

**AGENDA**  
**VALLEY CITY COUNCIL**  
Tuesday, November 18, 2025  
City Hall  
203 North Spruce  
Valley, NE 68064  
7:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **PROOF OF PUBLICATION**
5. **VISITORS & CORRESPONDENCE**

Anyone desiring to speak on any item or issue not on the agenda or any item on the agenda that does not include a public hearing may do so; but shall be limited to three (3) minutes. Persons should identify themselves by name and address. Persons speaking should not expect the Council to engage in back-and-forth dialogue regarding their comments. Unless an agenda item includes a public hearing, no person may speak during the business portion of the meeting; provided, however, persons speaking during a public hearing are limited to between five (5) and twenty (20) minutes. The public is advised that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is located on the north wall of the Council Chamber, and one copy of all reproducible written material to be discussed at this meeting is available for examination or copying.

6. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
7. **Election of Council President**
8. **Mayor Oath of Office**
9. **Resolution No. 2025-51 consideration and approval of Agreement for Legal Services with Farnham & Griffin, PC, LLO.**
10. **Recommendation and consideration of appointment of Matt M. Munderloh, Goosmann Law Firm, as City Attorney.**
11. **Discussion on process of filling the two vacancies on Council.**
12. **Resolution No. 2025-52 consideration and action of Banking Resolution with First Nebraska Bank regarding city accounts.**
13. **Mayor's Report**

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**14. Upcoming Items**

- **Downtown Valley Christmas Tree Lighting & Holiday Market November 29, 2025.**

**15. ADJOURN**

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# OATH OF OFFICE

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Nebraska against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or for purpose of evasion; and that I will faithfully and impartially perform the duties of the office of Mayor of the City of Valley, Nebraska, according to law, and to the best of my ability. And I do further swear that I do not advocate, nor am I a member of any political party or organization that advocates the overthrow of the government of the United States or of this state by force or violence; and that during such time as I am in this position I will not advocate nor become a member of any political party or organization that advocates the overthrow of the government of the United States or of this state by force or violence; so help me God.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me a Notary Public in and for the State of Nebraska, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public



# RESOLUTION 2025- \_\_\_\_

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALLEY, DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA:

**WHEREAS**, the City of Valley, Douglas County, Nebraska, proposes to enter into an Agreement for Legal Services with Farnham & Griffin, PC, LLO, a Nebraska limited liability organization; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement for Legal Services with Farnham & Griffin, PC, LLO has been submitted; and

**WHEREAS**, the Valley City Council met in special session on November 18, 2025 and reviewed and approved said Agreement; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Valley City Council hereby approves the Agreement and authorizes Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ to execute the Agreement for Legal Services with Farnham & Griffin, PC, LLO to provide legal services as outlined in the attached Agreement, a copy of said Agreement is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025.

CITY OF VALLEY, DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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\_\_\_\_\_, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Christie Donnermeyer, City Clerk

## **AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES**

**THIS AGREEMENT** made and entered into this \_\_\_ day of November 2025 by and between Farnham & Griffin, PC, LLO, a Nebraska limited liability organization (“Attorneys”) and the City of Valley Nebraska, a Nebraska municipal corporation (“City” or “Valley”).

**WHEREAS**, attorneys have resigned as the city attorneys for Valley and desire to assist Valley during the transition to a new city attorney, and

**WHEREAS**, the parties desire to enter into this Agreement to set forth the terms and conditions under which Attorneys shall perform legal services for City.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the parties agree as follows:

1. Attorneys shall provide legal services to City in accordance with the following:
  - a. Attorneys will continue to advise city staff on day-to-day administrative matters.
  - b. Attorneys will cooperate with city officials and the new city attorney in connection with the transfer of all pending open matters being handled by Attorneys.
  - c. Attorneys will continue to bill the City monthly at their normal hourly rate of \$225.00 per hour.
  - d. Attorneys will not render legal opinions to the City Council, Mayor, or city staff, or become involved in any major legal issues, as these matters will affect the City going forward and should be handled by the new city attorney. The matters Attorneys will not become involved in include, but are not limited to, the following:
    - i) Open meetings issues.
    - ii) Record requests.
    - iii) Personnel matters.
    - iv) Police discipline matters.
    - v) Issues concerning approval or retention of city officers.
    - vi) Pending litigation or administrative actions.
    - vii) New developments.
    - viii) Zoning, subdivision and permitting matters.

2. With the exception of the November Planning Commission meeting, Attorneys will not attend any City Council or Planning Commission meetings after November 14, 2025, unless agreed to in writing.

3. Either party can terminate this temporary relationship at any time, by written notice, provided Attorneys will continue to cooperate with city officials and the new city attorney in connection with the transfer of all pending matters.

Farnham & Griffin, PC, LLO

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By: Jeff Farnham, Pres.

City of Valley, Nebraska

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By: \_\_\_\_\_, Mayor

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-52**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALLEY, DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA:**

**WHEREAS**, the City has two accounts at First Nebraska Bank, Valley, Nebraska as set forth on Exhibit “A”, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference (the “Accounts”), where former Mayor Cindy Grove and former City Council President John Batcher, along with City Clerk Christie Donnermeyer have been authorized signers; and

**WHEREAS**, Cindy Grove and John Batcher no longer hold the offices of Mayor and City Council President; and

**WHEREAS**, Cindy Grove and John Batcher no longer desire to be authorized signers on the accounts; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ and City Council member \_\_\_\_\_ have agreed, along with City Clerk Christie Donnermeyer, to be authorized signers on the Accounts.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Cindy Grove and John Batcher are no longer authorized signers on the Accounts.

“**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that First Nebraska Bank, Valley, Nebraska (the “Bank”) be designated as a depository of the funds of the City of Valley and all checks, drafts or other orders for payment of money may be endorsed for deposit by stamp or personal endorsement of any officer or employee and deposited in the Accounts.”

“**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any one of the following:

Christie Donnermeyer

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Be and hereby are authorized to draw and sign checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money on said Accounts and the Bank is authorized to honor the same including checks and drafts payable to the City of Valley or to bearer or to the order of the person signing the same.”

“**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the powers and authority granted by this resolution shall continue in full force and effect until notice in writing is given to the Bank of the cancellation or modification.”

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in the event there are other accounts in the name of the City of Valley at the Bank, not set forth on Exhibit “A”, then this banking resolution shall also apply to and be effective as to such accounts.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025.

CITY OF VALLEY, DOUGLAS  
COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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\_\_\_\_\_, Mayor

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\_\_\_\_\_, Council Member

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\_\_\_\_\_, Council Member

**ATTEST:**

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Christie Donnermeyer, City Clerk