

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 16, 2026

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Chadron, Nebraska met in regular session in the City Hall Council Chambers at 234 Main Street on the Monday, February 16, 2026, at 6:00 PM. The following City Councilmembers were present: George Klein, Shane Shepherd, Mark Graves, Kevin Oleksy, Clay Andersen. The following City Councilmembers were absent: None.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publishing notice in The Chadron Record as shown by the affidavit of publication filed in the City Clerk's office. Notice was also given in advance to the Mayor and all members of the City Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes and is filed in the City Clerk's office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice of 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 Klein called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and declared a quorum present. The Mayor also read the following before continuing with the meeting: "As required by Section 84-1412, subsection 8 of the Nebraska Statutes, notice is hereby given that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted for your examination on the wall inside the door to these City Council Chambers.

Councilmember Andersen made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Shepherd.

Roll Call: Aye: Andersen, Graves, Klein, Oleksy, Shepherd

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Councilmember Graves made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Oleksy.

The consent agenda consisted of the following items:

1. Minutes from the City Council Meeting held February 2, 2026
2. The January 2026 Treasurer's Report
3. The January 2026 Water Report
4. The January 2026 Fire Department Membership Update
5. Special Designated Licenses-Administratively Approved
 - Wild's Bar & Grill-Boss' Night at the Chadron Volunteer Fire Department on February 21, 2026

Roll Call: Aye: Andersen, Graves, Klein, Oleksy, Shepherd

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Councilmember Shepherd introduced Resolution 2026-18, To Approve Application for a Special Designated License for TNT's Bunkhouse Bar & Grill, LLC. Seconded by Councilmember Graves.

The resolution states: WHEREAS, TNT's Bunkhouse Bar & Grill, LLC, 136 Main Street, Rushville, Nebraska, has applied for a Special Designated License from the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission, and the City Council finds that the Special Designated License should be approved

as long as said consumption of alcohol is in accordance with and pursuant to licenses granted by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHADRON, NEBRASKA: 1. The City Council being the governing body of the City of Chadron does hereby authorize the consumption of alcoholic liquors by adults between the hours of 2:00 PM and 12:00 AM. on May 16, 2026, in an indoor area, which is 64' x 80' at the Dawes County Fairgrounds, 302 E. Norfolk Ave., Chadron, Nebraska. 2. It is recommended that approval be granted for a Special Designated License to TNT's Bunkhouse Bar & Grill, LLC between the hours of 2:00 PM and 12:00 AM on May 16, 2026, in an indoor area, which is 64' x 80' at the Dawes County Fairgrounds, 302 E. Norfolk Ave., Chadron, Nebraska, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission and in accordance with any license issued by said Commission.

Roll Call: Aye: Andersen, Graves, Klein, Oleksy, Shepherd
 Nay: None

Motion Carried.

John Reed, Executive Director of Northwest Nebraska Development Corporation, gave his monthly report. He said he met with Randy Wattermann of the Center for Rural Affairs, which offers financing for businesses, including restaurants and grocery stores. Reed also reported that he partnered with Chadron State College and the Chadron Chamber of Commerce to develop a flyer to promote the upcoming Hoop Shoot tournament in March.

Rossella Tesch, Library Director, presented her annual library report. She stated that the library building has been updated with new windows, a fire escape, and that the library will be moving to a temporary location during the remodel. She noted that some services that are provided by the library include printing, photocopying, reader advisory services, and science backpacks. Last year, the library had 89,274 visitors, offered 199 programs, and had 2,359 cardholders.

Councilmember Oleksy read the proclamation for Problem Gambling Awareness Month and Mayor Klein proclaimed the month of March as Problem Gambling Awareness Month.

Councilmember Shepherd introduced Resolution 2026-19, To Approve the Sidewalk Improvement Plan for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year and Authorize Applications to be Received. Seconded by Councilmember Andersen.

Mayor Klein stated that applications for the sidewalk improvement grant will be accepted from February 18, 2026 through May 22, 2026 and the requirements are the same as they have been in the past.

The resolution states: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHADRON, NEBRASKA: 1. On February 21, 2022, the City Council approved the City of Chadron Sidewalk Improvement Plan, including the Sidewalk Construction, Renewal and Replacement Grant Agreement, by Resolution No. 2022-18. 2. Pursuant to the Sidewalk Improvement Plan, property owners may participate in the Plan by submitting a Sidewalk Construction, Renewal and Replacement Grant Application, beginning February 18, 2026 through May 22, 2026. The City Council having reviewed said Application does hereby approve the same and authorizes the Application to be distributed upon request. 3. To implement and aid in the administration of the adopted Sidewalk Improvement Plan, the City Manager and the Zoning/Building Official will review the applications, in lieu of a Sidewalk Improvement Plan

*Committee. 4. It will be the responsibility of the City Manager and the Zoning/Building Official to screen the applications to ensure projects meet the eligibility requirements and any priority criteria established by the City Council and recommend the most qualified projects to the Council for funding. **For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the City Council's decision on funding will be made on June 1, 2026.** 5. Sidewalk Applications will be scored by the City Manager and the Zoning/Building Official, based on the following criteria: a) Located within a Designated School Zone; b) Located on Safe Routes to School; c) Proximity to Schools; d) Connectivity to Existing Sidewalks; and e) Date Received. 6. The City Council does hereby authorize funding in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. 7. It is the intent of the City Council that any funds left unspent will be used towards sidewalks and/or curb-cuts in City parks and properties, or other concrete improvements.*

Roll Call: Aye: Andersen, Graves, Klein, Oleksy, Shepherd
 Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Councilmember Shepherd made a motion to approve the Preliminary Plat for Lots 101-105, Ridgeview 6th Addition, An Addition to the City of Chadron, Dawes County, Nebraska, A Replat of Lots 5-9, Ridgeview 4th Addition and Lot C, Ridgeview 5th Addition, Situated in the West Half of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 33 North, Range 48 West of the 6th P.M., Dawes County, Nebraska (Cedar Buttes Drive). Seconded by Councilmember Oleksy.

Janet Johnson, Planning/Building/Zoning Official, explained that when the property on Cedar Buttes Drive was surveyed in preparation for installing the sanitary sewer needed to develop the vacant property, issues were identified with the existing easements.

The City currently owns Lots 6, 7, 8, and 9, while Lots 5 and C are owned by another individual. Many of the existing utilities that cross Lot C are not located within an easement. The City also needs an easement for the sanitary sewer that will cross existing Lot 8, and there is uncertainty regarding the location of the existing storm sewer easement that crosses Lot 5.

As part of the proposed replat, Lots 6, 7, and 8 would be combined into two larger lots to make them more suitable for future development.

The Planning Commission reviewed the Preliminary Plat and is recommending approval.

Roll Call: Aye: Andersen, Graves, Klein, Oleksy, Shepherd
 Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Councilmember Oleksy introduced Ordinance No. 1445:

AN ORDINANCE creating Sanitary Sewer Extension District No. 71 of the City of Chadron, Nebraska; establishing the outer boundaries of the District; designating the size, location and terminal points and referring to the plans and specifications and estimate of the engineer in connection therewith on file with the City Clerk and directing the publication of this Ordinance and prescribing the time when this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect.

16-704 "Riding Regulations" and to repeal Subsection 12 and 13 of "Riding Regulations", to renumber Section 16-706 to 16-705 "Violation; Penalty; Article 8. "Skateboards, Roller Skates, and Scooters" to repeal Section 16-802 "Prohibition of Use on Sidewalks Within Certain Areas", to renumber Section 16-803 to 16-802 "Violation; Penalty"; to repeal all Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide for publication in pamphlet form; and prescribing the time when this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect.

The third reading of Ordinance No. 1444 will be on March 2, 2026.

Councilmember Graves introduced Resolution 2026-21, To Approve a Lease Agreement between the City of Chadron and Dane Rasmussen and Connie Rasmussen. Seconded by Councilmember Andersen.

Tom Menke, City Manager, stated this lease agreement is a continuation of the lease with Al Rasmussen to lease land at the airport. The major revisions to the agreement included updating the total acreage, price per acre, and FFA regulations.

The resolution states: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHADRON, NEBRASKA: 1. The City Council has reviewed the Lease Agreement by and between the City of Chadron and Dane Rasmussen and Connie Rasmussen for the purpose of raising and harvesting hay (and other agricultural crops only with the approval of the City Manager) at the Chadron Municipal Airport. The leased property consist of approximately 208 acres situated in section 16, Part of the W1/2SE1/4 of section 9 and part of the W1/2SW1/4 of section 10, all in Township 33, all as shown on a map attached hereto and made a part hereof by this reference, for a period of five years, with an option to extend the lease for one additional five year term, for a total of 10 years, is hereby adopted and approved. 2. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Lease Agreement on behalf of the City of Chadron.

Roll Call: Aye: Andersen, Graves, Klein, Oleksy, Shepherd
Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Councilmember Klein made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Shepherd.

NOTE

**Denotes Check Issued

ACH- Converted To ACH

A/P - A/P Automation

Funds: 01 - General (Includes Admin, Airport, City Council, Zoning, PD & Comm., Parks, Library, FD)

28 - Ambulance

36 - Transit

61 - Streets

81 - Water

83 - Waste Water

13, 15, 29, 45, 54, 71 - Capital Projects or Bond/Debt Services

50, 51, 52, 53, 56, 57, 58 - Economic Dev., Community Dev., Keno Funds, PACE Funds, Infrastructure Improvement, Comm Dev Agency (TIF), Business Improvement Dist. (BID)

A.S.A.P. Express, 81, Water - Water test shipping fees, \$40.00; Air & Apparatus Solutions, 01, 28, FD, Amb - Truck repairs, \$7,850.08; Arrow Building Center, 61, 83, Streets, WW - New building supplies, Drill bit, \$9,750.87; AT&T (First Net), 01, PD - Cell phone, \$990.47, Auto Value Chadron, 61, 83, Streets, WW - Floor absorbent, \$348.79; Axon Enterprise Inc., 13, PD - Installation to vehicle, \$12,720.32; Ayres Associates, Inc., 01, Zoning - Chadron Comprehensive Plan, \$12,000.00; Benchmark Government, 01, PD - Meals during training, \$902.90; Business Connection, The, 01, Admin - Trash bags, Drum cartridge, \$183.98; Chadrad Communications, 01, 36, Aqu Ctr, Lib, Transit, PD - Radio ads, \$420.00; Chadron Ace Hardware, 61, 83, Streets, WW - Equipment for shop work, \$172.02; Chadron Community Foundation, 51, LB 840 - Support for daycare initiative, \$10,000.00; Chadron Community Hospital, 36, Transit - Substance testing, \$75.00; Chadron Lumber Company, 61, Streets - Wood for new building, \$215.08; Chadron Rotary, 01, PD - Quarter 4 dues, \$126.00; Chadron State College, 01, Library - Work study wages, \$638.73; Chadron Volunteer Fire Department, 01, FD - Repayment for CC Charges during conference, \$698.88; Chadron, City of, 01, All Depts - Health side fund Jan, Feb, \$67,297.76; Chadron, City of, 01, All Depts - Dental side fund Jan, Feb, \$4,643.76; Column Software PBC, 01, Admin, Airport - Newspaper notices, \$297.41; Contractors Materials, Inc., 61, Streets - Asphalt patch, \$3,136.00; Crowne Plaza - Kearney, 01, Airport - Hotel stay during conference, \$539.80; Culligan, 01, Library, Airport - Water; Water tests, \$91.90; DKB, 01, Library - Website for Book Club, \$175.00; Eagle Chevrolet, 01, FD - Oil change, \$45.29; Feld Fire, 01, FD - Gloves, \$127.93; FNBO, 01, All Depts - Various credit card charges, \$7,563.40; Great Plains Communications, 01, 36, 61, 81, All Depts - Telephone & internet, \$1,607.70 ACH; Great Plains Communications, 01, Library - Telephone & internet, \$374.03; Grover Homes LLC, 36, Transit - Office rent for March, \$603.75; Hills Tire & Supply, 61, Streets - New tire, \$118.00; Hoopla, 01, Library - Digital materials, \$563.44; Ideal Linen & Uniform, 01, 81, 83, Airport, Water, WW - Janitorial supplies, \$312.27; Intralinks, 01, 81, All Depts - Maintenance & backup, \$2,058.49; J & J Aero, 01, Airport - January Fuel flow fees, \$4,881.88; LA Signs, LLC, 61, 81, 83, Streets, Water, WW - Magnetic signs, \$750.00; Lake View, 01, Library - Books, \$198.85; Lawson, 01, 61, Zoning, Streets - Jacket, Cable ties, \$110.43; M.C. Schaff and Associates, Inc., 61, Streets - Fees for N Main Improvements, \$18,146.00; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc., 61, Streets - Tank rental for gases, \$49.14; Micromarketing, 01, Library - Books, DVDs, \$373.99; Mobius Communications, 01, Airport - Internet, \$120.00; Municipal Supply, Inc. of Nebraska, 81, Water - Chlorine regulator, \$1,387.83; NDOT - Division of Aeronautics, 01, Airport - Monthly NDB Maintenance, \$160.00 ACH; Nebraska Dept. of Revenue, 81, Water - Sales tax payable, \$7,152.60 ACH; Nebraska Public Health Enviro. Lab., 01, Airport - Water tests, \$32.00; Nebraska Public Power District, 01, 61, 81, 83, All Depts - Electricity, \$17,239.99; Nebraskaland Tire, 01, 61, PD, Streets - Tire repair, New tire, \$192.71; Northwest Rural Public Power District, 81, 83, Water, WW - Plant and well electricity, \$13,467.91; One Call Concepts, 81, 83, Water, WW - Locate fees, \$29.01; Pathfinder Systems, Inc., 83, WW - Oil for blowers, \$735.58; RCI Group II, 01, All Depts - Health, Dental Ins Prem. Jan & Feb, \$63,922.84; Sargent Drilling Co., 81, Water - Efficiency tests, \$1,400.00; Shield, Ryan, 81, Water - Reimbursement for CDL permit, \$15.00; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, LLP, 01, 81, Admin, PD, FD, Water - Legal matters, \$3,845.80; Skeeters NAPA Auto Parts, 61, 83, Streets, WW - Supplies for vehicle repair, \$458.31; Solid Waste Agency of Northwest Nebraska, 81, Water - Amount owed for Landfill, \$71,729.20; Trip

Master, 36, Transit - Dec 2025 bill for cameras, \$90.00 ACH; Trip Master, 36, Transit - Cameras in busses, \$90.00; USA Blue Book, 81, Water - Maintenance Kit, \$1,275.72; WPCI, 61, 81, Streets, Water - Substance testing, \$268.00; Wahlstrom Ford, 01, 36, PD, Transit - Oil change, Repairs, \$2,152.27; Western Communications, 01, PD - Siren Decoder maintenance, \$110.00; WEX Bank, 01, Admin - Final charge for Pump & Pantry, \$75.00 ACH; Xerox Corporation, 01, PD - Metered usage and charges, \$86.70; First National Bank of Omaha, HSA Thru 1/30/26, \$0.00; Chadron, City of, Payroll Thru 1/30/26 – NET, \$89,979.04; Chadron, City of, FICA Thru 1/30/26, \$9,482.14; Vantage Point, Police Pension Thru 1/30/26, \$1,971.30; Vantage Point, Employee Pension Thru 1/30/26, \$3,224.23

Roll Call: Aye: Andersen, Graves, Klein, Oleksy, Shepherd

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Craig Price stated that he walks by Briggs Pond often and has questions about the water flowing through it. He said that approximately 50 gallons of water per minute are coming through the pipes. He also noted that he owns a house at 6th and Main and that his sump pump has been running continuously, and he wondered whether it could be related to the water flowing into the pond.

Tom Menke, City Manager, explained that the water is filtered water from the water plant that is being pumped into the pond. However, he stated that it should not be flowing continuously and that he will have City staff look into the matter.

Tom Menke, City Manager, reminded citizens that with the closure of Safeway and Pizza Hut to make sure to shop locally and support our community. He also recognized the Chadron High School students involved in winter activities and wished them the best of luck.

Mayor Klein reminded everyone of the upcoming City Council election and encouraged citizens who would like to be involved in the community to run for office.

Councilmember Shepherd thanked City staff for their work on the comprehensive plan.

Councilmember Oleksy stated the comprehensive plan is a great document that is good for the community. He encouraged residents to attend the meeting on Tuesday.

Councilmember Graves made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM. Seconded by Councilmember Andersen.

Roll Call: Aye: Andersen, Graves, Klein, Oleksy, Shepherd

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

CITY OF CHADRON

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

(S E A L)

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
County of Dawes) ss
City of Chadron)

I, the undersigned City Clerk for the City of Chadron, Nebraska, hereby certify that all of the subjects included in the attached proceedings were contained in the agenda for the regular meeting of Monday, February 16, 2026, kept continually current and 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 the said minutes of the City Council of the City of Chadron were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body.

City Clerk

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