**City of Arapahoe, Nebraska**

**Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting**

**July 15, 2025**

**7:30pm**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Arapahoe, Nebraska met in regular session at the EMCC Council Room, on the 15th day of July, 2025, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice, a copy of the proof of publication being on file in the City Clerk’s office. Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to the Mayor and all members of the City Council and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of the advance notice and agenda is filed in this office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and City Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Mayor Koller announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room and is accessible to members of the public.

**ROLL CALL**

Attending: Mayor Koller, Councilmembers: Middagh, Paulsen, Polston, tenBensel, Carpenter

Absent: Kreutzer

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Bev Osiecki spoke on behalf of the Museum Board to discuss the conditions of the building. Repairs to the building and heating and air conditioning need to be addressed. There was discussion on other properties that may be able to house the museum. The Council recommended the Museum Board contact FiveRule to inquire about grant opportunities and fundraising.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

* 1. Approval of Minutes of the July 1, 2025 Regular Meeting
	2. Building Permits
		1. #10 Andy Brown – gardening shed
		2. #11 Brian Sission – fence & pool deck

Moved by Paulsen, seconded by Polston, that the items listed under the consent agenda be approved, accepted, and/or ratified as presented.

Roll Call: Yea: Paulsen, Polston, tenBensel, Carpenter, Middagh

 Absent: Kreutzer

 Nay: None MOTION CARRIED.

**DISCUSSION/REPORTS**

City Superintendent: Sewer lines to be jetted. Street coating to resume. A disposal fee of $20 will be assessed for any mattress and/or box springs to be dumped in city roll-off.

City Clerk/Treasurer: End of Month financials were included in council packets. Clubhouse financials were discussed.

Committee Reports: none.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approval of Claims for the period

Moved by Middagh, seconded by tenBensel, to approve the claims and payroll for the period 7-2-25 to 7-15-25.

Roll Call: Yea: Paulsen, Polston, tenBensel, Carpenter, Middagh

 Abstain: Paulsen #13308 for $200 & Middagh #103312 for $214.99

 Absent: Kreutzer

 Nay: None MOTION CARRIED.

John Ekberg rehab grant 501 10th Street – final $10,000 #103296

Moved by Middagh, seconded by tenBensel, to approve the claim #103296 for $10,000 to John Ekberg for the second and final rehab grant payment on 501 10th Street.

Roll Call: Yea: Polston, tenBensel, Carpenter, Middagh, Paulsen

 Absent: Kreutzer

 Nay: None MOTION CARRIED.

Mandy Anderson rehab grant 418 Nebraska – initial $10,000 #103287

Moved by tenBensel, seconded by Carpenter, to approve the claim #103287 for $10,000 to Mandy Anderson for the initial rehab grant payment on 418 Nebraska Ave.

Roll Call: Yea: tenBensel, Carpenter, Middagh, Paulsen, Polston

 Absent: Kreutzer

 Nay: None MOTION CARRIED.

Tri Valley public transportation City Contribution

Moved by Paulsen, seconded by tenBensel, to approve the City of Arapahoe contributing to the public transportation service provided by Tri Valley Health Systems in the amount of $4908.00.

Roll Call: Yea: Carpenter, Middagh, Paulsen, Polston, tenBensel

 Absent: Kreutzer

 Nay: None MOTION CARRIED.

**Resolution 2025-08 executing the LARM Renewal Coverage Proposal for the 2025-26 Pool Year for a term of 3 years to continue to receive a 5% discount.**

Mayor Koller introduced Resolution 2025-08 executing the LARM Renewal Coverage Proposal for the 2025-26 Pool Year for a term of 3 years to continue to receive a 5% discount.

Moved by Middagh, seconded by Polston, that Resolution 2025-08 be passed and adopted.

Roll Call: Yea: Middagh, Paulsen, Polston, tenBensel, Carpenter

 Absent: Kreutzer

 Nay: None MOTION CARRIED.

**Resolution 2025-08 – Passed and Adopted -** executing the LARM Renewal Coverage Proposal for the 2025-26 Pool Year for a term of 3 years to continue to receive a 5% discount.

 *Incorporated into the Minute Record by Reference*

**Resolution 2025-09 executing a 2% Increase to the Arapahoe Sewer Rates to take effect November 1, 2025.**

**Resolution 2025-10 executing a 2% Increase to the Arapahoe Water Rates to take effect November 1, 2025.**

**Resolution 2025-11 executing a 2% Increase to the Holbrook Water Rates to take effect November 1, 2025.**

**Resolution 2025-12 executing a 2% Increase to the Arapahoe Electric Rates to take effect November 1, 2025.**

Mayor Koller introduced Resolution 2025-09 executing a 2% Increase to the Arapahoe Sewer Rates to take effect November 1, 2025; Resolution 2025-10 executing a 2% Increase to the Arapahoe Water Rates to take effect November 1, 2025; Resolution 2025-11 executing a 2% Increase to the Holbrook Water Rates to take effect November 1, 2025; Resolution 2025-12 executing a 2% Increase to the Arapahoe Electric Rates to take effect November 1, 2025.

Moved by Carpenter, seconded by tenBensel, that Resolutions 2025-09, 2025-10, 2025-11 and 2025-12 be passed and adopted.

Roll Call: Yea: Carpenter, tenBensel, Polston, Paulsen, Middagh

 Absent: Kreutzer

 Nay: None MOTION CARRIED.

**Resolution 2025-09 – Passed and Adopted -** executing a 2% Increase to the Arapahoe Sewer Rates to take effect November 1, 2025.

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**Resolution 2025-10 – Passed and Adopted -** executing a 2% Increase to the Arapahoe Water Rates to take effect November 1, 2025.

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**Resolution 2025-11 – Passed and Adopted -** executing a 2% Increase to the Holbrook Water Rates to take effect November 1, 2025.

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**ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Tree pit and grass dump were discussed. Clerk to research swimming pool ordinances and also contact AMGL to set up budget workshop for the Finance Committee.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular City Council meeting is August 5, 2025 at 7:30pm in the EMCC Council Room.

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned by unanimous consent 8:49pm.

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Dixie Sickels, City Clerk

**City Claims approved as follows**: (*Abbreviations for this legal are: Ex, Expenses; Fe, Fees; Fu, Fuel; Re, Reimbursement; Se, Services; Su, Supplies*: ATC, Se 57.11, Se 207.01; Mandy Anderson, Ex 10000.00; Blue Dolphin Swim Team, Ex 1000.00; CAMAS, Se 191.05, Se 5.85; CASH-WA, Su 820.13; Colby Carpenter, AmPy 50.00; CenturyLink, Se 53.04; Common Scents, Su 119.40; D&D, Se 25.00; D&N Lammel's, Se 131.52, Se 535.24; DETERDINGS Su 762.33; Debit Card, Su 124.05, Su 35.30, Su 89.36; Logan Dettmann, AmPy 341.00; EFTPS, Ex 3606.06, Ex 840.24, Ex 1605.00; Eakes, Su 87.21; John Ekberg, Ex 10000.00; Furnas County Treasurer, Fe 6040.95; Gangwish Turf, Ex 696.00; Hawkins, Su 1383.66; Elliot Hoefs, AmPy 183.00; Stefanie Hoefs, AmPy 291.00; Wendall Hoefs, AmPy 83.00; Hometown Leasing, Fe 137.22, Fe 109.99; Mitch Houser, AmPy 50.00; Ingram, Ex 830.52; Johnson Service, Se 1875.00; Landmark, Ex 4.98, Su 7.84; Peter Leising, AmPy 50.00; Municipal Supply, Fe 3277.16, Su 865.98; NDEE Fe 150.00; NE Dept of Labor 185.86; NE Dept of Revenue, Ex 8959.25, Ex 1549.69; NE Municipal Clerks' Association, Fe 100.00; NE Power Review Board, Fe 199.86; NPPD, Se 75182.25, Se 9413.15, Se 216.05; Olsson, Se 3054.95; One Call Concepts, Se 12.26; John Paulsen, AmPy 200.00; Penworthy, Ex 209.59; People, Ex 135.36; Protex Central, Se 255.00; Quadient Finance, Ex 221.17; Quick Med Claims, Se 648.80; Reginald Warner, Ex 64.00; Rutt's, Se 714.53; S&W, Su 12.90, Su 127.99, Su 74.10; South Central Sanitation, Se 13258.25; Square, Se 140.00; TVPPD, Se 7531.30; Urbom Law, Se 171.00; Van Diest Supply, Su 113.00; Vestis, Se 68.52; Wagner's, Su 140.70, Su 95.24