August 27, 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., August, 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: Dehart, Petersen, Evans, Gates and Woodbeck.
Absent: No one.

Motion by Woodbeck, seconded by Petersen to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2025 meeting. Ayes: Petersen, Evans, Gates, Woodbeck and Dehart.

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

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

PAYROLL LIABILITIES

EFTPS	**Federal Tax Payment System**	**RE**	**$11,553.98**
EFTPS	**NE Child Support Pymnt Center**	**RE**	**$260.77**
EFTPS	**Ameritas - Vision**	**RE**	**$261.36**
EFTPS	**Ameritas - Dental**	**RE**	**$670.68**
EFTPS	**NW Mutual - Disability**	**RE**	**$591.21**
EFTPS	**AFLAC**	**RE**	**$2,140.28**
55652	**City of Gordon**	**RE**	**$760.00**
55653	**Credit Management Services**	**RE**	**$175.49**
55654	**Flex Spending**	**RE**	**$100.00**
55655	**NW Mutual**	**RE**	**$4,265.43**
EDEP	**Employee Paychecks**	**SA**	**$38,434.59**
	TOTAL PAYROLL WARRANTS		**$59,213.79**

Motion by Woodbeck, seconded by Evans to approve the August 27, 2025 Expense Warrants. Ayes: Gates, Woodbeck, Dehart, Petersen and Evans.

EXPENSE WARRANTS

INS1076	**Security 1st Insurance**	**EX**	**$159.00**
EFTPS	**Airport Authority**	**RE**	**$929.80**
EFTPS	**Airport Bond Savings MM**	**RE**	**$431.84**
55719	**Beguin Vet Services**	**SE**	**$155.00**
55720	**The Business Connection**	**SU**	**$26.61**

55721	**DAS State Accounting**	**SE**	**$143.00**
55722	**Data443 Risk Mitigation, Inc**	**SE**	**$81.25**
55723	**Enviro Service, Inc**	**SE**	**$128.00**
55724	**Great Plains**	**SE**	**$1,525.64**
55725	**Gordon Memorial**	**SE**	**$596.00**
55726	**Cengage/Gale**	**SU**	**$159.57**
55727	**Ingram**	**SU**	**$101.51**
55728	**Library Petty Cash**	**RE**	**$50.46**
55729	**Lawson**	**SU**	**$149.98**
55730	**Macumber Trucking**	**SE**	**$3,153.75**
55731	**MASA**	**EX**	**$882.00**
55732	**Madison National Life**	**EX**	**$57.44**
55733	**NE Library Commission**	**SE**	**$500.00**
55734	**The Pit Stop**	**SE**	**$674.00**
55735	**BH Energy**	**SE**	**$794.45**
55736	**Southpaw Spray**	**SE**	**$950.00**
55737	**NE Public Health Env Lab**	**SE**	**$496.00**
55738	**Sales Tax Infrastructure MM**	**RE**	**$14,870.78**
55739	**Verizon**	**SE**	**$160.10**
55740	**Westco**	**RE**	**$2,009.47**
55741	**Great Plains Nursery**	**SU**	**$816.00**
	TOTAL EXPENSE WARRANTS		**$30,001.65**

Jerry Hardin, representing the Gordon Tree Board, requested to be on the agenda to discuss with council the upcoming Tree Board grant and other current Tree Board events. Council President Dehart congratulated Mr. Hardin on the recent award he received from the Nebraska Forestry Council which recognized him for his outstanding efforts as a Tree Board Member and a Certified Arborist. Mr. Hardin thanked the other members of the Tree Board, because without their efforts and time, the Tree Board would not be as successful. Once again, the Gordon Tree Board received the most growth points awarded in Nebraska. Mr. Hardin stated that the Tree Board still has wood chips available for citizens to purchase as they are beginning their fall landscaping. During the discussion about the upcoming three-year grant, Mr. Hardin encouraged citizens who have dead or dying trees to either contact a Tree Board member or the city office to nominate their tree.

Council then held the 2025/2026 Budget Workshop. City Manager Scott Fleming highlighted the budget requests that were outside of regular business and fixed expenses. During the discussion on budgeted income, Mr. Fleming noted that there is a shortfall between proposed expenses and hard income, so the city will need to use reserve funds to balance the budget. Mr. Fleming proposed options on increasing the city's revenue, but also noted that cities are very limited on options for increasing revenue. Councilman Gates stated that he had done more research regarding the Telecommunications Occupation Tax and would like to reopen the discussion. After some discussion, motion by Gates, seconded by Evans to have City Manager Scott Fleming compile more research on this tax. Ayes: Woodbeck, Dehart, Petersen, Evans and Gates.

Motion by Woodbeck, seconded by Gates to waive 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance 1244. Ayes: Dehart, Petersen, Evans, Gates and Woodbeck.

Motion by Woodbeck, seconded by Petersen to pass the final reading of Ordinance 1244. Ayes: Petersen, Evans, Gates, Woodbeck and Dehart.

City of Gordon, Nebraska
Ordinance No. 1244

An Ordinance Relating to the Public Water System, Establishing a User Charge System, Pledging Revenue for Loan Repayment to the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment (NDWEE), and Providing for Related Matters.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Gordon, Nebraska, this 27th day of August, 2025.

/s/ Alyssa Dehart
Alyssa Dehart,
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kim Buchan
Kim Buchan,
City Clerk

Joe Headrick was the only member of the public to speak during the Public Comments Agenda Item. Mr. Headrick addressed the public regarding upcoming legislation and the need for governments to cut waste.

With no further business, motion by Woodbeck seconded by Petersen to adjourn at 7:13 pm. Ayes: Evans, Gates, Woodbeck, Dehart and Petersen.

/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 August 27, 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