

**LA VISTA CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING  
January 6, 2026**

A meeting of the City Council of the City of La Vista, Nebraska was convened in open and public session at 6:00 p.m. on January 6, 2026. Present were Councilmembers: Frederick, Ronan, Thomas, Quick, Sell, Hale and Wetuski. Also in attendance were City Attorney McKeon, City Administrator Ramirez, City Clerk Carl, Director of Administrative Services Pokorny, Chief of Police Schofield, Fire Chief Gottsch, Director of Public Works Soucie, Community Development Director Fountain, Finance Director Harris, Human Resources Director Lowery, Recreation Director Buller and Library Director Barcal.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Sarpy County Times on December 24, 2025. Notice was simultaneously given to Mayor and all members of the City Council and a copy of the acknowledgment of the receipt of notice attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated to the Mayor and City Council in the advance notice of the meeting. All proceedings shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Further, all subjects included in said proceedings were contained in the agenda for said meeting which is kept continuously current and available for public inspection at City Hall during normal business hours.

Mayor Kindig called the meeting to order and made the announcements.

**POLICE LIFE SAVING AWARD – BRIAN HRABIK**

Mayor Kindig announced that the Police Life Saving Award will be moved to the next City Council meeting.

**SERVICE AWARDS: RITA RAMIREZ – 35 YEARS; LARRY MADSEN – 5 YEARS**

Mayor Kindig recognized Rita Ramirez for 35 years of service to the City and Larry Madsen for 5 years of service to the City.

**APPOINTMENTS: PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE –  
REAPPOINT SHAINA OWEN, SARAH LARA-TONEY AND PAT LODES – 2 YEAR  
TERM**

**BOARD OF HEALTH – RE-APPOINT DOUGLAS KINDIG, KIM THOMAS, HANS  
DETHLEFS AND MIKE SCHOFIELD – 1 YEAR TERM**

**LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD – REAPPOINT REGINA BELIK – 2 YEAR TERM**

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – REAPPOINT JASON SOKOLEWICZ – 2 YEAR  
TERM**

**PLANNING COMMISSION – APPOINT KARLI MEISINGER; REAPPOINT JOSH  
FREY AND KATHLEEN ALEXANDER – 3 YEAR TERM**

Mayor Kindig stated, with the approval of the City Council, he would like to reappoint Shaina Owen, Sarah Lara-Loney and Pat Lodes to the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee for a 2 year term; Douglas Kindig, Kim Thomas, Hans Dethlefs and Mike Schofield to the Board of Health for a 1 year term; Regina Belik to the Library Advisory Board for a 2 year term; Jason Sokolewicz to the Board of Adjustment for a 2 year term; appoint Karli Meisinger and reappoint Josh Frey and Kathleen Alexander to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Thomas motioned the approval, seconded by Councilmember Hale. Councilmembers voting aye: Frederick, Ronan, Thomas, Quick, Sell, Hale, and Wetuski. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Sheehan. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT – JOSEPH SOUCIE, JR – CLASS A, LICENSE S-1046, AS AN  
EMPLOYED STREET SUPERINTENDENT DURING JANUARY 1 THRU  
DECEMBER 31, 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE 2026 CALENDAR YEAR  
HIGHWAY INCENTIVE PAYMENT, TO BE ISSUED TO THE CITY BY THE  
NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, IN FEBRUARY 2027.**

Mayor Kindig stated, with the approval of the City Council, he would like to appoint Joe Soucie, Jr, Class A, License S-1046, as an employed street superintendent during January 1 thru December 31, 2026, for the purpose of the 2026 calendar year Highway Incentive Payment, to be issued to the city by the Nebraska Department of Transportation, in February 2027. Councilmember Quick motioned the approval,

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seconded by Councilmember Frederick. Councilmembers voting aye: Frederick, Ronan, Thomas, Quick, Sell, Hale, and Wetuski. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Sheehan. Motion carried.

## A. CONSENT AGENDA

### 1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED

### 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 16, 2025 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

### 3. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

1000 BULBS, maint	232.59
ABM, services	17,001.99
ACTIVE NETWORK, services	185.45
ADP, payroll & taxes	906,670.50
AKRS EQUIP, maint	992.46
ALFRED BENESCH/CO, services	1,716.00
AMAZON, supplies	2,153.09
AM HERITAGE LIFE INS, benefits	285.72
ARNOLD MOTOR SPLY, maint	1,663.35
AT&T MOBILITY, phones	1,794.13
BERGANKDV, services	20,000.00
BGNE, maint	3,089.85
BIBLIOTHECA, maint	6,942.60
BIG RIG TRUCK, maint	216.00
BISHOP BUS EQUIP, services	69.96
BOBCAT, maint	250.80
BOOT BARN, apparel	488.72
BRITE IDEAS, events	15,187.90
CENTER POINT, books	49.14
CENTURY LINK/LUMEN, phones	538.65
CINTAS, apparel	745.92
CITY OF PAPILLION, services	263,100.25
COLONIAL LIFE, benefits	2,071.36
CORE PROD, maint	177.69
CORNHUSKER ST IND, equip	856.00
COSGRAVE, supplies	310.95
COX, phones	897.03
CULLIGAN, services	13.50
DAIGLE LAW GRP, services	340.00
DEARBORN NAT'L LIFE INS, benefits	8,336.41
DELL MRKTING, equip	4,525.45
DIGITAL EXPRESS, services	152.00
DONALD LABRIE, services	1,200.00
DOUG CO SHERIFF, services	385.00
DULTMEIER, maint	116.00
EAKES OFFICE SOL, equip	4,292.00
EBSCO, periodicals	3,351.45
ECHO GRP, maint	254.74
FERRELLGAS, maint	199.00
FIRST RES OUTFITTERS, apparel	1,742.40
FNIC, services	6,729.75
FONTENELLE FOREST, mem	300.00
FOP, dues	4,250.00
GALE, books	369.38
GALLS, apparel	375.58
GENUINE PARTS/NAPA, supplies	172.17
GREAT PLAINS COMM, phones	1,088.44
HANEY SHOE STORE, apparel	407.97
HEARTLAND NAT'L GAS, utilities	6,149.89
HELM MECH, maint	3,360.27
ICON, mem	75.00

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INGRAM LIBRARY SRVS, books	384.25
INLAND TRUCK PARTS, maint	239.40
INSIGHT DIRECT USA, equip	751.20
J & A TRAFFIC PROD, maint	790.00
JONES AUTO, maint	157.48
KIMBALL MIDWEST, maint	284.73
LV COMM FOUNDATION, benefits	180.00
LIBRARY IDEAS, books	975.12
LINCOLN NAT'L LIFE INS, benefits	8,053.46
LOGAN CONTR, supplies	121.02
LOWE'S, supplies	236.55
MAPA, services	527.25
MARCO, services	331.54
MECHANICAL SALES, maint	375.62
METLIFE, benefits	1,155.49
MUD, utilities	4,381.35
MILLARD METAL, maint	411.00
MISSIONSQUARE RETIRE, benefits	149,175.62
MOBOTREX, maint	5,130.00
MUNICIPAL PIPE/TOOL, maint	1,991.46
NL & L CONCRETE, project	223,632.83
NMC GRP, maint	3,875.65
OFFICE DEPOT, supplies	175.34
OPPD, utilities	54,967.94
OMNI ENG, maint	770.00
O'REILLY, supplies	847.47
PITNEY BOWES, services	1,719.57
POINT C HEALTH, benefits	1,882.79
POLICE/FIREMEN'S INS, benefits	586.26
POLICE CHIEFS ASSN/NE, mem	300.00
PRINTCO GRAPHICS, services	78.45
RIVER CITY RECYCLING, services	882.36
SAMARITAN FUND, benefits	55,000.00
SARPY CO COURTHOUSE, services	4,520.00
SESAC, services	641.00
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS, maint	340.03
SIGN IT, services	1,476.00
STRADA OCC HEALTH, services	864.00
STREICHER'S, apparel	1,427.00
TED'S MOWER, maint	8.29
THE SCHEMMER ASSOC, project	117.50
THE WALDINGER CORP, bldg & grnds	6,763.92
TORNADO WASH, services	217.00
TRANS UNION RISK, services	100.00
TRAVELERS, insurance	2,379.00
TURN-KEY MOBILE, phones	586.00
UMR, benefits	81,385.92
UNMC, services	672.59
US BANK NAT'L ASSOC, supplies	38,413.29
VAL VERDE ANIMAL HOSP, services	357.60
VAN-WALL EQUIP, maint	1,879.08
VERIZON, phones	1,224.52
VEST VISUALS, services	1,600.00
VIERREGGER ELEC, maint	1,967.71
VOIANCE LANGUAGE, services	35.89
WESTLAKE HARDWARE, supplies	86.91

Councilmember Thomas made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Frederick. Councilmember Quick reviewed the bills and stated

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everything was in order. Councilmembers voting aye: Frederick, Ronan, Thomas, Quick, Sell, Hale, and Wetuski. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Sheehan. Motion carried.

## **REPORTS FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND DEPARTMENT HEADS**

City Clerk Carl reported that there is a memo in City Council inboxes regarding filing deadlines for the 2026 Election.

Grant Manager and Purchasing Specialist Ruffcorn presented the grant report for 2025.

Recreation Director Buller reported on the Noon Year's Eve celebration; new scoreboards were installed last week.

## **B. CITIZEN ADVISORY REVIEW COMMITTEE – EDP REPORT**

### **1. PUBLIC HEARING**

At 6:13 p.m. Mayor Kindig opened the public hearing and stated the floor was now open for comment on the Citizen Advisory Review Committee - EDP Report. Mike Narak presented the report.

At 6:15 p.m. Councilmember Hale made a motion to close the public hearing. Seconded by Councilmember Wetuski. Councilmembers voting aye: Frederick, Ronan, Thomas, Quick, Sell, Hale, and Wetuski. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Sheehan. Motion carried.

## **C. APPROVAL OF CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION – LIF LA VISTA DBA LET IT FLY SPORTS BAR**

### **1. PUBLIC HEARING**

At 6:16 p.m. Mayor Kindig opened the public hearing and stated the floor was now open for discussion on the approval of Class C Liquor License Application – LIF La Vista dba Let It Fly Sports Bar. David Haughton represented the applicant and answered questions.

At 6:21 p.m. Councilmember Hale made a motion to close the public hearing. Seconded by Councilmember Wetuski. Councilmembers voting aye: Frederick, Ronan, Thomas, Quick, Sell, Hale, and Wetuski. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Sheehan. Motion carried.

### **2. RESOLUTION**

Councilmember Hale introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 26-001 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VISTA, NEBRASKA RECOMMENDING TO THE NEBRASKA LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION, APPROVAL OF A CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE FOR LIF LA VISTA, LLC DBA LET IT FLY IN LA VISTA, NEBRASKA.

WHEREAS, LIF La Vista, LLC dba Let It Fly, 7861 Main Street, Suite J, La Vista, Sarpy County, Nebraska, has applied to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission for a Class C Liquor License; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission has notified the City of said application; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted local licensing standards to be considered in making recommendations to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission; and

WHEREAS, said licensing standards have been considered by the City Council in making its decision;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of La Vista, Nebraska, hereby recommend to the Nebraska Liquor Control

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Commission approval of a Class C Liquor License submitted by LIF La Vista, LLC dba Let It Fly, 7861 Main Street, Suite J, La Vista, Sarpy County, Nebraska.

Seconded by Councilmember Wetuski. Councilmembers voting aye: Frederick, Ronan, Thomas, Quick, Sell, Hale, and Wetuski. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Sheehan. Motion carried.

## **D. RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZE AMENDMENT NO. 2 – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – 84<sup>TH</sup> STREET TRAIL, GILES TO HARRISON**

Councilmember Thomas introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 26-002 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VISTA, NEBRASKA APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DESIGN WORKSHOP, OMAHA, NEBRASKA TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR THE 84<sup>TH</sup> STREET TRAIL, GILES TO HARRISON IN AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$147,658.69.

WHEREAS, City of La Vista is developing a transportation project for which it intends to obtain Federal funds; and

WHEREAS, City of La Vista as a sub-recipient of Federal-Aid is charged with the responsibility of expending said funds in accordance with Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, policies, and guidelines applicable to the funding of this Federal-aid project; and

WHEREAS, City of La Vista and Design Workshop wish to enter into a Professional Services Supplemental Agreement to provide Preliminary Engineering Services for the Federal-aid project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of La Vista, Nebraska that Douglas Kindig, Mayor of the City of La Vista, is hereby authorized to sign the Preliminary Engineering Services Supplemental Agreement No. 2 between the City of La Vista and Design Workshop.

NDOT Project Number: DPS-77(67)  
NDOT Control Number: 22885  
NDOT Project Name: 84<sup>th</sup> Street Trail, Giles – Harrison

Seconded by Councilmember Frederick. Councilmembers voting aye: Frederick, Ronan, Thomas, Quick, Sell, Hale, and Wetuski. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Sheehan. Motion carried.

## **E. RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT – OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT (OPPD)**

### **1. RESOLUTION – RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT**

Councilmember Frederick introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 26-003 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VISTA, NEBRASKA AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT WITH OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of La Vista find it necessary to approve a Right of Way Easement with Omaha Public Power District for the relocation of an overhead power line to the west of the Reflections Plaza Project; and

WHEREAS, the FY25/FY26 Biennial Budget provides funding for this project; and

WHEREAS, Subsection (C) (8) of Section 31.23 of the La Vista Municipal code requires that the City Administrator secure City Council approval in accordance with the Purchasing Policy approved by City Council;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of La Vista hereby authorize the execution of a Right of Way Easement with Omaha Public Power District for the relocation of an overhead

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power line to the west of the Reflections Plaza project in a form satisfactory to the City Administrator or designee.

Seconded by Councilmember Wetuski. Councilmembers voting aye: Frederick, Ronan, Thomas, Quick, Sell, Hale, and Wetuski. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Sheehan. Motion carried.

## **2. REQUEST FOR PAYMENT – OPPD – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - \$10,710.05**

Councilmember Sell made a motion to approve a request for payment for OPPD – Professional Services in the amount of \$10,710.05. Seconded by Councilmember Thomas. Councilmembers voting aye: Frederick, Ronan, Thomas, Quick, Sell, Hale, and Wetuski. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Sheehan. Motion carried.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

There were no comments from the floor.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Mayor Kindig announced that the Midlands Community Foundation event will be held on January 17, 2026 at the Astro, honoring Tim and Tonee Gay; Legislative session begins on January 7, 2026.

At 6:25 p.m. Councilmember Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Frederick. Councilmembers voting aye: Frederick, Ronan, Thomas, Quick, Sell, Hale, and Wetuski. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Sheehan. Motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 20TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026.

CITY OF LA VISTA

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Douglas Kindig, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rachel D. Carl, CMC  
City Clerk