

Yutan City Council
Thursday, April 30th, 2026
5:30 p.m. Yutan City Hall

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUTAN, IN THE COUNTY OF SAUNDERS, STATE OF NEBRASKA HELD AT THE CITY OFFICE IN SAID CITY ON THE 30th DAY OF APRIL 2026, AT 5:30 p.m.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting notice, a designated method for giving notice, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication and Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to Mayor Thompson and all members of the Yutan City Council, and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of the notice and the agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Thompson. Councilmembers Lawton, Mach, and Smith were present. Councilmember Schimenti was absent. Mayor Thompson informed all the individuals present of the location of the Open Meetings Act and Code of Conduct. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

1) Open Discussion from the Public

- a. Justin Barney addressed the Council regarding the police department lease and municipal proactivity. While acknowledging that Mayor Thompson legally disclosed a conflict of interest, Mr. Barney expressed concern over the "optics" of the city leasing property from a government official, suggesting it could lead to public distrust. He stated the decision felt rushed and that more time should have been spent evaluating alternative locations. Additionally, Mr. Barney critiqued the Council's "reactive" approach to the E-bike and E-scooter ordinance—noting a reliance on social media sentiment over state law—and urged the Council to be more proactive in their long-term planning and meeting conduct.

2) Action Item

- a. Acceptance of Resolution 2026-2-Library-The Posting of Interim Library Director
 - i. Councilmember Smith asked if this was a temporary position or if once the new director was hired would we have to go through this again. Mayor Thompson stated that this will be on the books even for future departures, so that we would not have to go through this process again.
 - ii. A motion to accept Resolution 2026-2-Library-The posting of Interim Library Director was made by Lawton and seconded by Smith. Upon roll call vote was as follows: YEAH: Lawton, Mach, Smith. No: None, Motion Carried.
- b. Appointment of a new Library Board Member
 - i. Councilmember Lawton stated that the choice is between library experience and municipal board experience. Councilmember Lawton asked about the appointment and the staggering of appointments. Administrator Oliva stated that he would have to look into the statute on ensuring the staggering of

appointments.

- ii. A motion to table the appointment of a Library Board member was made by Smith and seconded by Mach. Upon roll call vote was as follows: YEAH: Mach, Smith. NO: Lawton, Motion Carried.
- c. Acceptance of ARCS-LLC bid of \$7,642.50 for Security Updates and Technology Integration at new Police Department.
 - i. A motion to accept the bid i894 of \$7,642.50 from ARCS-LLC for Security Updates and Technology Integration at the new police station was made by Smith and seconded by Lawton. Upon roll call vote was as follows: YEAH: Smith, Lawton, Mach. NO: None, Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned- A motion to adjourn at 5:41 pm was made by Lawton and seconded by Mach. Upon roll call vote was as follows: YEAH: Lawton, Mach, Smith. NO: None, Motion Carried.

NEXT MEETING DATE –

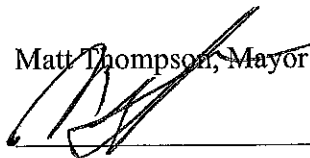
Library Board Meeting: May 4th, 2026, 6:30 P.M.

Planning Commission Meeting, Tuesday, May 12th, 2026, 7:00 P.M.

City Council Meeting, Tuesday, May 19th, 2026, 7:00 P.M.

Anyone desiring to speak before the mayor and city council should contact the city clerk by the Monday preceding the city council meeting by 4:00 p.m. Anyone desiring to speak on any item on the agenda is invited to do so but should limit himself/herself to 3 minutes. After being recognized by the mayor, give your name and address for the record. Anyone desiring to speak for a longer period of time should make arrangements with the city clerk prior to the meeting. All speakers shall address the mayor and city council only. Anyone attending the meeting that may require auxiliary aid or service should contact the city clerk in advance.

Matt Thompson, Mayor



Brandy Bolter, City Clerk/Treasurer

