done the following year and miscellaneous street repairs and sidewalk repair, which is usually done by block each year.

Mayor Nikkila questioned how the City decides which sidewalks are completed throughout the City. Ms. Jensen stated the City annually reviews areas where there is missing sidewalk and targets those areas that have well-used amenities where people would need a sidewalk to get to; ADA ramps are added to the new sidewalks. The City has been targeting the Pioneer Neighborhood for curbs, one block at a time, due to the cost.

Additionally, the City includes the purchase of a dump truck or plow annually, as the City has 15 trucks on a 15-year cycle. Finally, the list includes a payment of a portion of the pledge to the UNMC Rural Health project.

There was no one present in opposition to this hearing.

Moved by Straatmann seconded by Moore to close the hearing and approve the ½¢ Sales Tax Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Kearney. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Nikkila, Moore, Schmidt, Straatmann, Buschkoetter. Nay: None. Motion carried.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Nikkila stated there had been a request from the Finance Department to table the payment of the claim to White Cap in the amount of \$14,224.85 until the April 8, 2025, Council Meeting.

Moved by Moore seconded by Schmidt that Subsections 1 through 6 of Consent Agenda Item IV be approved and to table the payment of the claim to White Cap in the amount of \$14,224.85 until the April 8, 2025, Council meeting. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Nikkila, Schmidt, Straatmann, Buschkoetter, Moore. Nay: None. Motion carried.

1. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting held March 11, 2025.
2. Approve the following Claims:

PS	Personnel Services
SMCS	Supplies, Materials & Contractual Services
ER	Equipment Rental
CO	Capital Outlay

DS Debt Service

1000bulbs.com \$3,448.87 smcs; 2025 Nebraska-Iowa \$321.00 smcs; 24 Hour Wrist Bands \$840.48 smcs; ABPA \$100.00 smcs; Ace Hardware \$2,921.76 smcs, co; Ace Irrigation \$323.00 smcs; Acushnet \$4,505.74 smcs; Adorama \$96.27 smcs; Airfield Marking \$1,000.00 smcs; Alfred Benesch \$14,326.28 co All Copy \$395.87 smcs; Allo \$965.72 smcs; Ally B Designs \$475.00 smcs; AM Leonard \$1,225.26 smcs; Amax Contracting \$367.28 smcs; Amazon \$14,757.72 smcs, co; American \$506.14 smcs; American Air \$444.57 smcs; American Backflow \$518.19 smcs; American Instants \$157.86 smcs; American Legion \$257.71 smcs; American Red Cross \$320.00 smcs; Andersen Wrecking \$15.00 smcs; Anything Truck \$1,855.93 smcs; APA \$785.00 smcs; Apple \$7.96 smcs; Arnold Motor Supply \$663.90 smcs; Arrow Seed \$1,448.50 smcs; Ask Supply \$3,070.21 smcs; Assoc. Threat Assmnt. \$150.00 smcs; AT&T \$4,151.70 smcs; Atlantic, the \$101.63 smcs; Aurora Coop \$64.00 smcs; Aussie Hydraulics \$268.52 smcs; Axe Holes \$25.00 smcs; B&H Photo \$6,830.51 smcs, co; Baker & Taylor \$4,369.74 smcs; Baker's Candies \$383.25 smcs; Barco Municipal \$1,594.17 smcs; Baum Hydraulics \$1,507.94 smcs; Bayly \$499.95 smcs; Beacon Athletics \$138.00 smcs; Beacon-Observer \$26.00 smcs; Bead Pro \$1,314.40 smcs; Beissel-Heath, Michelle \$25.00 smcs; Blackburn Manufacturing \$394.94 smcs; Blackstone Library \$1,561.81 smcs; Bluebeam \$898.33 smcs; BlueCross BlueShield \$259,970.97 smcs; Bluffs Facility Solutions \$887.96 co; Bomgaars \$324.94 smcs; Bosselman \$8,091.89 smcs; Bossfuels \$39,213.78 smcs; Brand Mgmt. \$211.39 smcs; Bucket Golf \$342.20 smcs; Buffalo Bins \$16,560.00 co; Buffalo Co. Sheriff \$122.50 smcs; Buffalo Outdoor Power \$21,650.09 smcs, co; Buggies Unlimited \$50.21 smcs; Builders \$2,442.83 smcs, co; Building Code College \$45.00 smcs; Cal/Amp \$808.50 smcs; Camera Doctor \$10.97 smcs; Cannavista \$2,999.00 smcs; Canonical Group \$75.00 co; Casey's \$20.01 smcs; Cash Wa \$62,908.53 smcs, co; CCI Solutions \$92.74 smcs; CDW Govt. \$823.31 smcs; Cenex \$234.58 smcs; Central NE Bobcat \$564.58 smcs; Central States Wire \$1,173.20 smcs; CFA Software \$2,995.00 smcs; Chesterman \$1,211.00 smcs; Chewy \$112.70 smcs; Cintas \$671.86 smcs; Ciox Health \$24.00 smcs; City of Ky \$21,741.93 smcs; CityServiceValcon \$98,789.78 smcs; Coldspring \$387.45 smcs; Colling, Lee \$206.50 smcs; Column Software \$536.74 smcs; Complete Underground \$3,500.00 co; Consolidated Concrete \$1,393.64 smcs, co; Construction Rental \$2,752.95 smcs; Cornhusker Cleaning \$486.50 smcs; Court Reserve \$176.65 smcs; Culligan \$265.94 smcs; Cunningham's \$25.00 smcs; D & K Products \$4,100.00 smcs; Dan's Plumbing \$351.00 smcs; Dare Catalog \$2,117.23 smcs; Data Shield \$251.12 smcs; Dawson Public Power \$20,536.73 smcs; Del City \$278.62 smcs; Dell \$6,797.07 smcs, co; Demco \$241.38 smcs; DeMers, B \$182.00 smcs; Digicert \$1,646.00 smcs; Dish \$146.10 smcs; Dival Safety \$3,212.09 smcs; Do It Best \$53.44 smcs; Dollar Tree \$88.35 smcs; Door Dash \$147.57 smcs; Dowhy Towing \$326.00 smcs; Dr. Heater \$299.98 smcs; DTS Technology \$32.09 smcs; Dunkin \$15.19 smcs; Eagle Distributors \$522.11 smcs; Eakes \$91,875.58 smcs, co; Early Bird \$40.00 smcs; Ebay \$214.64 smcs; Echo Electric \$39.34 smcs; Ecolab \$134.54 smcs; EH Wachs \$2,422.80 smcs; ELDT \$77.63 smcs; Elliott Equipment \$10,452.24 smcs; Enerco Group \$48.96 smcs; ENRA A Waters Co. \$393.85 smcs; Expression Wear \$168.00 co; Eyemed \$2,366.78 smcs; Facebook \$340.64 smcs; Family Fresh \$72.90 smcs; Faro Technologies \$7,409.00 smcs; Fastenal \$362.14 smcs; FBI NAA Nat'l \$130.00 smcs; Financial Partners Group \$207.90 co Floor Tape \$827.29 co; Foote Convenience \$51.50 smcs; Forensic Education \$900.00 smcs; Fort Ky Expo \$1,000.00 smcs; Friesen Ford \$984.12 smcs; Frontier \$3,042.12 smcs; Full Circle Baker \$100.36 smcs; Full Tilt Management

\$2,400.00 smcs; Fun Express \$99.62 smcs; G&T Engine Parts \$179.79 smcs; Gale \$13,597.26 smcs; GameTime \$994.35 co; Garcia Chicoine Entp. \$4,040.24 co; Garrett Tires \$9,947.70 smcs; Gear for Sports \$2,163.61 smcs; Gehl Parts \$200.00 co; General Parts \$1,034.71 smcs; Genesis Lamp \$1,572.11 smcs; Get Sling \$68.92 smcs; Glass Doctor \$404.32 smcs; Go Physical Therapy \$220.00 ps; Good Evans \$23.76 smcs; Good Sportsman \$68.00 smcs; Gopher Family Brands \$397.86 smcs; GPM Truck Center \$206.00 smcs; Graczyk Lawn \$2,167.00 smcs; Graham Tire \$80.00 smcs; Grainger \$287.10 smcs; Grammarly \$144.00 smcs; Great Plains Comm. \$1,010.01 smcs; Greenhouse Megastore \$431.53 smcs; Hali-Brite \$456.28 smcs; Hansen Int'l \$352.86 smcs; Harbor Freight Tools \$1,538.41 smcs, co; Head Penn Racquet \$261.28 smcs; Heartland Motor Sports \$68.65 smcs; HireRight \$21.53 smcs; Hobby-Lobby \$332.41 smcs; Holiday Inn Express \$244.00 smcs; Holmes Plumbing \$210.11 smcs; Home Depot \$2,253.43 smcs, co; Hometown Leasing \$160.00 smcs; Hydrovac Supply \$357.38 smcs; Hy-Vee \$594.00 smcs; IACP \$220.00 smcs; Identifire \$51.47 smcs; IIMC \$235.00 smcs; Imperial Supplies \$1,430.00 smcs; Integrated Security \$589.90 smcs; Intermountain Sales \$440.99 smcs; Interstate Battery \$571.50 smcs; Int'l Code Council \$165.00 smcs; Invoice Home \$5.28 smcs; Iprint Technologies \$632.00 smcs; IRS \$205,586.11 ps; Izel Plants \$541.30 smcs; J&B Tools \$53.45 smcs; Jack Lederman \$499.12 smcs; Jackson Services \$524.42 smcs; Jmac Supply \$1,395.97 smcs; Johnstone Supply \$3,073.15 smcs; Jones Polygraph Service \$350.00 smcs; Joseph's College \$629.00 smcs; JP Park Vandke Way \$76.75 smcs; Kanopy \$927.20 smcs; Kara Company \$176.73 smcs; Kart-Man \$2,759.94 smcs; Ky Animal Shelter \$15,675.50 smcs; Ky Crete & Block \$3,486.60 smcs; Ky Tire \$474.91 smcs; Ky Warehouse \$751.90 smcs; Kelly Supply \$3,599.21 smcs; Kimball Midwest \$256.57 smcs; Kiplinger Editors \$105.93 smcs; Kitt's Kitchen \$47.53 smcs; Kodex \$245.00 smcs; Konica Minolta \$553.76 smcs; Landmark Implement \$775.89 smcs; LCL Truck Equipment \$2,835.24 smcs; League NE Municipalities \$716.00 smcs; Lee Newspaper \$300.00 smcs; Leopold, Jeni \$1,040.00 smcs; Lips Printing \$78.71 smcs; Lockmobile \$74.56 smcs; Logan Contractors \$25,800.00 co; Love's \$46.90 smcs; Lulzbot \$212.42 smcs; Mac Tools \$57.11 smcs; Macqueen \$14,071.88 smcs; Mag Switch \$1,085.98 smcs; Magic Cleaning \$1,190.00 smcs; Mara USA \$176,708.83 smcs; Matheson Tri-Gas \$350.05 smcs; McCormack Distributing \$57.42 smcs; Med Tech Forensics \$566.08 smcs; Mega Saver \$30.79 smcs; Menards \$8,364.11 smcs, co; Merrill Company \$1,562.87 smcs; Michael's \$259.17 smcs; Microsoft \$1,881.34 smcs; Midway USA \$463.90 smcs; Midwest Connect \$206.78 smcs; Mighty Probe \$188.00 smcs; Miller & Associates \$21,590.00 co; Miller Signs \$240.00 smcs; Mills, Luke \$500.00 smcs; Mirror Image \$261.63 smcs; Mission Square \$8,486.74 ps Mitchell1 \$1,632.00 smcs; Municipal Supply \$16,728.15 smcs, co; NAP Industrial \$136.52 smcs; Napa Auto \$4,509.77 smcs; Nat'l Assn. \$40.00 smcs; Nature-Watch \$497.21 smcs; NDA App Permit \$90.00 smcs; NE Chapter \$40.00 smcs; NE Child Support \$1,454.34 ps NE Dept of Revenue \$36,004.02 smcs; NE Golf Assn. \$75.00 smcs; NE Harvest Center \$380.05 smcs; NE IAI \$75.00 smcs; NE Machinery \$1,583.39 smcs; NE Planning \$235.00 smcs; NE State Patrol \$2,775.00 smcs; NE Truck Center \$5,958.30 smcs; Network Solutions \$141.11 smcs; Northern Safety \$106.56 smcs; Northwestern Energy \$34,598.91 smcs; NPPD \$97,676.66 smcs; NRG Media \$627.00 smcs; NSG Logistics \$3,335.97 smcs; Oak Creek Engineering \$5,397.00 smcs; Office Depot \$220.69 smcs; Office Max \$442.90 smcs; Omnify \$567.00 smcs; One Call Concepts \$228.49 smcs; O'Reilly Auto \$88.70 smcs; Panera Bread \$129.03 smcs; Penworthy \$333.47 smcs; Pep Co. \$206.55 smcs; PetSmart \$95.21 smcs; Pitney Bowes \$515.00 smcs; Platinum Awards \$88.00 smcs; Platte Valley Auto \$1,572.34 smcs, co; Platte Valley Comm. \$4,003.41 smcs; Pollard Water \$695.07

smcs; Positive Concepts \$460.00 smcs; Poster My Wall \$44.90 smcs; Powder Buy The Pound \$23.32 co; Power Tech \$492.12 smcs; Presto-X \$637.94 smcs; Pro Track and Tennis \$21,120.00 co; Prog Automations \$34.76 smcs; Project Extra \$75.00 smcs; Project Lifesaver \$262.80 smcs; Quill \$308.00 smcs; Rapid Fire Protection \$3,018.44 smcs; Rasmussen Mechanical \$7,558.75 smcs; Rayan Cab #125 \$22.00 smcs; RDG Planning \$28,012.51 co; Reams Supply \$1,075.56 smcs; Redman's Shoes \$304.98 smcs; Remarkable \$29.00 smcs; Rentokil \$161.08 smcs; RockIt \$2,278.96 smcs; Roeder,M \$877.75 smcs; Rootmaker Products \$590.73 smcs; Sapp Bros. \$23,827.67 smcs; Saylor Screenprinting \$3,370.60 smcs, co; Scooter's Coffee \$50.00 smcs; See Clear Cleaning \$1,047.50 smcs; Select Sprayers \$1,008.92 smcs; SFM Boiler \$216.00 smcs; Sherwin Williams \$2,534.86 smcs; Sign Center \$5,453.66 smcs, co; Sirchie Acquisition \$152.35 smcs; Nebraskaland Dist. \$784.19 smcs; Siteone Landscape \$4,654.70 smcs; SLA Corp. \$246.78 smcs; Southwest \$371.96 smcs; Spectrum \$273.00 smcs; Sprinkler Warehouse \$1,607.16 smcs; State Payport \$122.99 smcs; State Supply \$296.65 smcs; Steinbrink's \$720.00 smcs; Stitch Upholstery \$267.50 smcs; Stryker Sales \$150.00 smcs; Stutsman \$2,196.00 smcs; Subway \$379.44 smcs; Supply House \$198.51 smcs; T&T Mobile Washing \$242.00 smcs; Target \$92.30 smcs; Tarpomatic \$6,800.00 co; Tawab Taxicabs \$35.96 smcs; Tennant Co. \$758.28 smcs; Titan Machinery \$57.55 smcs; TK Elevator \$5,319.75 smcs; Tmobile \$35.40 smcs; Tommy's Express \$255.00 smcs; Tractor Supply \$569.49 smcs; Transparent Language \$3,750.00 smcs; Transunion \$117.20 smcs; True Value \$554.65 smcs; Turfwerks \$180.04 smcs; TVH Parts \$725.00 smcs; Twin City Hardware \$329.70 smcs; UI \$122.30 smcs; Uline \$1,646.61 smcs; Unifirst Corp. \$118.10 smcs; Union Bank & Trust \$116,833.90 ps; Unique Management \$151.45 smcs; United \$631.75 smcs; UPS Store \$235.57 smcs; USP \$915.50 smcs; Van Diest \$6,244.41 smcs; Vasquez,L \$140.44 smcs; Vestis Services \$154.12 smcs; Village Services \$206.81 smcs; Virtual Tree Care \$46.36 smcs; VW Golf \$174.58 smcs; Wal-Mart \$1,173.67 smcs; Ward Laboratories \$123.80 smcs; Warren-T Plumbing \$1,347.72 smcs; Wasp Barcode \$670.45 smcs; Webstaurant Store \$368.05 smcs; Western NRG \$225.00 smcs; White Cap \$14,224.85 co Wilcac Life \$5.00 ps; Winlectric \$10,390.80 smcs, co; Winnelson \$2,926.31 smcs; Winzer \$1,064.43 smcs; Wolfe Comm. \$316.93 smcs; World Theatre \$150.00 smcs; WPCI \$546.93 ps; Xavus Solutions \$300.00 smcs; Youtube \$544.49 smcs; Zoom \$17.11 smcs; Payroll Ending 03/08/2025 -- \$652,428.10. The foregoing schedule of claims is published in accordance with Section 19-1102 of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and is published at an expense of \$_____ to the City of Kearney.

3. Receive recommendations of Planning Commission and set April 8, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. as date and time for hearing on those applications where applicable.
4. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-32 approving the Application and Certificate for Payment No. 31 in the amount of \$119,843.20 submitted by John T. Jones Construction Co. and approved by Miller & Associates for the WWTP Phase II Improvements; Water Resource Recovery Facility.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-32

WHEREAS, John T. Jones Construction Co. has performed services in connection with WWTP Phase II Improvements; Water Resource Recovery Facility, and the City's engineer, Miller & Associates, have filed with the City Clerk, Application and Certificate for Payment No. 31 in the amount of \$119,843.20 as shown on Exhibit "A" attached hereto

and made a part hereof by reference and as follows:

Original Contract Sum	<u>\$ 35,858,000.00</u>
Change Order No. 1 (07-12-2022)	- 639,633.00
Change Order No. 2 (08-22-2023)	+ 21,141.00
Change Order No. 3 (08-13-2024)	+ 156,336.00
Change Order No. 4 (09-10-2024)	<u>+ 97,906.93</u>
Contract Sum To Date	35,493,750.93
Gross Amount Due	35,408,070.39
Retainage	<u>- 100,000.00</u>
Amount Due to Date	35,308,070.39
Less Previous Certificates for Payment	<u>- 35,188,227.19</u>
Current Payment Due	<u>\$ 119,843.20</u>
Balance to finish, including retainage	<u>\$ 185,680.54</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Council of the City of Kearney, Nebraska, and hereby find and determine that Application and Certificate for Payment No. 31 in the amount of \$119,843.20, as shown on Exhibit "A" be and is hereby accepted and approved.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25TH DAY OF MARCH, 2025.

ATTEST:
PEGGY EYNETICH
CITY CLERK

JONATHAN NIKKILA
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
AND EX-OFFICIO MAYOR

5. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-33 approving the Purchase Agreement between the Kearney Police Department and Blue Streak K9, LLC, to supply a police service dog for the Kearney Police Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-33

BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Council of the City of Kearney, that the Kearney Police Chief be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Purchase Agreement between Blue Streak K9, LLC and the Kearney Police Department (KPD) to provide a police service dog according to Kearney Police specifications with a suitable drive for training in narcotics detection, tracking/trailing, obedience, and criminal apprehension. A copy of the Agreement, marked as Exhibit "A", is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25TH DAY OF MARCH, 2025.

ATTEST:
PEGGY EYNETICH
CITY CLERK

JONATHAN NIKKILA
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
AND EX-OFFICIO MAYOR

6. Approve the Settlement Agreement with NorthWestern Energy and to authorize the City Attorney to take necessary action to effectuate the implementation of the Settlement Agreement with NorthWestern and to seek the necessary approvals from the Nebraska Public Service Commission and approve Resolution No. 2025-34.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-34

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2024, NorthWestern Corporation, doing business as NorthWestern Energy ("NorthWestern"), filed an Application for a Natural Gas Rate

Adjustment (“Application”) with the Nebraska Public Service Commission (“PSC”) seeking an additional \$3,561,279.00 in rate recovery;

WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat. §66-1838 authorized jurisdictional utilities such as NorthWestern to negotiate directly with affected municipalities such as the City with respect to a proposed general rate change provided, among other things, municipalities representing more than 50% of the rate payers within the affected municipalities adopt resolutions evidencing their intent to negotiate with the jurisdictional utility; and

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2024, the City adopted a resolution to negotiate directly with NorthWestern as permitted by Neb. Rev. Stat. §66-1838; and

WHEREAS, affected municipalities representing more than 50% of NorthWestern’s ratepayers in Nebraska entered resolutions evidencing their intent to negotiate with NorthWestern; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §66-1838, NorthWestern and affected municipalities entered into good faith negotiations regarding NorthWestern’s Application; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §66-1838(13), if the affected municipalities and NorthWestern reach agreement upon new natural gas rates, such agreement must be reduced to writing and filed with the PSC; and

WHEREAS, NorthWestern and the affected municipalities have reached agreement upon new natural gas rates for NorthWestern in Nebraska that provides NorthWestern with an additional \$2,435,819.00 in rate recovery which includes a continuation of an economic development surcharge; and

WHEREAS, the settlement between NorthWestern and the affected municipalities is in the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Council of the City of Kearney, Nebraska:

1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to, on behalf of the City, execute the required Settlement Agreement for new natural gas rates for NorthWestern in accordance with the terms and conditions generally described above and as agreed upon by NorthWestern and the affected municipalities; and
2. The City Attorney is hereby authorized and directed to take such appropriate action as necessary to effectuate the settlement with NorthWestern and work cooperatively with NorthWestern and the affected municipalities to obtain the necessary approvals from the PSC.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25TH DAY OF MARCH, 2025.

ATTEST:
PEGGY EYNETICH
CITY CLERK

JONATHAN NIKKILA
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
AND EX-OFFICIO MAYOR

V. CONSENT AGENDA ORDINANCES

None.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

OPEN ACCOUNT CLAIM

Moved by Schmidt seconded by Buschkoetter that the Open Account Claims in the amount of \$639.00 payable to UNK and \$196.00 payable to UNO be allowed. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Nikkila, Buschkoetter, Schmidt. Nay: None. Moore and Straatmann abstained. Motion carried.

VII. REPORTS

Council Member Randy Buschkoetter stated the fire over the weekend shows the value of the Kearney Volunteer Fire Department, along with the cooperation from surrounding communities' Fire Departments and neighboring farmers, all coming together to put out a large fire.

Council Member Alex Straatmann congratulated the UNK Wrestling Team on their National Championship.

Ms. Jensen stated she is very thankful for the relationship between paid staff members and volunteers at the Kearney Volunteer Fire Department and noted their ability to continue to work together for the greater good of the community is impressive. Ms. Jensen also noted that on Sunday, March 30th at 4:00 p.m., the Mask the Meadowlark Sculpture event at the Zero Scape Garden in Yanney Park will occur; the sculptor will be in attendance. The public is invited to attend.

VIII. ADJOURN

Moved by Nikkila seconded by Straatmann that Council adjourn at 5:52 p.m. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Nikkila, Schmidt, Straatmann, Moore, Buschkoetter. Nay: None. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

**JONATHAN NIKKILA
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
AND EX-OFFICIO MAYOR**

**PEGGY EYNETICH
CITY CLERK**