

City of Schuyler Minutes
July 7, 2026

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Schuyler, Nebraska, met in regular session at the Schuyler Municipal Building on July 7, 2026 at 6:00 o'clock PM in a publicly convened session, the same being open to the public and having been preceded by posting a copy of the notice in three public places in the city, as evidenced by Attachment A hereto, said form of notice being the designated method for giving notice. The Mayor and City Council received advance notice of the meeting. A copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of such notice is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Mayor Lindberg convened the meeting and City Clerk Mejstrik recorded the proceedings. The following council members were present Baumert, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez, and Wolfe. Absent: Svoboda.

Mayor Lindberg led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Administrator Johnson reported she attended the NCMA Annual Conference and received valuable training. Also working on the budget and next week we will hold our first Finance Meeting on Wednesday, July 15th at 5:15 p.m. Meetings are also scheduled for July 29th, August 12th and if needed August 26th. She also had discussion with JEO on our FEMA Letter of Map Revision and notifications. The 4th Street Construction project is also starting this week.

City Clerk Mejstrik reported she had been at the Accounting & Finance Conference the week prior and the sessions were very useful.

Utilities Superintendent Sobota reported on last Thursday's outage. They believe a bird got on a structure on the north side of B Street that got into an inter-just conductor that was tied to a lightning arrester and caused an explosion that was an 8000-amp vault. The substation did its work and locked everything out like it should. With the heat they are monitoring the substation equipment to make sure they prevent any outages.

Police Chief Farber reported that they have stepped up their enforcement on 4 wheelers along with checking on e-bikes and scooters. City Administrator Johnson reported at her conference there was discussion on this and Sarpy County is working on an ordinance for their communities on these issues and will share with us their ordinance.

Library Director White stated that they have hired a new assistant director Liliana Lanuza who was our library clerk and we replaced her with Elizabeth Lickei. We started our Summer Reading Program this week and the theme is Unearth Your Story which is about dinosaurs and fossils. To tie in with that Dinosaur Ranger Anthony will visit the library at 1:00 p.m. on Friday's.

Building Inspector Sims reported there were 12 building permits for a variety of projects. He also reported that he did a 4-hour class for Floodplain Management.

Schuyler Development Coordinator and Housing Specialist Bywater stated they are in the thick of the election for the SED Plan and ballots are due July 14th by 5 p.m. There will be an open house on Saturday, July 11th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Whitetail Villa's.

Council member Baumert moved to approve the June 16, 2026 council meeting minutes and dispense with its reading. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez, and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kasik moved to approve payment of claims for the period from June 13, 2026 through July 2, 2026 in the amount of \$413,693.19. All claims are listed on Attachment 1. In addition to being included on Attachment 1, all non-routine claims exceeding \$1,000 are specifically identified as Aqua-Chem, Inc. Chemicals, Pool, \$3,670.25; Bizco Tech, Service Fees, Police, \$1,032.75; Foxster Opco, LLC, TripMaster, Transit, \$3,510.00; JEO, Eng. Fees, Admin/Library, \$1,553.75; John Deere Financial, Labor, Golf Course, \$5,524.41; Love's Travel, TIF, Admin, \$63,714.74; NE State Patrol, License Fees, Police, \$6,851.00; Schuyler Coop, Fuel, Police/Streets/Transit, \$4,536.64. Council member Marron seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez, and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

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Council member Marron moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-0707, A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCHUYLER, NEBRASKA DESIRES TO ADOPT CURB RAMP AND SIDEWALK DETAILS, PAVEMENT REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT DETAILS AND PAVEMENT REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT AND UTILITY TRENCH DETAILS. JEO PROJECT NO.: 090157.00. Steve Parr with JEO stated this started because some of the curb ramps in the Water Tower and Sky Haven Subdivisions did not meet the specifications. Parr went over the details on sidewalks, driveways and curb ramp standards in new and existing residential areas along with removal and replacement of paving and curbs. These details are for city use along with giving these out to contractors when replacing curbs. Mayor Lindberg stated the curb ramps are a public safety and this is why we are addressing this. Council member Marron seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez, and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Rodriguez moved to approve JEO as the hazard mitigation planning and engineering service for the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Application. City Administrator Johnson reported at the last meeting you approved for a Request for Qualifications from engineering companies. If awarded this grant we could receive up to \$250,000 to help with a local drainage design criterion, updating floodplain management regulations and building code standards. We only had one submit their qualifications and that was JEO Consulting. There is not any financial commitment unless we are awarded the grant. If awarded there is a 25% match which would be budgeted over two years. Council member Wolfe seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez, and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Wolfe moved to approve to the Flock Safety quote for two cameras for \$6,300.00. Police Chief Farber stated since our last meeting he did speak with the rep and this is a one-year contract which can be renewed. The first year's funds will come from SNARE Drug Taskforce. City Administrator Johnson reported that the second year would need to be budgeted in the 26-27 budget. Council member Marron asked about how these cameras are used. Chief Farber explained there are safety perimeters in place so they need to be used for a specific reason. Mayor Lindberg asked what can be replaced in the budget. Chief Farber reported on contracts that are expiring this year. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez, and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Rodriguez moved to approve the Jones Automotive quote to outfit 2025 Ford Explorer for \$16,203.64 and authorize for 1/2 payment before work is done. Council member Marron seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez, and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Marron moved to approve City Administrator Johnson to sign Amendment Request Plan No. 243801, Plan No. 243802 and Plan No. 243471 for City of Schuyler Retirement Plan with Ameritas Life Insurance Corporation. City Administrator Johnson reported that this deals with previous employees who are not completely vested and have not withdrawn their funds who have less than \$7000 in their account. This would roll the City's portion into forfeitures. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez, and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Wolfe introduced first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-03, title being AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SCHUYLER, NEBRASKA TO ADOPT A CITY COUNCIL STANDARDS OF CONDUCT, ETHICS, AND ATTENDANCE; TO REPEAL ANY CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Mayor Lindberg reported that the ordinance addresses the performance of duties by council members, including attendance requirements, remaining for the duration of meetings, and no use of personal devices during meetings. He emphasized the importance of conducting due diligence and maintaining focus on the agenda and business before the council. City Attorney Graham added that the ordinance includes provisions regarding the separation of legislative and administrative functions and outlines enforcement measures and disciplinary actions to address violations of the ordinance. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez, and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Rodriguez moved to waive the three-reading rule. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez, and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

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Council member Rodriguez moved for final passage. Council member Marron seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez, and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Vacant Property Registry for fees on transfer of property for William Scharf. Property Owner Scharf stated the property at 815 East 15th Street was recently transferred into his name from his mother. He requested that the vacant property registration fees start at zero due to the change in ownership. Scharf noted that the property will remain in the VPR program and that any outstanding fees owed will be paid from the estate. City Attorney Graham stated once the current fees are paid then the Council could make their decision. No action was taken.

Council member Marron moved to adjourn. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez, and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor Art Lindberg

City Clerk

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
COUNTY OF COLFAX) SS
CITY OF SCHUYLER)

I, Joan Mejsrik, City Clerk for the City of Schuyler, Nebraska, hereby certify that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for said meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such subjects were in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that the minutes of the City Council of Schuyler, Nebraska, 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 council meeting.

City Clerk Joan Mejsrik