July 31, 2025

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Sheridan County Journal Star, the designated method for giving notice as shown by the affidavit of publication on file in the City Clerk's office. Agendas of the meeting were simultaneously given to the Council President and all members of the Council. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Gordon was called to order by Council President Dehart at 6:00 p.m., July 31, 2025, in the Council Chambers of the City Auditorium. The Council President noted the location of the Open Meetings Laws in the back of the room.

Present: Gates, Woodbeck, Dehart, Petersen and Evans.
Absent: No one.

Motion by Woodbeck, seconded by Petersen to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2025 meeting. Ayes: Woodbeck, Dehart, Petersen, Evans and Gates.

Abbreviations for this legal: EX, Expense; FE, Fee; GR, Groceries; MI, Mileage; RE, Reimburse; RPT, Report; SA, Salaries; SE, Services; SU, Supplies.

Motion by Gates, seconded by Evans to approve the Payroll Warrants. Ayes: Dehart, Petersen, Evans, Gates and Woodbeck.

PAYROLL WARRANTS

EFTPS	**Federal Tax Payment System**	**RE**	**$11,744.43**
EFTPS	**NE Child Support Pymnt Center**	**RE**	**$260.77**
55606	**City of Gordon**	**RE**	**$700.00**
55607	**Credit Management Services**	**RE**	**$173.06**
55608	**Flex Spending**	**RE**	**$100.00**
55609	**NW Mutual**	**RE**	**$4,296.30**
EFTPS	**NW Mutual**	**RE**	**$591.21**
EFTPS	**Ameritas**	**RE**	**$261.36**
EFTPS	**Ameritas**	**RE**	**$758.92**
EFTPS	**AFLAC**	**RE**	**$2,048.94**
EFTPS	**NE Dept Revenue**	**RE**	**$3,055.93**
EDEP	**Employee Paychecks**	**SA**	**$39,825.79**
	TOTAL PAYROLL WARRANTS		**$63,816.71**

Motion by Petersen, seconded by Woodbeck to approve the July 31, 2025 Expense Warrants. Ayes: Petersen, Evans, Gates, Woodbeck and Dehart.

EXPENSE WARRANTS

INS1074	**LARM**	**EX**	**$2,840.54**
INS1075	**Ball Insurance**	**EX**	**$7,377.16**
EFTPS	**General Checking**	**EX**	**$69,946.00**
EFTPS	**Airport Authority**	**RE**	**$439.77**
EFTPS	**Airport Bond Savings MM**	**RE**	**$204.22**
EFTPS	**BC/BS**	**EX**	**$16,581.28**
55614	**Maurine Browne**	**RE**	**$125.00**
55615	**Arnold Pool Company**	**SU**	**$995.45**
55616	**The Business Connection**	**SU**	**$28.79**
55617	**BC Tire**	**SE**	**$330.00**
55618	**Cledis Torres**	**RE**	**$100.00**
55619	**DAS State Accounting**	**SE**	**$143.00**
55620	**Essence**	**SU**	**$50.00**
55621	**Fur Fish & Game**	**SU**	**$22.95**
55622	**Great Plains**	**SE**	**$1,536.02**
55623	**Cengage/Gale**	**SU**	**$139.36**
55624	**Daniel King**	**SE**	**$500.00**
55625	**Library Petty Cash**	**RE**	**$50.45**
55626	**MASA**	**EX**	**$882.00**
55627	**Madison National Life**	**EX**	**$85.04**
55628	**NE Rural Water**	**FE**	**$400.00**
55629	**Omaha World Herald**	**SU**	**$540.80**
55630	**OCLC, Inc**	**SU**	**$598.29**
55631	**Michael Orthman**	**SE**	**$1,343.75**
55632	**Perpetual Care Fund**	**RE**	**$200.00**
55633	**Pomp's Tire Service, Inc**	**SU**	**$752.44**
55634	**Wyoming First Aid Supplies**	**SU**	**$176.34**
55635	**BH Energy**	**SE**	**$767.93**
55636	**NE Public Health Env Lab**	**SE**	**$48.00**
55637	**Sheridan County Clerk**	**FE**	**$32.00**
55638	**Sales Tax Infrastructure MM**	**RE**	**$13,208.85**
55639	**Sasse Vet Clinic**	**RE**	**$10.00**
55640	**Service Really Matters**	**SE**	**$475.00**
55641	**Travis K Lawn & Irrigation**	**SE**	**$833.00**
55642	**Twin City Roofing**	**SE**	**$69,946.00**
55643	**Triangle Electric**	**SE**	**$830.50**
55644	**USPS**	**SE**	**$220.00**
55645	**Verizon**	**SE**	**$126.77**
55646	**Mutual of Omaha**	**RE**	**$58.22**
55647	**Cody Rohrig**	**RE**	**$1,443.62**
	TOTAL EXPENSE WARRANTS		**$194,388.54**

Jennifer Branson, Retail Account Manager Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) requested to be on the agenda to discuss the City of Gordon's current lease agreement with NPPD. In 2024 Gordon received $258,515 in lease payments from NPPD. NPPD also remitted $25,860 in sales tax to the city and $99,832 in gross revenue tax to Sheridan County. Ms. Branson also reviewed the current energy report with the council. Also present was Brandon Bailey, Local NPPD Manager. Mr. Bailey informed the council that NPPD will be changing the lights at the baseball field this fall for the City of Gordon. The poles are too high

for a regular bucket truck to reach, so they will be bringing a truck from Norfolk to accomplish this task. Council expressed gratitude to NPPD for their continued community service.

City Manager Scott Fleming is requesting that in the future, the meeting materials be delivered to council electronically on tablets supplied by the city. Mr. Fleming feels that this will not only be a time saver but a cost saver due to the rising cost of computer paper. Mr. Fleming will be presenting options at a future council meeting.

Joe Headrick was present to address council regarding a tree on his property that the city code enforcement officer has deemed dangerous. Mr. Headrick stated that this is a violation of his constitutional rights as this tree is located on his property. Mr. Headrick would like to use this tree as a sustainable wood source. Mr. Headrick feels that if he is required to cut down the tree it will become an issue due to weeds and rodents that would accumulate in the wood pile. Council President Dehart stated that the tree is obviously in violation of the City of Gordon ordinances and needs to be removed. After some discussion, Mr. Headrick agreed that he would have the tree removed by the end of December. City Manager Fleming stated that he will not be contacted by the city unless the tree is not removed by his agreed upon date.

Council was given the minutes from the July 14, 2025 Board of Health meeting and all evidence that was presented to the board at this meeting regarding 316 N Spruce Street. This property is owned by Sandra Mae Musfelt and Robert James Musfelt. Acting on a warrant, Gordon police and the Animal Control officer removed two dogs from this residence after a complaint had been received regarding possible animal neglect. Council reviewed the photos of the interior of the house which showed an extreme amount of dog feces throughout the residence due to the animals being left mostly unattended in the home. At previous meetings of the Board of Health, the owners of the property had stated to the board that they were in the process of cleaning the home and bringing it in to compliance with all city ordinances so that they may once again live in the home. The pictures taken on July 14, 2025 showed a huge digression in clean up efforts. After some discussion, motion by Woodbeck, seconded by Gates to begin the condemnation process for this property. Ayes: Evans, Gates, Woodbeck, Dehart and Petersen.

Motion by Woodbeck, seconded by Evans to pass Resolution 2025-08. Ayes: Gates, Woodbeck, Petersen and Evans. Abstain: Dehart.

CITY OF GORDON, NEBRASKA
RESOLUTION 2025-08

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION RATES FOR THE GORDON VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD

WHEREAS, the Gordon Volunteer Rescue Squad plays a critical role in providing emergency medical services and support to the residents of the City of Gordon, and surrounding areas, demonstrating exemplary commitment and dedication to public safety and health, and

WHEREAS, the members of the Gordon Volunteer Rescue Squad, including certified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and non-certified personnel, contribute their time and expertise to respond to emergencies and serve the community, and

WHEREAS, to ensure fair compensation for the vital services provided by these volunteers, as well as to recognize their dedication and encourage continued participation, it is necessary to establish a compensation structure that adequately reflects their contributions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GORDON, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. Compensation Structure: Effective October 1, 2025, the compensation for the Gordon Volunteer Rescue Squad shall be established as follows:

-Certified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) will receive a compensation rate of $40.00 per call.
-Non-certified personnel will receive a compensation rate of $20.00 per call.

Section 2. Funding: The necessary funds to support this compensation structure shall be appropriated from the City's budget, through the ambulance service income ensuring that the compensation for the Gordon Volunteer Rescue Squad is sustainable and properly managed.

Section 3. Review Period: The City Council shall review the compensation rates as needed to ensure the rates remain fair and competitive, and to consider any adjustments based on the city's budgetary constraints and the needs of the rescue squad.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Gordon Volunteer compensation plan will go into effect October 1, 2025.

Passed and approved this 31st day of July, 2025.

CITY OF GORDON, NEBRASKA

__/s/ Alyssa Dehart_____
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

_/s/ Kim Buchan_____
CITY CLERK

Motion by Gates, seconded by Petersen to pass Resolution 2025-09. Ayes: Woodbeck, Dehart, Petersen, Evans, and Gates.

RESOLUTION 2025-09

SIGNING OF THE MUNICIPAL ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE 2025

Whereas, State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2115, 39-2119, 39-2120, 39-2121, and 39-2520(2), requires an annual certification of program compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards; and

Whereas, State of Nebraska Statute, section 39-2120 also requires that the annual certification of program compliance by each municipality shall be signed by the Mayor or Village Board Chairperson and shall include the resolution of the governing body of the municipality authorizing the signing of the certification.

Be it resolved that the Mayor of Gordon is hereby authorized to sign the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance.

Adopted this 31st day of July, 2025 at Gordon, Nebraska.

Attest:

__/s/ Kim Buchan____
City Clerk

Council was given information regarding the renewal of the city's general insurance with the League Association of Risk Management. No action was taken on this item.

Amy McGough made a request to council that City Attorney Jami Simmons review Section 3-115 of the Gordon Municipal Code. This section pertains to sexual predators and specifically the distance they are required to live away from a school or licensed daycare. Ms. McGough stated that NE State statute had changed and there is no longer a state definition for sexual predator. Ms. McGough would like there to also be an exact fine and not an arbitrary range as it is currently set. Motion by Woodbeck, seconded by Evans to request that City Attorney Jami Simmons review Section 3-115 of the Gordon Municipal Code and update it as needed. Ayes: Dehart, Petersen, Evans, Gates and Woodbeck.

Joe Headrick spoke during the Public Comments section regarding legislation changes he had lobbied for regarding people that had committed crimes against women and children.

With no further business, motion by Woodbeck seconded by Petersen to adjourn at 6:58 pm. Ayes: Petersen, Evans, Gates, Woodbeck and Dehart.

/s/ Kim Buchan
City Clerk

/s/ Alyssa Dehart
Council President

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Gordon, Nebraska hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council on July 31, 2025; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting kept continuously current and available for inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said minutes of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gordon from which the foregoing proceedings were written from 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 of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

/s/ Kim Buchan
City Clerk