

Yutan City Council  
Tuesday, August 18th, 2026  
7:00 p.m. Yutan City Hall

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF A REGULAR 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 18TH DAY OF AUGUST 2026, AT 7:00 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 Matt Thompson. Councilmembers Lawton, Schimenti, Mach, and Smith were present. 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) Consent Agenda**

- a. Approve Minutes of July 21st, 2026 Special meeting/First Budget Workshop
- b. Approve Minutes of the July 21st, 2026 Regular Council Meeting
- c. Approve Minutes of August 11th, 2026 Special meeting/Second Budget Workshop
- d. Treasurer's Report
- e. Claims: **ARCS-LLC \$2,697.00, BlueCross BlueShield \$3,356.85, Bomgaars \$57.45, Capital Business Systems, Inc. \$192.02, Cardmember Services \$6,583.27, Chieftain Community Club \$10,000.00, City of Wahoo \$1,350.00, Column Software PBC \$124.81, Cubby's \$839.92, Culligan \$133.80, Demco \$317.14, Eakes \$1,096.38, EFTPS-Federal Payroll Tax \$11,573.68, Fontenelle Forest \$200.00, Guardian \$.28, Hometown Leasing \$64.74, JEO Consulting \$1,307.50, Jones Group \$1,414.75, Kriha Fluid Power \$230.96, Konecky Auto & Tire \$121.61, League of Nebraska Municipalities \$4,783.00, Lowes \$237.90, Love Signs \$650.00, Made it Myself Shaved Ice \$950.00, Mead Signs \$500.00, Menards \$6.96, MUD \$111.76, Nebraska Department of Environmental Lab \$290.00, NE. Dept. of Revenue \$1,063.89, NE. Public Health Environmental Lab \$258.00, Nebraska Turf Products \$520.30, Occupational Health Centers \$104.00, One Call Concepts \$24.91, OPPD \$6,220.05, Pilcrow Foundation \$400.00, Pitney Bowes Global Financial \$242.40, Railroad Management Company III, LLC \$458.76, Rise Internet \$140.00, Roadrunner Transportation \$415.00, Spectrum Paint \$234.33, T. Rowe Price \$450.00, The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company \$235.75, Thompson & Sons \$1,187.49, Three Rivers Clerks Association \$10.00, Tys Outdoor Power & Service \$917.96, T Mobile \$69.27, ULine \$121.07, Verizon \$40.01, Wahoo-Waverly-Ashland Newspapers \$37.59, Total w/o Payroll \$62,148.89, Payroll \$32,199.42, Total w/Payroll \$94,348.31.**
- f. A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Lawton and seconded by Smith.

Upon roll call vote was as follows: YEAH: Lawton, Schimenti, Mach, Smith. NO: None. Motion Carried.

Before Open Discussion Mayor Thompson made a statement thanking the Yutan Days committee for putting on a successful Yutan Days.

## **2) Open Discussion from the Public**

- a. Resident Lindsay Nelson asked about the status of the town's incoming fiber optics. Mayor Thompson replied that the City is waiting for Kinetic to schedule a meeting regarding the project. Mr. Nelson also asked why a cell antenna he believed was on the water tower stopped working. Mayor Thompson clarified that the antenna was actually located outside the city, and it was removed by T-Mobile after they bought out U.S. Cellular.

## **3) Presentation from Guest:**

- a. DWEE (Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, & Environment)
  - i. Presentation: Wellhead Protection Area Update
    1. Community Planner Costa introduced Jake Maslonka (Lower Platte North NRD) and Department of Environment and Energy (DWEE) staff members Sean Kruse, Tyler Martin, and Connor McFayden. Costa noted that while the city did not receive a grant to update the Wellhead Protection (WHP) plan, DWEE offers technical assistance and plan updates at no cost.
  - ii. Presentation Highlights:
    1. WHP Overview: Connor McFayden explained that WHP areas encompass the surface and subsurface area surrounding a well, acting as priority areas for groundwater quality initiatives.
    2. The 5-Step Process: The WHP Plan involves delineating the area, conducting a contaminant source inventory, managing contaminants, planning for contingencies, and engaging the public.
    3. Modeling & Timeframes: Groundwater flow is modeled to draw Time of Travel (TOT) lines up to 20 or 50 years.
    4. Yutan's Next Steps: A draft for Yutan can be completed once well locations are finalized and the new LP3D model is adopted.
  - iii. Council Discussion & Q&A
    1. Jurisdiction & Collaboration: Community Planner Costa asked about the geographical authority to monitor the area, noting it would fall within the Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). Costa also asked about collaborating with Saunders County; Jake Maslonka noted that this collaboration may be necessary for contaminant management if the wellhead area extends beyond city requirements.
    2. Time of Travel (TOT) Limits: Councilmember Schimenti inquired about using a 20-year versus 50-year TOT model. McFayden recommended the 20-year model, though either is acceptable. Community Planner Costa noted that a 50-year model encompasses a larger area and potentially leads to more restrictions.
    3. Timeline & New Well Locations: Mayor Thompson asked about the

timeframe for the process, which is estimated at six months to a year. The Mayor also asked if DWEE could assist with evaluating a possible new well location.

- iv. New DWEE Initiatives & Report Benefits: Sean Kruse concluded the discussion by introducing a recently launched DWEE program concerning aquifer analysis reports. He highlighted several key benefits of utilizing these reports and DWEE's improved analysis tools:
  - 1. They provide better hydrogeologic data to model groundwater flow paths, direction, velocity, and aquifer characteristics.
  - 2. The analysis accounts for seasonal changes and natural variability in the aquifer to ensure an adequate buffer zone.
  - 3. The reports inform site investigations and help prioritize areas for groundwater quality initiatives.
  - 4. Using these additional DWEE resources improves the overall planning process, ultimately helping the community successfully implement long-term water quality initiatives.

#### **4) Ordinances and Public Hearings**

##### **a. One & Six year Highway and Street Improvement Program**

###### **i. Administrator Bob Oliva**

- 1. The One-and Six-Year Plan was reviewed, with the note that the overall plan remains largely unchanged from last year. Under the One-Year Plan, a portion of the current budget will be carried over to next year specifically for panel replacement. The Six-Year Plan will continue with previously scheduled projects. It was also noted that some project costs have been adjusted due to inflation. Councilmember Schimenti asked if any other streets had been considered for the plan. Administrator Oliva stated that no others were considered at this time, but additional streets may be evaluated next year.

###### **ii. Public Hearing**

- 1. Mayor Thompson Opened the public hearing at 7:42 p.m.
- 2. Michelle Smith-Dahlhauser asked whether the First and Oak street project will be a through street or a dead end. Administrator Oliva confirmed that it will be a through street.
- 3. Mayor Thompson closed the public hearing at 7:44 p.m.

###### **iii. Resolution 2026-14**

- 1. A motion to approve Resolution 2026-14 One & Six year Highway and Street Improvement Program was made by Schimenti and seconded by Lawton. Upon roll call vote was as follows: YEAH: Schimenti, Mach, Smith, Lawton. NO: None, Motion Carried.

#### **5) Resolutions**

##### **a. Resolution 2026-15 Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance**

- i. A motion to approve Resolution 2026-15 Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance was made by Schimenti and seconded by Mach. Upon roll call vote was as follows: YEAH: Mach, Smith, Lawton, Schimenti. NO: None, Motion Carried.

- b. Resolution 2026-16 Local Option Sales Tax
  - i. A motion to approve Resolution 2026-16 Local Option Sales Tax was made by Smith and seconded by Schimenti. Upon roll call vote was as follows: YEAH: Smith, Schimenti, Mach. NO: Lawton, Motion Carried.

**6) Action Items**

- a. Purchase of a new Skid Steer
  - i. A motion to approve the purchase of a used John Deere 333g Skid Steer in the amount of \$44,700.00 from Murphy Tractor was made by Smith and seconded by Lawton. Upon roll call vote was as follows: YEAH: Lawton, Schimenti, Mach, Smith. NO: None, Motion Carried.
- b. Ortmeier Technical Service Inc.
  - i. Service for Well at Ball Field
  - ii. A motion to approve the change order from Ortmeier Technical Service, Inc. to perform the electrical upgrades for the Well at Itan Ballfield was made by Smith and seconded by Lawton. Upon roll call vote was as follows: YEAH: Schimenti, Mach, Smith, Lawton. NO: None, Motion Carried.
- c. Acceptance of Resignation of City Clerk/Treasurer Brandy Bolter
  - i. A motion to accept the resignation of City Clerk/Treasurer Brandy Bolter was made by Mach and seconded by Smith. Upon roll call vote was as follows: YEAH: Mach, Smith, Schimenti. NO: Lawton, Motion Carried.

**7) Discussion Items**

- a. Budget and Valuations
  - i. Administrator Oliva reported that the city's property valuations increased by approximately \$6 million, with new construction driving a 0.07% growth rate. He also reviewed the sales tax spreadsheet from the previous meeting, noting that the levy decreased by about one cent. This spreadsheet is due to the County by September 2nd. Finally, Oliva announced that the draft budget is ready but requested one additional budget workshop before the regular meeting. The council subsequently scheduled a budget workshop for August 26th at 5:30 p.m.

**8) Supervisor Reports**

- a. Library Director
- b. Utilities Superintendent
- c. Police Chief
- d. Community Planner
  - i. Robert Costa stated that we received the grant for the trees to be planted by the pickleball courts. The plan is to coincide the planting of them with Pumpkins in the Park.
- e. City Clerk
- f. City Administrator

**9) Items for Next Meeting Agenda**

**Meeting Adjourned:** A motion to adjourn at 8:06 pm was made by Mach and seconded by Lawton. Upon roll call vote was as follows: YEAH: Smith, Lawton, Schimenti, Mach. NO: None, Motion

Carried.

**NEXT MEETING DATES**

**Library Board Meeting- September 14th, 2026, 6:30 P.M.**

**Planning Commission Meeting- September 9th, 2025, 7:00 P.M.**

**City Council Meeting - September 16th, 2025, 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 wishing 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 who may require auxiliary aid or service should contact the city clerk in advance.

Matt Thompson, Mayor

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Brandy Bolter, City Clerk/Treasurer

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