

*Kearney, Nebraska  
November 12, 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 November 12, 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. Michael Tye, City Attorney; Brian Schultz, Director of Finance; Andy Harter, Director of Public Works; Sarah Sawin, Director of Utilities; Melissa Dougherty-O'Hara, City Planner; Gabriel Kowalek, Chief of Police; Jim Lynaugh, Airport Director; Jake Misener, Deputy City Clerk; and Bradley DeMers, Assistant to the City Manager were also present. Members of the media present included: Mike Konz, Kearney Hub; Peter Rice, News Channel Nebraska; and Emma Leek, NTV.

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 the 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**

#### **PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING BUCK MAHONEY**

Mayor Nikkila read the proclamation written by Council Member Randy Buschkoetter recognizing Buck Mahoney. Mr. Mahoney thanked Council Members and reviewed the numerous changes he has witnessed throughout his 41 years of broadcasting sporting events for Kearney and the surrounding communities. Council Members thanked Mr. Mahoney for his years of service.

## **II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no Unfinished Business.

## **III. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **AMENDMENT TO LAND USE MAP FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6045 EAST 39TH STREET**

Public Hearings 1 through 3 were discussed together but voted on separately.

Mayor Nikkila opened the public hearing on the application submitted by Trenton Snow (Applicant) for Kevin L. Ingram; Jeffrey S. Ingram; and Glen M. Wolford, President of CVRG Inc (Owners) for an amendment to the Land Use Map of the City of Kearney Comprehensive Development Plan from Urban Reserve (UR) to Commercial Mixed Use (MU3) for property described as a tract of land being part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 9 North, Range 15 West of the 6th P.M., Buffalo County, Nebraska (6045 East 39th Street) and consider Resolution No. 2025-142.

Trenton Snow, Nebraska Surveyor presented this matter to the Council. Mr. Snow reviewed the property's location and noted the current owners plan to eventually place a storage facility on the 2.4-acre lot, which is the reason for the proposed rezoning.

There was no one present in opposition to this hearing.

Moved by Straatmann seconded by Moore to close the hearing and adopt Resolution No. 2025-142 approving the amendment to the Land Use Map of the City of Kearney Comprehensive Development Plan from Urban Reserve (UR) to Commercial Mixed Use (MU3) for property described as a tract of land being part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 9 North, Range 15 West of the 6th P.M., Buffalo County, Nebraska (6045 East 39th Street). Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Nikkila, Moore, Schmidt, Straatmann, Buschkoetter. Nay: None. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-142**

WHEREAS, an application for a revision of the Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan has been filed in conjunction with and as a requisite part of its application for a change in the zoning for a tract of land being part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 9 North, Range 15 West of the 6th P.M., Buffalo County, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows: Referring to the point of intersection of the south right-of-way line of the Union Pacific Railroad and the East line of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 34 and assuming the south right-of-way line of the Union Pacific Railroad as bearing S 73°28'19" W and all bearings contained herein are relative thereto; thence S 73°28'19" W on the aforesaid right-of-way line a distance of 314.3 feet to the ACTUAL PLACE OF BEGINNING; thence continuing S 73°28'19" W on the afore described course a distance of 450.00 feet; thence S 01°00' E a distance of 158.00 feet; thence N 89°30' E a distance of 475.00 feet; thence N 00°10' W a distance of 127.29 feet; thence N 16°33'39" W a distance of 161.25 feet to the place of beginning

all located in Buffalo County, Nebraska from Urban Reserve (UR) to Commercial Mixed Use (MU3); and

WHEREAS, the said application for change in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan has been approved by the City Planning Commission, after a public hearing properly published and held, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has held a public hearing upon the said revision and voted in favor of a motion to approve the change in the Land Use Plan as requested by the applicant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and City Council of the City of Kearney, Nebraska, that the Comprehensive Land Use Plan be and is hereby amended to change from Urban Reserve (UR) to Commercial Mixed Use (MU3) the use classification for a tract of land being part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 9 North, Range 15 West of the 6th P.M., Buffalo County, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows: Referring to the point of intersection of the south right-of-way line of the Union Pacific Railroad and the East line of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 34 and assuming the south right-of-way line of the Union Pacific Railroad as bearing S 73°28'19" W and all bearings contained herein are relative thereto; thence S 73°28'19" W on the aforesaid right-of-way line a distance of 314.3 feet to the ACTUAL PLACE OF BEGINNING; thence continuing S 73°28'19" W on the afore described course a distance of 450.00 feet; thence S 01°00' E a distance of 158.00 feet; thence N 89°30' E a distance of 475.00 feet; thence N 00°10' W a distance of 127.29 feet; thence N 16°33'39" W a distance of 161.25 feet to the place of beginning all located in Buffalo County, Nebraska.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025.

ATTEST:  
PEGGY EYNETICH  
CITY CLERK

JONATHAN NIKKILA  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL  
AND EX-OFFICIO MAYOR

**REZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6045 EAST 39TH STREET**

Public Hearings 1 through 3 were discussed together but voted on separately.

Mayor Nikkila opened the public hearing on the application submitted by Trenton Snow (Applicant) for Kevin L. Ingram; Jeffrey S. Ingram; and Glen M. Wolford, President of CVRG Inc (Owners) to rezone from District AG, Agricultural District, to District M-1, Limited Industrial District for property described as a tract of land being part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 9 North, Range 15 West of the 6th P.M., Buffalo County, Nebraska (6045 East 39th Street) and consider Ordinance No. 8770.

There was no one present in opposition to this hearing.

Moved by Moore to close the public hearing on the Application submitted by submitted by Trenton Snow (Applicant) for Kevin L. Ingram; Jeffrey S. Ingram; and Glen M. Wolford, President of CVRG Inc (Owners) and introduced Ordinance No. 8770 rezoning from District AG, Agricultural District, to District M-1, Limited Industrial District for property described as a tract of land being part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 9 North, Range 15 West of the 6th P.M., Buffalo County,

Nebraska (6045 East 39th Street) and moved that the statutory rules requiring ordinances to be read by title on three different days be suspended and said ordinances be considered for passage on the same day upon reading by number only, and then placed on final passage and that the City Clerk be permitted to call out the number of the ordinance on its first reading and then upon its final passage. Council Member Schmidt seconded the motion to close the hearing and suspend the rules for Ordinance No. 8770. President of the Council asked for discussion or if anyone in the audience was interested in the ordinance. No one responded. Clerk called the roll which resulted as follows: Aye: Nikkila, Schmidt, Straatmann, Buschkoetter, Moore. Nay: None. Motion to suspend the rules having been concurred in by three-fourths of the City Council, said motion was declared passed and adopted. City Clerk read Ordinance No. 8770 by number. Roll call of those in favor of the passage of said ordinance on the first reading resulted as follows: Aye: Nikkila, Schmidt, Straatmann, Buschkoetter, Moore. Nay: None. Motion carried. Ordinance was read by number.

Moved by Schmidt seconded by Buschkoetter that Ordinance No. 8770 be passed, approved and published as required by law. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Nikkila, Straatmann, Buschkoetter, Moore, Schmidt. Nay: None. Motion carried.

By reason of the roll call voted on the first reading and final passage of the ordinance, Ordinance No. 8770 is declared to be lawfully passed and adopted upon publication in pamphlet form and made available to the public at the Office of the City Clerk and the Kearney Public Library.

### **FINAL PLAT AND SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT FOR INGRAM SUBDIVISION**

Public Hearings 1 through 3 were discussed together but voted on separately.

Mayor Nikkila opened the public hearing on the application submitted by Trenton Snow (Applicant) for Kevin L. Ingram; Jeffrey S. Ingram; and Glen M. Wolford, President of CVRG Inc (Owners), for the Final Plat and Subdivision Agreement for Ingram Subdivision, a subdivision being part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 9 North, Range 15 West of the 6th P.M., Buffalo County, Nebraska (6045 East 39th Street) and consider Resolution No. 2025-143.

There was no one present in opposition to this hearing.

Moved by Buschkoetter seconded by Nikkila to close the hearing and adopt Resolution No. 2025-143 approving the Final Plat and Subdivision Agreement for Ingram Subdivision, a subdivision being part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 9 North, Range 15 West of the 6th P.M., Buffalo County, Nebraska (6045 East 39th Street). Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Nikkila, Buschkoetter, Moore, Schmidt, Straatmann. Nay: None. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-143**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KEARNEY, NEBRASKA, that the plat of Ingram Subdivision, a subdivision being part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 9 North, Range

15 West of the 6th P.M., Buffalo County, Nebraska for a tract of land being part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (of Section 34, Township 9 North, Range 15 West of the 6th P.M., Buffalo County, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows: Referring to the point of intersection of the south right-of-way line of the Union Pacific Railroad and the East line of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 34 and assuming the south right-of-way line of the Union Pacific Railroad as bearing S 73°28'19" W and all bearings contained herein are relative thereto; thence S 73°28'19" W on the aforesaid right-of-way line a distance of 314.3 feet to the ACTUAL PLACE OF BEGINNING; thence continuing S 73°28'19" W on the afore described course a distance of 450.00 feet; thence S 01°00' E a distance of 158.00 feet; thence N 89°30' E a distance of 475.00 feet; thence N 00°10' W a distance of 127.29 feet; thence N 16°33'39" W a distance of 161.25 feet to the place of beginning all located in Buffalo County, Nebraska, duly made out, acknowledged and certified, and the same hereby is approved in accordance with the provisions and requirements of Section 19-916 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, be accepted and ordered filed and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Buffalo County, Nebraska; said addition is hereby included within the corporate limits of said City and shall be and become a part of said City for all purposes whatsoever, and the inhabitants of such addition shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges and shall be subject to all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations of said City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Subdivision Agreement, marked as Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference, be and is hereby approved and that the President of the Council be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement on behalf of the City of Kearney, Nebraska. Said Subdivision Agreement shall be filed with the final plat with the Buffalo County Register of Deeds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Council be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute the final plat on behalf of the City of Kearney, Nebraska.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025.

ATTEST:  
PEGGY EYNETICH  
CITY CLERK

JONATHAN NIKKILA  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL  
AND EX-OFFICIO MAYOR

#### **IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Nikkila seconded by Straatmann that Subsections 1 through 11 of Consent Agenda Item IV be approved. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Nikkila, Moore, Schmidt, Straatmann, Buschkoetter. Nay: None. Motion carried.

1. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting held October 28, 2025.

2. Approve the following Claims:

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

10-57 Imagery \$100.00 smcs; 911 Custom \$30,954.24 co; Adventure Enterprises \$14,263.00 smcs; Agri Coop \$2,675.81 smcs; Alfred Benesch \$48,276.74 co; All Copy \$82.17 smcs; American Fence \$232.83 smcs; Anderson, M \$143.30 smcs; Ask Supply \$2,810.61 smcs; Aurora Coop \$748.32 smcs; Baker & Taylor \$60.43 smcs; Bill's Trailer Sales \$7,345.00 co; BlueCross BlueShield \$310,871.38 smcs; Bosselman Energy \$5,056.59 smcs; Bossfuels \$18,843.07 smcs; Brightly Software \$17,261.83 smcs; Britton, V \$75.00 smcs; Broadfoot's \$350.00 smcs; Buffalo Co. Attorney \$18,750.00 smcs; Buffalo Co. Redi-mix \$3,393.00 smcs; Buffalo Co. Sheriff \$294,467.04 smcs; Builders \$9,221.50 smcs,co; Burton, E \$100.00 smcs; Cash Wa \$6,493.16 smcs; Chesterman \$2,955.00 smcs; Child's World \$1,484.80 smcs; City of KY \$575,829.93 smcs,ps; CityServiceValcon \$66,092.70 smcs; Cobb, J \$95.00 smcs; Cold Spring \$3,230.28 smcs; Comm. Act. Part. Mid NE \$2,610.00 smcs; Control Yours \$5,663.25 smcs; Cornhusker Cleaning \$486.50 smcs; Credit Mgmt. Services \$157.60 ps; Culligan \$4,720.00 smcs; Damratowski, B \$491.90 smcs; Dan's Plumbing \$1,250.80 smcs,co; Dostal, K \$288.00 smcs; Eakes \$902.02 smcs; EMC Insurance \$10.23 smcs; ESRI \$43,825.00 smcs; Family Practice Assoc. \$137.00 smcs; Fedex \$55.18 smcs; Fehringer, A \$150.00 smcs; Financial Partners Group \$2,887.09 co; Floyd's Truck Center \$9,255.79 smcs; Fruhling, Jim & Jan \$90.00 smcs; Fulfab \$639.39 smcs; Gale/Cengage \$393.46 smcs; Garret Tires \$2,620.92 smcs; Gates, T \$52.99 smcs; Give Nebraska \$20.00 ps; Golf & Sport Solutions \$1,570.33 smcs; Haack, S \$231.00 smcs; Hometown Leasing \$283.23 smcs; Hosick, D \$94.50 smcs; Hough, C \$75.00 smcs; Ingersoll Rand \$2,288.71 smcs; IRS \$227,179.95 ps; Jack's Uniforms \$156.39 smcs; Jacobitz, J \$150.00 smcs; Jacobs, T \$350.00 smcs; Johnson Ag Transport \$400.00 smcs; K&D Motor \$822.25 smcs; KY High School \$200.00 smcs; KY Towing \$395.00 smcs; KGN \$658.17 smcs; Law Enforcement Tech \$5,995.00 smcs; Lerner Publications \$3,452.45 smcs; Lincoln Nat'l Insurance \$10,524.04 smcs; Lindner, S \$235.20 smcs; Logan Contracting \$326.00 smcs; Loschen, Roger & Sharon \$2,048.00 smcs; Luke, B \$141.50 smcs; Luke, D \$47.25 smcs; Magic Cleaning \$9,090.00 smcs; McCartney, Erin Chpt. 13 \$254.00 ps; Mid-NE Digging \$2,450.00 co; Midwest Connect \$3,707.66 smcs; Miller & Associates \$117,144.84 co; Miner, S \$47.62 smcs; Mission Square \$9,418.59 ps; Mobotrex \$5,100.00 smcs; Mockenhaupt, K \$44.69 smcs; Molina, F \$150.00 smcs; Municipal Supply \$73,974.69 smcs; Myer Hospitality \$23,327.92 smcs; Najacht, K \$45.74 smcs; NE Child Support \$1,475.72 ps; NE Dept. Revenue \$69,419.18 ps; NE Dept. Veterans' Affairs \$70,000.00 smcs; NE Machinery \$46,449.93 smcs; NE Public Health \$1,630.00 smcs; NE State Treasurer \$681.99 smcs; NLETC \$480.00 smcs; Northwestern Energy \$738.63 smcs; Oak Creek Engineering \$12,782.50 co; Odeys \$3,279.00 smcs; Old Republic Aerospace \$5,000.00 smcs; Olsson Associates \$14,517.50 co; Penworthy \$277.48 smcs; Pep Co. \$110.25 smcs; Peterson, R \$12.24 smcs; Phelps, P \$95.00 smcs; Phillips, T \$2.76 smcs; Platte Valley Auto \$49,663.00 co; Presto-X \$174.24 smcs; Pye-Barker \$455.00 smcs; Rasmussen Mechanical \$1,900.50 smcs; Ready Mixed Concrete \$2,560.00 co; Red Brick \$71.64 smcs; Rheome Tree \$12,600.00 smcs; Routeware \$6,750.00 smcs; S&J Construction \$6,647.50 co; SAFE Center \$250.00 smcs; Schindler Elevator \$2,196.12 smcs; School District #7 \$9,384.00 smcs; Schumacher Elevator \$28,798.00 co; See Clear Cleaning \$1,472.50 smcs; Smith, B \$20.00 smcs; Smith, C \$116.73 smcs; Sontiq \$609.03 ps; SOS Portable Toilets \$461.00 smcs; State Fire Marshall \$800.00 smcs; State of NE/DAS Acctg. \$35.28 smcs; Stokey, J \$157.50 smcs; Stutsman \$1,647.00 smcs; Sun Life \$81,655.20 smcs; Sunset Law Enforcement \$27,991.50 smcs; Tidei, J \$117.60 smcs; Trampe, A \$5.10 smcs; Triplett, T \$150.00 smcs; Twin City Hardware \$738.18 smcs; Tye & Rowling \$17,249.83 smcs; Union Bank & Trust \$129,368.02 ps; United Way \$20.00 ps; Vanwall Equipment

\$14,050.00 co; Verizon \$14,858.40 smcs; Vertical Lift Maintenance \$921.82 smcs; Video Kingdom \$2,629.88 co; Village Uniform \$448.56 smcs; Volaire Aviation \$2,000.00 smcs; Warren-T Plumbing \$190.00 smcs; Wilbur, B \$85.00 smcs; Williams, M \$240.10 smcs; WT Cox \$1,945.27 smcs; Payroll Ending 11/01/2025 -- \$706,637.92. 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. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-144 certifying the annual appointment of City employee Brandon Shafto (License No. S-1572, Class A), who served as the City Street Superintendent from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, for the purpose of the 2025 calendar year Highway Incentive Payment, to be issued to the City of Kearney by the Nebraska Department of Transportation in February, 2026.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-144**

WHEREAS, State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2302, and 39-2511 through 39-2515 details the requirements that must be met in order for a municipality to qualify for an annual Incentive Payment; and

WHEREAS, The State of Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) requires that each incorporated municipality must annually certify (by December 31st of each year) the appointment of the City Street Superintendent to the NDOT using the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent form; and

WHEREAS, The NDOT requires that such certification shall also include a copy of the documentation of the city street superintendent appoint, i.e., meeting minutes; showing the appointment of the City Street Superintendent by their name as it appears on their License (if applicable), their License Number and Class of License (if applicable), and type of appointment, i.e., employed, contract (consultant, or interlocal agreement with another incorporated municipality and/or county), and the beginning date of the appointment; and

WHEREAS, The NDOT also requires that such Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent shall be signed by the Mayor and shall include a copy of a resolution by the governing body authorizing the signing of the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent by the Mayor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Council of the City of Kearney, Nebraska, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the attached Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025.

ATTEST:  
PEGGY EYNETICH  
CITY CLERK

JONATHAN NIKKILA  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL  
AND EX-OFFICIO MAYOR

4. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-145 approving the Municipality Financial Agreement State Projects between the City of Kearney, a municipal corporation of the State of Nebraska, and the State of Nebraska, Department of Transportation for State intended improvements to a portion of State Highway US-30 located within the designated urban area of the City of Kearney.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-145**

BE IT RESOLVED by the President and City Council of the City of Kearney, Nebraska, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute the "Municipality Financial Agreement State Projects" between the City of Kearney, a municipal corporation of the State of Nebraska and the State of Nebraska, Department of Transportation. The Agreement, marked Exhibit "A", is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025.

ATTEST:  
PEGGY EYNETICH  
CITY CLERK

JONATHAN NIKKILA  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL  
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5. Approve the purchase of a 10-Cubic Yard Dump Truck, in the amount of \$263,737.00.00, submitted by Truck Center Companies under the Nebraska State bid purchasing program to be used in the Public Works Department.

6. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-146 approving the Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Construction Manager as Constructor with MCL Construction to perform Construction Manager at Risk services for the Kearney Volunteer Fire Department, Fire Station #3.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-146**

BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Council of the City of Kearney, Nebraska, that the Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Construction Manager as Constructor entered into by the City of Kearney and Meyers, Carlisle, Leapley Construction Company, Inc. dba MCL Construction, a Nebraska corporation for the purpose of providing Construction Manager at Risk services for the Kearney Volunteer Fire Department Fire Station #3, be and is hereby approved. The Agreement, marked as Exhibit 'A', is hereby attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute both the Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Construction Manager as Constructor and the General Conditions of the Contract for Construction, on behalf of the City of Kearney.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025.

ATTEST:  
PEGGY EYNETICH  
CITY CLERK

JONATHAN NIKKILA  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL  
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7. Approve the purchase of a 1-ton Crew Cab, 4x4 Pick-up Chassis with Service Body, in the total amount of \$82,142.00, submitted by Sid Dillon Fleet & Commercial in Wahoo, NE, under the Nebraska State Bid purchasing program to be used in the Utilities Department.

8. Approve the purchase of a 1-ton Crew Cab, 4x4 Pick-up Chassis with Crane Service Body, in the total amount of \$102,742.00, submitted by Sid Dillon Fleet & Commercial in Wahoo, NE, under the Nebraska State Bid purchasing program to be used

in the Utilities Department.

9. Approve the purchase of a 1-ton Crew Cab, 4x4 Pick-up Chassis with Service Body, in the total amount of \$82,142.00, submitted by Sid Dillon Fleet & Commercial in Wahoo, NE, under the Nebraska State Bid purchasing program to be used in the Utilities Department.

10. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-147 approving the request by Endgame West, LLC dba Big Red Keno to provide a keno-type lottery operation at Drake Room Entertainment LLC dba Whistlin Wolf located at 10 & 12 East 21st Street.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-147**

WHEREAS, the City of Kearney entered into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement on July 8, 2025 with City of Omaha; and

WHEREAS, Section 6 KENO SALES OUTLET LOCATIONS of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement requires Endgame West, LLC dba "Big Red Keno" to receive approval of the City Council prior to operating a keno-type lottery from any location within the City of Kearney: and

WHEREAS, Endgame West, LLC dba "Big Red Keno," has requested that 10 & 12 E 21st Street, Kearney Nebraska (Drake Room Entertainment LLC dba Whistlin Wolf) be approved as a location to operate a keno-type lottery on behalf of the City of Kearney.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Council of the City of Kearney, Nebraska, that 10 & 12 E 21st Street, Kearney Nebraska (Drake Room Entertainment LLC dba Whistlin Wolf) is hereby approved as a location for Endgame West, LLC dba "Big Red Keno" to operate a keno-type lottery on behalf of the City of Kearney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025.

ATTEST:  
PEGGY EYNETICH  
CITY CLERK

JONATHAN NIKKILA  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL  
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11. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-148 approving the request by Endgame West, LLC dba Big Red Keno to provide a keno-type lottery operation at Bars R Us Inc. dba Paddy O'Mally's Bar & Grill located at 2011 Central Avenue.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-148**

WHEREAS, the City of Kearney entered into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement on July 8, 2025 with City of Omaha; and

WHEREAS, Section 6 KENO SALES OUTLET LOCATIONS of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement requires Endgame West, LLC dba "Big Red Keno" to receive approval of the City Council prior to operating a keno-type lottery from any location within the City of Kearney: and

WHEREAS, Endgame West, LLC dba "Big Red Keno," has requested that 2011 Central Avenue, Kearney Nebraska (Bars R Us Inc. dba Paddy O'Mally's Bar & Grill) be approved as a location to operate a keno-type lottery on behalf of the City of Kearney.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Council of the City of Kearney, Nebraska, that 2011 Central Avenue, Kearney Nebraska (Bars R Us Inc. dba Paddy O'Mally's Bar & Grill) is hereby approved as a location for Endgame West, LLC dba "Big Red Keno" to operate a keno-type lottery on behalf of the City of Kearney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025.

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PEGGY EYNETICH  
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## **V. CONSENT AGENDA ORDINANCES**

### **VI. REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **PRESENTATION OF NPPD'S ENERGY REPORT FOR KEARNEY**

Mayor Nikkila opened Regular Agenda Item 1 for Council to receive the presentation of NPPD's Energy Report for Kearney. This presentation was for informational purposes only.

Grant Flamig, NPPD, presented this matter to Council. Mr. Flamig reviewed the Kearney Energy Report (Exhibit A) and discussed the statistics included in the exhibit. Mr. Flamig stated that NPPD's rates are low compared to other states and noted there will be a slight 3% rate increase this year.

Mayor Nikkila commented on the unique relationship the City has with NPPD.

#### **CONSIDER AGREEMENT WITH SKYWEST AIRLINES TO PROVIDE AIR SERVICE TO CHICAGO**

Mayor Nikkila opened to consider Resolution No. 2025-149 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with SkyWest Airlines to provide air service to Chicago.

Mike Tye, City Attorney, presented this matter to the Council. Mr. Tye noted in August of 2024 the DOT chose SkyWest to be Kearney's EAS, which currently provides flights to Denver. Since then Staff has been working with SkyWest to add a Chicago flight. The Agreement will add one flight per day to Chicago beginning April 30, 2026; the contract's expiration date will coincide with the current Denver Agreement, which is October 2027. The City will subsidize the flights up to a maximum of \$2,400,000.00; flight loads will be assessed on a quarterly basis to determine the amount the City will subsidize.

Council Member Tami James Moore commented that rates could be unusual for a short time in the beginning.

Mayor Nikkila commended City Manager Brenda Jensen for her work with SkyWest to get the Chicago flight back and also commented on former City Manager Mike Morgan's relationship with SkyWest and how it helped as well.

Council Member Alex Straatmann stated that the City can provide the Chicago flight because people are choosing to fly out of Kearney and hopes this continues. Mr. Tye noted that current usage contributed to the Chicago flight. Council Member Randy Buschkoetter noted that the previously offered Chicago flights had high load factors.

Council Member Kurt Schmidt commented that the Chicago flight will also bring people from outside the Kearney community.

Council Member Moore reminded everyone that parking at the Kearney Regional Airport remains free.

Mayor Nikkila stated that the last time Kearney offered a Chicago flight, the peak load factor was at 80%; if that can be achieved this time, it will cut the City's payment considerably.

Moved by Straatmann seconded by Moore to approve Resolution No. 2025-149 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with SkyWest Airlines to provide air service to Chicago. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Nikkila, Schmidt, Straatmann, Buschkoetter, Moore. Nay: None. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-149**

BE IT RESOLVED by the President and City Council of the City of Kearney, Nebraska, that the "Transportation Services Agreement" between the City of Kearney, Nebraska and SkyWest Airlines, Inc. be and is hereby approved. The Agreement, marked Exhibit "A", is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Kearney.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025.

ATTEST:  
PEGGY EYNETICH  
CITY CLERK

JONATHAN NIKKILA  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL  
AND EX-OFFICIO MAYOR

#### **VII. REPORTS**

Council Member Schmidt expressed his appreciation to Mr. Mahoney for his years of service.

Council Member Buschkoetter congratulated Coach Cook, Kearney High Football coach, on his retirement.

Council Member Straatmann thanked Dan Lillis, Engineering Assistant II, for driving him and Mayor Nikkila in the Veteran's Day parade, along with the Transportation Department for their work in setting up the parade.

Council Member Moore recognized the 8th-grade band students from Kearney who played in Washington, DC for Veterans Day.

**VIII. ADJOURN**

Moved by Nikkila seconded by Straatmann that Council adjourn at 6:07 p.m. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Nikkila, Buschkoetter, Moore, Schmidt, Straatmann. Nay: None. Motion carried.

**ATTEST:**

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

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**PEGGY EYNETICH  
CITY CLERK**