

REGULAR SESSION: The City of Ness City met in regular session May 4, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Ann Kuhlman presided. Council members in attendance were Colby Gantz, Gaylen Kerr, Darcy O'Toole, Weston Vogel and Jason Ferguson. **STAFF PRESENT:** Superintendent Earl Crosswhite, Attorney Tony Rues, Clerk Wanda Gabel and Scott Keener. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Isaiah and Joel Fitzgerald.

MINUTES: A **motion** by Gantz seconded by O'Toole to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2026 regular meeting was unanimously approved.

CLAIMS: A **motion** by Vogel seconded by Ferguson to approve April Claims was unanimously approved.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/GRANT POSITION: It was agreed to give some more thought and research into what we want before accepting applications.

POOL: Applications for the manager and five lifeguards were reviewed. Additional lifeguards are needed to maintain hours as in the past. A **motion** by Gantz seconded by Kerr to hire the slate of employees contingent upon successful completion of Red Cross training was unanimously approved.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT: Isaiah Fitzgerald reported his fundraising is at \$22,000.00. Size and placement of the concrete was discussed. A **motion** by Gantz seconded by Vogel to match his Scout fund raising of the estimated \$56,000 projected cost was unanimously approved. Crosswhite reminded council we are responsible for the sand and will trenching.

CITY SUPERINTENDENT: Crosswhite discussed the used street sweeper they have on trial. They will come out next week to tweak a few issues. The used sweeper is \$130,000 and new is \$340,000. Maintenance plan is \$75,000 for five years. Also discussed were weeds at the airport and a vac truck. A **motion** by Ferguson seconded by Gantz to approve a salary increase for Snyder was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS: A **motion** by O'Toole seconded by Kerr to approve the appointment of Tony Rues as City Attorney was unanimously approved. A **motion** by Ferguson seconded by O'Toole to approve the appointment of Wanda Gabel as City Clerk was unanimously approved.

CITY CLERK: Gabel announced the award of the hangar taxiway grant. Reports have been coming in that roosters are still located within city limits and was directed to have the code officer address.

CITY ATTORNEY: Nothing at this time.

OTHER: Hangar availability was addressed and Rues suggested we avoid that liability and not lease the city/county hangar. The engineer for the project on Well #25 will be contacted for a contract, speed issues on South Kansas Street and title work on water plant will be checked on.

ADJOURNED: 6:05 P.M.

APPROVED: MAY 18, 2026