



SPRINGFIELD

NEBRASKA

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
Springfield City Hall
170 North 3rd Street

CALL TO ORDER

- Public announcement that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Law is available on the table at the entrance to the meeting room
- Roll call
- Pledge of Allegiance

CONSENT AGENDA

All consent agenda items are approved in one motion unless removed by a Council Member. Removed items will be placed under the Regular Agenda for consideration and action by the Council.

1. Approve Minutes of the July 21, 2026, Council Meeting
2. Approve Claims and Payroll

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Sarpy County Sheriff's Monthly Service Report
2. OPPD Update and Introduction of Brittany Klusaw, Account Manager
3. Discuss options for the city's right of way property between 405 S Railroad St and Tax Lots R1 & R4, Section 24, Township 13, Range 11
4. Discuss Heath Shemek's annual review and consider a proposal merit increase

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Water & Sewer Department – Mike Neitzel
2. Parks Department & Community Events – Kacie Murtha
3. Library & Community Building – Michael Herzog
4. Street Department – Jack Liebentritt

5. Mayor's Report – Bob Roseland
6. City Staff Reports

The Mayor and City Council reserve the right to adjourn into executive session per Section 84-1410 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes.

ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Springfield, Nebraska was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at City Hall. Present were Mayor Bob Roseland; Council Members: Mike Neitzel, Michael Herzog, Kacie Murtha, Jack Liebenritt. Notice of this meeting was given in advance by posting in three public places, one of the designated methods of giving notice. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to the Mayor and all Council Members and a copy of their receipt of notice is attached to these Minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. The Mayor publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Neitzel, seconded by Herzog, to approve the Consent Agenda. AYES: Neitzel, Murtha, Herzog, Liebenritt. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Check #	Account ID	Account Description	Name	Debit Amount
General				
EFTPS	6084-10-10	Aflac-Gen	Aflac	239.14
51352	6084-10-10	Aflac-Gen	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp.	63.30
EFTPS	6080-10-10	Health Insurance-Gen	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	5,841.16
51354	7480-10-10	Janitorial-Gen	BSC Janitorial	720.00
51357	7455-10-10	Internet-Gen	Charter Communications	139.99
51360	7045-10-10	Prof Svcs-Tech Support-Gen	Core Technologies, Inc	1,433.50
51365	8140-10-10	R&M Equipment-Gen	Eakes Office Solutions	126.29
EFTPS	7045-10-10	Prof Svcs-Tech Support-Gen	First National Bank of Omaha	16.99
EFTPS	7185-10-10	Lodging-Gen	First National Bank of Omaha	269.00
EFTPS	7205-10-10	Subscriptions-Gen	First National Bank of Omaha	47.18
EFTPS	7250-10-10	Publication Costs-Gen	First National Bank of Omaha	359.42
EFTPS	7330-10-10	Telephone-Gen	First National Bank of Omaha	268.30
EFTPS	8200-10-10	Miscellaneous-Gen	First National Bank of Omaha	68.61
51363	9010-10-10	Office Equipment-Gen	Five Points Bank	88.42
51369	8130-10-10	R&M Building-Gen	Home Depot Credit Services	25.12
51370	7200-10-10	Dues-Gen	League of Nebraska Municipalities	16,588.00
51376	7320-10-10	Natural Gas-General	Metropolitan Utilities District	50.00
51379	7010-10-10	Prof Svcs-Engineer-Gen	Olsson	1,675.52
51380	7310-10-10	Electricity-Gen	OPPD	450.77

EFTPS	6080-10-10	Health Insurance-Gen	PLIC - SBD Grand Island	366.98
51383	7046-10-10	Prof Svcs-Building Inspector	Sarpy County Building Inspector	2,486.43
51384	7060-10-10	Animal Control-Gen	Sarpy County Fiscal Administrator	423.00
51385	7050-10-10	Law Contract-Gen	Sarpy County Treasurer	10,991.00
51388	9310-10-10	Nuisance Abatement-Gen	Seidler & Seidler, P.C.	100.00
51388	7020-10-10	Prof Svcs-Legal-Gen	Seidler & Seidler, P.C.	3,823.55
51393	8160-10-10	R&M Grounds-Gen	Tractor Supply Co.	10.84
51396	7280-10-10	Laundry-Gen	Walkers Uniform Rental	137.04
51381	7340-10-10	Waste Disposal-Gen	Waste Connections of Nebraska, Inc	40.43
			Total	46,849.98
Sales Tax				
EFTPS	9170-15-10	Buffalo Park-Sales Tax	First National Bank of Omaha	88.71
EFTPS	9172-15-10	Downtown/Urban Park-Sales Tax	First National Bank of Omaha	88.71
51379	9170-15-10	Buffalo Park-Sales Tax	Olsson	1,100.00
			Total	1,277.42
Library				
EFTPS	6084-20-10	Aflac-Lib	Aflac	110.82
51351	8060-20-10	Books/Videos/Maps-Lib	Amazon Capital Services	1,569.03
51352	6084-20-10	Aflac-Lib	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp.	38.60
EFTPS	6080-20-10	Health Insurance-Lib	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	3,278.20
51368	8060-20-10	Books/Videos/Maps-Lib	Cengage Learning Inc/Gale	234.00
51356	8060-20-10	Books/Videos/Maps-Lib	Center Point Large Print	97.08
51359	8060-20-10	Books/Videos/Maps-Lib	Consumer Reports	39.00
51360	7330-20-10	Telephone-Lib	Core Technologies, Inc	60.00
51366	9062-20-10	Security System-Lib	Everon	103.61
EFTPS	7330-20-10	Telephone-Lib	First National Bank of Omaha	102.00
51369	8130-20-10	R&M Building-Lib	Home Depot Credit Services	56.82
51387	7480-20-10	Janitorial-Lib	Marcie Schmieder	300.00
51376	7320-20-10	Natural Gas-Lib	Metropolitan Utilities District	50.00
51373	8060-20-10	Books/Videos/Maps-Lib	MicroMarketing, LLC	39.99
51380	7310-20-10	Electricity-Lib	OPPD	540.95
EFTPS	6080-20-10	Health Insurance-Lib	PLIC - SBD Grand Island	235.54
51392	8130-20-10	R&M Building-Lib	Springfield Ace Hardware	5.57
51392	8160-20-10	R&M Grounds-Lib	Springfield Ace Hardware	3.58
51393	8160-20-10	R&M Grounds-Lib	Tractor Supply Co.	10.83
51381	7340-20-10	Waste Disposal-Lib	Waste Connections of Nebraska, Inc	47.03
			Total	6,922.65
Library Restricted				
51351	8070-21-10	Library Supplies-Lib Rest	Amazon Capital Services	136.36
51351	9010-21-10	Office Equipment Lib Rest	Amazon Capital Services	19.99
51353	8075-21-10	Program Fees-Lib Rest	Kellie Banks	168.48
51391	7180-21-10	Education-Lib Rest	Southeast Library System	70.00
			Total	394.83
Park				
EFTPS	6084-30-10	Aflac-Park	Aflac	39.62
EFTPS	6080-30-10	Health Insurance-Park	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	1,192.08
EFTPS	8120-30-10	Fuel-Park	Casey's Business Mastercard	818.09
51362	7350-30-10	Rental-Park	Eagle Services	630.00
51380	7310-30-10	Electricity-Park	OPPD	979.86
EFTPS	6080-30-10	Health Insurance-Park	PLIC - SBD Grand Island	63.48

51389	8130-30-10	R&M Building-Park	Sherwin Williams Co.	47.95
51389	8160-30-10	R&M Grounds-Park	Sherwin Williams Co.	270.68
51392	8130-30-10	R&M Building-Park	Springfield Ace Hardware	9.99
51392	8160-30-10	R&M Grounds-Park	Springfield Ace Hardware	137.87
51392	9177-30-10	Splash Park-Park	Springfield Ace Hardware	57.17
51393	8030-30-10	Supplies-Park	Tractor Supply Co.	35.00
51393	8160-30-10	R&M Grounds-Park	Tractor Supply Co.	10.83
51393	8140-30-10	R&M Equipment-Park	Tractor Supply Co.	7.33
51393	9040-30-10	Tools & Misc Equip-Parks	Tractor Supply Co.	57.49
51381	7340-30-10	Waste Disposal-Park	Waste Connections of Nebraska, Inc	275.54
			Total	4,632.98
Soccer Complex				
EFTPS	6084-35-10	Aflac-Soccer	Aflac	39.62
EFTPS	6080-35-10	Health Insurance-Soccer	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	596.04
EFTPS	8120-35-10	Fuel-Soccer	Casey's Business Mastercard	552.66
51362	7350-35-10	Rental-Soccer	Eagle Services	130.00
51380	7310-35-10	Electricity-Soccer	OPPD	135.99
EFTPS	6080-35-10	Health Insurance-Soccer	PLIC - SBD Grand Island	63.47
51393	8030-35-10	Supplies-Soccer	Tractor Supply Co.	34.99
51393	8160-35-10	R&M Grounds-Soccer	Tractor Supply Co.	10.83
51393	8140-35-10	R&M Equipment-Soccer	Tractor Supply Co.	7.33
51393	9040-35-10	Tools & Misc Equip-Soccer	Tractor Supply Co.	57.49
			Total	1,628.42
Community Building				
51357	7455-40-10	Internet-Community Bldg	Charter Communications	110.00
51367	7480-40-10	Janitorial-Community Building	Executive Janitorial Corporation	250.00
51369	8030-40-10	Supplies-Community Bldg	Home Depot Credit Services	82.82
51369	8130-40-10	R&M Building-Community Bldg	Home Depot Credit Services	66.81
51376	7320-40-10	Natural Gas-Community Bldg	Metropolitan Utilities District	50.00
51380	7310-40-10	Electricity-Community Bldg	OPPD	446.23
51393	8160-40-10	R&M Grounds-Comm Bldg	Tractor Supply Co.	10.83
51396	7280-40-10	Laundry-Community Bldg	Walkers Uniform Rental	169.52
51381	7340-40-10	Waste Disposal-Community Bldg	Waste Connections of Nebraska, Inc	104.83
			Total	1,291.04
Water				
EFTPS	6084-50-20	Aflac-Water	Aflac	308.87
EFTPS	6080-50-20	Health Insurance-Water	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	1,788.12
EFTPS	8120-50-20	Fuel-Water	Casey's Business Mastercard	310.46
51358	8090-50-20	Asphalt & Concrete-Water	Concrete Delivered LLC	7,779.98
51364	9155-50-20	GIS-Water	Environmental Systems Research Institute	416.67
51371	7200-50-20	Dues-Water	League of Nebraska Municipalities	758.00
51374	7420-50-20	Testing-Water	Midwest Laboratories	86.11
51375	8150-50-20	R&M Vehicle-Water	Mill Creek Auto Parts	55.93
51377	8160-50-20	R&M Grounds-Water	Municipal Supply	4,755.49
51377	7045-50-20	Prof Svcs-Tech Support-Water	Municipal Supply	2,010.69
EFTPS	2200-50-20	Sales Tax-Water	Nebraska Department of Revenue	4,811.70
51378	7420-50-20	Testing-Water	NEPublic Health Environmental Lab	18.00
51379	9091-50-20	Tower-Water	Olsson	3,104.61
51379	9092-50-20	Water Main Extension-Water	Olsson	9,821.94

51361	7430-50-20	Digger's Hotline-Water	One Call Concepts, Inc.	44.59
51380	7310-50-20	Electricity-Water	OPPD	2,070.24
EFTPS	6080-50-20	Health Insurance-Water	PLIC - SBD Grand Island	97.57
51388	7020-50-20	Prof Svcs- Legal-Water	Seidler & Seidler, P.C.	105.00
			Total	38,343.97
Sewer				
EFTPS	6084-60-30	Aflac-Sewer	Aflac	241.10
EFTPS	6080-60-30	Health Insurance-Sewer	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	1,192.08
EFTPS	8120-60-30	Fuel-Sewer	Casey's Business Mastercard	150.84
51364	9155-60-30	GIS-Sewer	Environmental Systems Research Institute	416.67
51375	8150-60-30	R&M Vehicle-Sewer	Mill Creek Auto Parts	55.92
51380	7310-60-30	Electricity-Sewer	OPPD	41.03
EFTPS	6080-60-30	Health Insurance-Sewer	PLIC - SBD Grand Island	66.00
51386	7083-60-30	SCCWWA User Fees-Sewer	Sarpy County & Cities Wastewater Agency	45,355.30
51395	8160-60-30	R&M Grounds-Sewer	Utilities Service Group	975.00
			Total	48,493.94
Street				
EFTPS	6084-70-40	Aflac-Street	Aflac	133.87
EFTPS	6080-70-40	Health Insurance-Street	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	2,384.16
51355	8140-70-40	R&M Equipment-Street	BOO, Inc.	134.55
EFTPS	8120-70-40	Fuel-Street	Casey's Business Mastercard	1,054.51
51357	7455-70-40	Internet-Street	Charter Communications	110.00
51358	8090-70-40	Asphalt & Concrete-Street	Concrete Delivered LLC	22,204.26
51364	9155-70-40	GIS-Street	Environmental Systems Research Institute	416.66
51369	8030-70-40	Supplies-Street	Home Depot Credit Services	19.96
51369	8010-70-40	Office Supplies-Street	Home Depot Credit Services	57.02
51376	7320-70-40	Natural Gas-Street	Metropolitan Utilities District	109.15
51372	8225-70-40	R&M Street Signs&Posts-Street	Michael Todd & Company	269.08
51379	7010-70-40	Prof Svcs-Engineer-Street	Olsson	1,595.00
51380	7310-70-40	Electricity-Street	OPPD	3,337.04
EFTPS	6080-70-40	Health Insurance-Street	PLIC - SBD Grand Island	95.62
51382	8140-70-40	R&M Equipment-Street	Pomp's Tire Service	37.45
51388	7020-70-40	Prof Svcs-Legal-Street	Seidler & Seidler, P.C.	148.75
51390	8090-70-40	Asphalt & Concrete-Street	Silex Group, LLC	200.00
51392	8030-70-40	Supplies-Street	Springfield Ace Hardware	10.99
51392	9040-70-40	Tools & Misc Equip-Street	Springfield Ace Hardware	19.99
51393	8030-70-40	Supplies-Street	Tractor Supply Co.	44.90
51393	8160-70-40	R&M Grounds-Street	Tractor Supply Co.	10.83
51393	8140-70-40	R&M Equipment-Street	Tractor Supply Co.	168.06
51393	9040-70-40	Tools & Misc Equip-Street	Tractor Supply Co.	70.97
51394	8140-70-40	R&M Equipment-Street	Ty's Outdoor Power & Service	84.38
51396	7280-70-40	Laundry-Street	Walkers Uniform Rental	29.66
51381	7340-70-40	Waste Disposal-Street	Waste Connections of Nebraska, Inc	159.53
			Total	32,906.39
			Subtotal	182,741.62
			Water Deposit Refunds	1,350.00
			Payroll & Taxes	97,624.49
			Voya Retirement	9,558.88
			Grand Total	291,274.99

Regular Agenda

Agenda Item 1. Cpt. Tori Boldt reviewed the Sarpy County Sheriff's report. Cpt. Bolt reported that the Sarpy County Fair was good this year. A lot of the crowds were coming in from outside of the Springfield area. The Sheriff's department had a heavy presence with the assistance of the SWAT team and drone team. Cpt. Bolt stated they are gearing up for back to school. The DARE program was discontinued due to no support nationally this year. They will continue to have resource officers on site at the schools. Cpt. Boldt reported that they are adding a Crime Suppression Unit. They will concentrate on crime hot spots, getting ahead of crime curves. Murtha questioned the statistics incident priority numbering system on the Sheriff's report, what do the numbers stand for. Cpt. Boldt explained that #1 would be a crime in progress, i.e. an assault, domestic, injury and etc. #9 is initiated by the Sheriff's office, i.e. traffic stops, criminal investigations, building checks, etc. Kathleen Gottsch, City Administrator, asked why the DARE program was cancelled. Cpt. Boldt stated that statistics did not show that the current program was being effective in the prevention of drugs and alcohol use among youth. The Sarpy County Sheriff's Office wants kids to know officers are a safe and trusted resource in their time of need.

Jeff Kallhoff, 12904 North Shore Drive, Springfield said that the fireworks show earlier this summer was great. He thought the Sarpy County Sheriff sponsored the event, but Gottsch noted that it was actually sponsored by a suicide prevention organization.

Agenda Item 2. Michaela Valentin, OPPD Government & Community Relations Manager, reported OPPD's Integrated System Plan (ISP) is a five-year, high-level roadmap that guides OPPD's long-term planning for electricity generation, transmission, distribution, and customer solutions. It is a key part of OPPD's ongoing system planning and meets a regulatory requirement from the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA). The process includes a public workshop scheduled for September 22, 2026, to gather customer feedback on long-term planning priorities. Herzog inquired about the ongoing power surges/glitches in the Springfield area. Valentin introduced Brittany Klusaw, Account Manager with OPPD. Klusaw will be our dedicated account manager. She has worked for OPPD in their customer service experience roll for two years and is very passionate about supporting their customers. Klusaw stated that she has been in contact with the circuit patrol concerning Springfield's ongoing power quality issues. The circuit patrol will be in town to identify if there are trees on power lines and verify all poles are good and connections are in working order. It will take them about a week depending on what they find. Klusaw stated she will check back in with Gottsch with their findings. Klusaw further stated that she welcomes the open communication, or they might not know of all the issues. Herzog asked if the next ISP cycle will begin in 2027. Valentin confirmed Herzog is correct. Herzog inquired about the newer parts of town having their utilities buried underground and the older parts of town are above ground. He asked if there ever would be a time where OPPD will upgrade the older parts of town to underground utilities. Valentin stated that in time maybe, it would all depend on workload and funding to complete a project of this caliber. It is not a necessity as power is accessible above ground. Herzog asked if they see more data centers building in the area. Valentin stated that Governor Pillen recently signed an executive order ending tax incentives through the state for data centers. She said there is always a chance that a smaller data center might build in the area.

Agenda Items 3 -4. Motion by Herzog, seconded by Neitzel, to move agenda item 3, regarding discussing options for the city's right of way property between 405 S Railroad St and Tax Lots R1 & R4, Section 24, Township 13, Range 11, and agenda item 4, regarding Heath Shemek's annual review and proposed merit increase, to executive session. AYES: Neitzel, Murtha, Herzog, Liebentritt. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Department Reports

Agenda Item 1. Neitzel reported that Heath Shemek, Water/Sewer Operator, said meter replacements are going okay. Jody Baughman, Utility Billing Clerk, is staying on top of the communications and setting up installation appointments.

Agenda Item 2. Murtha reported that Tyler Holdorf, Parks Director, said that the pickleball courts will be coming soon. Murtha further reported that Andie Ledenbach, Events Coordinator, has been working on the monthly farmers markets and the splash pad party, which will be held on August 22, 2026, in conjunction with the 100 year celebration of the Springfield Memorial Library. There will be vendors, authors and food trucks joining the celebration. Murtha additionally noted that Ledenbach is working with the American Discovery 250 Relay that is scheduled to come through Springfield on September 22, 2026.

Kallhoff noted that ticket sales for the Big Red Dinner begin on August 13, 2026. Ticket packages include dinner at five events, or you can purchase a single dinner ticket at the door on the night of the event. The dinner includes a Husker speaker. There are raffle tickets available and an auction at each event. Kallhoff further noted that the shuttle operating from the Legion property to Buffalo Park for the state baseball tournament and to the Sarpy County Fair had a good response.

Agenda Item 3. Herzog reported that the community building is doing good, and the library will be switching from summer programs to fall programs with school starting back soon.

Agenda Item 4. Liebentritt reported that Bryan Cherry, Street Commissioner, stated that the 2nd and Main Street repair is complete. They still need to complete 3rd Street and the area at 7th and Main Streets. They have four more pours left on the schedule and then Cherry plans to work on street signs.

Agenda Item 5. Mayor Roseland reported that he has a meeting with the Sarpy County Wastewater Agency this week.

Agenda Item 6. Gottsch reported that she has a meeting on Thursday with the Sarpy County Wastewater Agency to review the financial report prepared by PFM. Gottsch reviewed the following projects:

- Water main construction along 132nd and Pflug Road
- Central Sarpy Road Network plan
- Springfield Gateway Park
- Proposed residential development at the southeast corner of 132nd Street.

Murtha added that she received an email stating that a decision was made to install a traffic light at 132nd & Platteview Road and not a roundabout. Kallhoff asked if there will be a turn lane added. Murtha responded yes. Kallhoff asked who the developer is next to the Legion's property. Gottsch stated that it is McCune from Gretna. Kallhoff requested the contact information for the developer so he can inquire about the Legion hooking onto cable services, etc.

Executive Session

Motion by Murtha, seconded by Herzog, to enter into executive session at 7:37 p.m. for the purpose of possible litigation and personnel matters. AYES: Neitzel, Murtha, Herzog, Liebentritt. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Murtha, to leave executive session at 8:14 p.m. AYES: Neitzel, Murtha, Herzog, Liebentritt. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion my Neitzel, seconded by Herzog, to approve a 0% merit increase to Heath Shemek, Water/Sewer Operator, based on the salary for his position being capped. AYES: Neitzel, Murtha, Herzog, Liebentritt. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Neitzel, to adjourn. AYES: Neitzel, Murtha, Herzog, Liebentritt. NAYS: None. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried.

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Springfield, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council on August 4, 2026; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes 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 convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

Barbara Henninger
City Clerk

Robert Roseland, Mayor

Date

Barbara Henninger, City Clerk

Date