ARAPAHOE, NEBRASKA January 7, 2025

The City Council of the City of Arapahoe, Nebraska, met in regular session at the EMCC Council Room at 7:30pm on January 7, 2025, pursuant to notice posted in the city office and published in the Valley Voice. Councilmen present: Middagh, Kreutzer, Paulsen, and Carpenter. Absent: tenBensel. City Staff present: Jerry Stevens City Superintendent, City Clerk/Treasurer Dixie Sickels.

Mayor Koller presided over the meeting. No visitors were present. The location of the posted Open Meetings Act was stated.

Public Comments:

**Consent Agenda:** Motion by Councilman Carpenter and second by Councilman Kreutzer for approval of the following consent agenda:

Minutes: Copy of the Minutes from the December 17, 2024 regular meeting were included in the Council packets.

SDL: Old Cellar Vinyard 1-22-25 at Cakin’ Care of Business

Roll call vote on the consent agenda motion was as follows:

Ayes: Paulsen, Carpenter, Polston, Middagh, Kreutzer

Nays: None - Absent: tenBensel

The Mayor declared motion passed.

C**ITY REPORTS:** City Superintendent: Gave Report.City Clerk/Treasurer: Gave Report.

**BUSINESS:**

**Unfinished Business:**

Mayor Koller announced the following appointments:

### **CITY OF ARAPAHOE**

### **OFFICIALS OF THE MUNICIPALITY 2025**

**Mayor**

### John E Koller – 2026

### **President of the Council**

### Chris Middagh

### **Council Members**

Ward Carpenter – 2026

Chris Middagh – 2026

Terry Polston – 2026

Troy tenBensel – 2028

John Paulsen – 2028

Dan Kreutzer – 2028

### **City Clerk – Treasurer**

### Dixie Sickels

### **City Physician**

### Shelly Kasper Cope MD Cheryl Mues APRN

Karinne Kulwicki PA-C

### **City Attorney**

Kevin Urbom

### **Utilities Superintendent**

Gerald Stevens

**Street Superintendent**

Jess Hurlbert

### **Zoning Administrator**

Gerald Stevens

### **Fire Department Chief**

Brian Sisson

### **Ambulance Chief**

John Paulsen

### **Depository Bank**

First Central Bank

### **Electrical Inspector**

### State of NE

### **WATER AND LIGHT COMMITTEE**

### Chris Middagh

Ward Carpenter

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Terry Polston

Chris Middagh

Ward Carpenter

**HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Troy tenBensel

### Terry Polston

Dan Kreutzer

### **STREET AND ALLEY COMMITTEE**

### Dan Kreutzer

Ward Carpenter

### **MEDICAL FACILITY COMMITTEE**

### Chris Middagh

John Paulsen

### **MACHINERY COMMITTEE**

### Troy tenBensel

Ward Carpenter

### **SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Terry Polston

Gerald Stevens

Dixie Sickels

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AMBULANCE REPRESENTATIVE**

John Paulsen

### Dan Kreutzer

### **PARKS REPRESENTATIVE**

### Ward Carpenter

**SWIMMING POOL REPRESENTATIVE**

John Paulsen

**THEATRE REPRESENTATIVE**

### Terry Polston

### **BASEBALL/SOFTBALL PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVE**

### John Paulsen

### **GOLF COURSE REPRESENTATIVE**

Terry Polston

### **LIBRARY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE**

### Troy tenBensel

### **LIBRARY BOARD**

### **(4 YR TERM)**

Bonita Adams – 2025 -President

Carrie Farner – 2026

Donnie McCorkle – 2027

Secretary Gina Ellis – 2028

Treasurer Ashley Leising – 2028

### **CEMETERY BOARD**

**(3 YR TERM)**

Gary Schievelbein – 2025

Jill Carpenter – 2025

Sue Lammel – 2026

Vacant– 2026

Dallas Garey – 2027

Gina Ellis – 2027

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

**(3 YR TERM)**

Gary Thompson – 2025

Mason Schroeder – 2025

Ryan Hanzlick – 2027

Gerald Stevens – 2027

### Vacant – 2027

### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

**(3 YR TERM)**

Corey Groves – 2025

Matthew Whitson – 2025

Ryan Hanzlick – 2025

Reg Warner – 2026

Vacant – 2026

Ken Elder– 2026

Jordan Spaulding – 2027

Adam Snyder – 20247

Vacant – 2027

**HOUSING AGENCY BOARD**

**(5 YR TERM)**

Dixie Dyer – 2025

Mary Martin – 2026

Doug Bergman – 2027

Dan Kreutzer – 2028

Melody Adams – 2029

**COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CRA)**

**(5 YR TERM)**

Troy tenBensel – 2025

Dan Kreutzer – 2026

Chris Middagh – 2027

Terry Polston – 2028

Ward Carpenter – 2029

Alison Janecek Borer, Cline Williams Legal Counsel

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

### **(5 YR TERM)**

Ryan Hanzlick – 2025

Lisa Devries – 2026

Don Schroeder – 2027

Patricia Riley – 2027

Vacant – 2028

Matt Faw – 2029

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**(5 YR TERM)**

Alisha Wasenius – 2025

Jennifer Schroeder – 2026

Clint Einspahr – 2027

Bobbie Moore – 2028

Todd Eichenberger – 2029

Cline Williams – Legal Counsel

### **AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

**(6 YR TERM) Elected Positions**

Dean tenBensel – 2026

Todd Weverka – 2028

Todd Eichenberger – 2028

Robert Schievelbein – 2030

Corey Groves – 2030

### **TREE BOARD**

**(3 YR TERM)**

Jeff Utterback – 2025

Trudee Hamel – 2025

Vacant - 2026

Vacant - 2026

John Crawford – 2027

Julie Crawford –2027

### **GOLF COMMITTEE**

**(3 YR TERM)**

Jeff Wernsman – 2025

Matt Faw – 2025

Doug Snyder – 2026

Karen Flanagan – 2026

Levi Watson – 2027

Ken Elder – 2027

### **BOARD OF HEALTH**

### John E Koller - Mayor

Chris Middagh - Council President

Cherl Mues - APRN

Doug Brown - Sheriff

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**

Furnas County Emergency Management

### Liaison – John Paulsen

**FURNAS COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**REPRESENTATIVE**

Chris Middagh

Motion by Councilman Middagh and second by Councilman Paulsen to accept the appointments as suggested.

Roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Kreutzer, Paulsen, Carpenter, Polston, Middagh

Nays: None - Absent: tenBensel

The Mayor declared motion passed.

**New Business:** Motion by Councilman Kreutzer and second by Councilman Middagh to approve the claims and payroll for the period 12-18-24 to 1-7-25.

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|  | **December Receipts** |  |
|  | General Receipts | 22,491.74 |
|  | Street & Alley Receipts | 22,740.46 |
|  | Golf Receipts | 6,032.24 |
|  | Park Receipts |  |
|  | Fire Department Receipts | 623.43 |
|  | Library Receipts | 50.00 |
|  | Medical Receipts | 1,700.00 |
|  | Cemetery Receipts | 650.00 |
|  | Local Sales Tax | 30,193.47 |
|  | Electric Receipts | 119,338.44 |
|  | Water Receipts | 52,226.80 |
|  | Sewer Receipts | 39,190.03 |
|  | **Total December Receipts** | **$ 295,236.61** |
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|  | **Expenses 12/18/24 to 1/7/25** |  |
|  | Payroll December 31 | 12,331.56 |
| 102772 | EFTPS | 3,151.52 |
| 102756 | League of NE Municipalities - training | 155.00 |
| 102757 | Ag Valley - fuel | 685.92 |
| 102758 | Black Hills - gas | 774.65 |
| 102759 | Century Link - police phone | 53.04 |
| 102760 | Landmark - hammer and drill kit for FD | 150.00 |
| 102761 | Vestis - mats & mops | 151.16 |
| 102762 | Water & Light - utilities | 6,507.11 |
| 102763 | Applied Communications Tech - computers | 10,153.90 |
| 102764 | Crawford Repair - cart rentals Oct - Dec | 287.60 |
| 102765 | D & N Lammels - repairs EMCC | 335.00 |
| 102766 | First Central Bank - ACH fees | 31.60 |
| 102767 | Municipal Supply - repairs | 804.21 |
| 102768 | Rapid Fire - backflow preventer EMCC | 2,053.40 |
| 102769 | Twin Valley - sub-transmission | 7,131.60 |
| 102770 | Aflac - optional insurance | 426.06 |
| 102771 | Black Hills - Legion gas | 48.76 |
| 102774 | HSA- contribution | 617.82 |
| 102775 | NE Dept of Revenue - state wh | 1,144.03 |
| 102777 | TVPPD - golf irrigation | 650.98 |
| 102778 | Accelerated Receivables - garnishment | 643.44 |
| 102779 | Charles Schwab - retirement | 3,360.17 |
| 102780 | Dollar General - retirement supplies | 13.91 |
| 102781-82 | NE Dept of Revenue - sales tax city & clubhouse | 6,239.17 |
| 102783 | One Call Concept - diggers hotline | 4.92 |
| 102784 | Cakin Care of Business - retirement | 236.00 |
| 102785 | Hamel Repair - 03International repairs | 477.11 |
| 102786 | ATC - city phones | 808.67 |
| 102787 | HSA - annual contribution | 5,100.00 |
| 102788 | Square Services - monthly pos | 140.00 |
| 102789 | ATC - police phones | 57.11 |
| 102790 | D & N Lammels - filters | 289.47 |
| 102791 | NE Dept of Labor - unemployment | 29.48 |
| 335 | Eakes - supplies & contract | 313.14 |
| 336 | S&W - repairs | 59.22 |
| 337 | Furnas County Treasurer - police | 5,865.00 |
| 338 | Hometown Leasing - copier leases | 247.21 |
| 339 | Midlands Contracting - valve at EMCC | 7,250.00 |
| 340 | NE Public Health Lab - water testing | 16.00 |
| 341 | NPPD - December power | 52,024.48 |
| 342 | South Central Sanitation - Dec fees | 12,894.50 |
|  | Total Expenses | 143,713.92 |

Roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Middagh, Kreutzer, Paulsen, Carpenter, Polston

Nays: None - Abstain: Middagh from ACH#336 for $59.22 - Absent: tenBensel

The Mayor declared motion passed.

Motion by Councilman Kreutzer and second by Councilman Carpenter for the approval of adding Dixie Sickels to sign checks and manage accounts per Council direction for all Municipal Accounts (General, Cemetery, CRA, Fire Department {All 3 Accounts}, Economic Development, Infrastructure

Roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Polston, Middagh, Kreutzer, Paulsen, Carpenter

Nays: None - Absent: tenBensel

The Mayor declared motion passed.

Motion by Councilman Polston and second by Councilman Paulsen for the approval of adding the Mayor as second signature on the Consumer Deposit Account, Cemetery Account and All 3 Fire Department Accounts

Roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Carpenter, Middagh, Polston, Kreutzer, Paulsen

Nays: None - Absent: tenBensel

The Mayor declared motion passed.

Motion by Councilman Kreutzer and second by Councilman Polston to approve the final Economic Development House Rehab payment for 811 8th St to John Ekberg for $10,000 Check #102791

Roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Paulsen, Carpenter, Middagh, Polston, Kreutzer

Nays: None - Absent: tenBensel

The Mayor declared motion passed.

Motion by Councilman Kreutzer and second by Councilman Carpenter to go into closed session at 8:22pm to protect the financial position of the city.

Roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Polston, Kreutzer, Paulsen, Carpenter, Middagh

Nays: None - Absent: tenBensel

The Mayor declared motion passed.

Motion by Councilman Polston and second by Councilman Paulsen to come out of closed session at 9:00pm.

Roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Middagh, Polston, Kreutzer, Paulsen, Carpenter

Nays: None - Absent: tenBensel

The Mayor declared motion passed.

Motion by Councilman Kreutzer and second by Councilman Middagh for the approval of adjusted wages and compensation.

Roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Polston, Middagh, Carpenter, Paulsen, Kreutzer

Nays: None - Absent: tenBensel

The Mayor declared motion passed.

**ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent 9:02pm.

I, the undersigned, City Clerk, of the City of Arapahoe, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Council on January 7, 2025 that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form 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 concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

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Dixie Sickels, City Clerk