

City of Bennet  
City Council  
NOTICE OF MEETING  
February 10, 2025  
Regular Meeting  
7:00 PM

Bennet Elementary School, 50 Dogwood, Bennet, Nebraska 68317

**REGULAR MEETING**

**AGENDA**

1. ROLL CALL AND PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW NOTIFICATION
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. **CONSENT AGENDA**
  - 3.a. MINUTES of January 7, 2025, Council Regular Meeting Approval
  - 3.b. CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT
  - 3.c. TREASURERS REPORT
  - 3.d. 25-01-24 Van Kirk Pay App #4
  - 3.e. RESOLUTION NO 2025-2.1 Hiring Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Olsen
4. PRESIDING OFFICER PUBLIC COMMENT ANNOUNCEMENT.
5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - 5.a. Review adding streetlights to the Evergreen Place Addition
  - 5.b. ORDINANCE NO 2025-2-1 To amend curb cut width maximum
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - 6.a. Financial discussion
  - 6.b. Review Master Fee Schedule
  - 6.c. Review man hole covers in Evergreen Place Addition, Cottonwood Court - Brian Schuele
7. REPORTS: Written reports submitted in advance are available for review in the public copy of meeting material. Submitted reports include Utility Superintendent, Sheriff's Office, Engineer.  
\* Additions to submitted reports
8. **COMMUNICATIONS**
  - 8.a. 2025 LNM Mid-Winter Conference
9. PUBLIC COMMENT
10. ADJOURNMENT

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**City of Bennet, Nebraska**  
**City Council**  
**Minutes for January 7, 2025**  
**Regular Meeting**

The City Council ("Council") of the City of Bennet, Nebraska ("City"), convened for a regular business meeting on January 7, 2025, at 7:00PM at Bennet Elementary, 50 Dogwood St, Bennet, NE 68317, the same being open to the public and preceded by advanced publicized notice duly given in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, having set forth (a) the time, date, and place of the meeting, (b) that the meeting would be open to the public, and (c) that the agenda for the meeting, kept continuously current, was available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, and posted at the City Office, Post Office, and First Nebraska Bank.

Mayor Cheney called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act. Roll call. Members in attendance: Josh Buck, Jesse Schmidt, Pete Simmons, Dan Zieg, Ryan Cheney. City Engineer Brian Schuele, City Clerk Sue Biltoft, and City Attorney David Solheim were also in attendance. A quorum being present, the meeting commenced.

The council reviewed items on the consent agenda, which included: (a) minutes for meeting of the Council on December 9, 2024; (b) claims for payment; (c) Treasurer's report; (d) Resolution 2025-1.1 appointing Tyler Anderson to the Planning Commission; and (e) approving Van Kirk Bros Payment App #3 in the amount of \$40,423.92. Zieg moved approval, and Schmidt seconded. Roll call: YES: Buck, Schmidt, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.

Mayor Cheney announced public comment.

Mayor Cheney re-introduced Resolution 2024-9.2 to approve the Water Purchase Agreement with Lancaster County Rural Water District #1. City Attorney David Solheim outlined changes since the last version and recommended approval. Zieg moved approval, and Buck seconded. Roll call: YES: Buck, Schmidt, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.

The Mayor and City Council discussed placing streetlights at Evergreen Place 1st Addition. No action taken. Will be placed on the February agenda as Old Business.

The Mayor and City Council discussed upgrading the office copier through a lease agreement with Matrix Business Systems. Buck moved approval, and Zieg seconded. Roll call: YES: Buck, Schmidt, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.

Dan Zieg, in his personal capacity, presented a request to approve a 25' curb cut at 1025 Evergreen Road. Buck moved approval, and Simmons seconded. Roll call: YES: Buck, Schmidt, Simmons; ABSTAIN: Zieg. Motion carried. The City Council also requested the City Attorney prepare an ordinance to amend the City Code to allow curb cuts up to 25' with any requests to exceed 25' to be approved by the City Engineer.

The Mayor and City Council discussed the parking situation on the east side of Whispering Pines Park. Referred to the Parks Committee.

The Mayor and City Council discussed a proposed contract with Olsson Inc to develop a Transportation Safety Action Plan under the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant. Zieg moved approval, and Simmons seconded. Roll call: YES: Buck, Schmidt, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.

Kelly Langer presented updates and further information related to the Conditional Use Permit for 690 Monroe. In December 2024, Mr. Langer had requested a 2-year deadline to join the two primary use structures, creating a commercial space between them, and have a tenant in place, with the new business being operational by year 3. The Mayor and City Council reiterated that Mr. Langer needs to either splitting the lot so that each primary use structure has its own lot, or show substantial progress toward connecting the buildings by the deadline.

The Mayor and City Council reviewed written reports submitted by City staff.

Mayor Cheney opened the floor to public comment.

There being no further business, Zieg moved to adjourn, and Simmons seconded. Roll call. YES: Buck, Schmidt, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.



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City Attorney David Solheim  
Sitting in for the City Clerk

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Mayor Ryan Cheney

**City of Bennet**  
**Monthly Claims**  
**February 2025**

Accrual Basis

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Credit
<b>Jan 8 - Feb 10, 25</b>				
02/10/2025		ABC Termite & Pest Control Inc.	Pest Control	225.00
02/10/2025		Almquist Maltzahn Galloway & Luth, ...	financial statement/audi...	3,990.00
02/10/2025		American Legal Publishing	Supplemental pages	500.00
02/10/2025		Automatic Systems Co.	Repairs	16.06
02/10/2025		Barco Municipal Products Inc	Supplies	755.00
02/10/2025	EFT	Black Hills Energy	Gas Utility	194.61
02/10/2025	PHONE PAY	Casey's General Stores, Inc.	Fuel	181.49
02/10/2025		ClerkBooks, Inc.	Support	200.00
01/21/2025	4410	Defined Lines	Construction repairs Cit...	924.00
01/31/2025	EFT	First Nebraska Bank	ACH Fees	69.25
01/22/2025	TRANSFER	Four Sons INC.	OPERATING EXPENSE	1,664.10
02/10/2025		GreatAmerica Financial Svcs	Copier Lease	300.00
02/10/2025		Hochstetler, David	Inspections	135.00
01/10/2025	EFT	IRS/Department of Treasury	47-0485932	1,641.02
01/24/2025	EFT	IRS/Department of Treasury	47-0485932	1,951.92
02/07/2025	EFT	IRS/Department of Treasury	47-0485932	1,676.02
02/10/2025		Kreifels, Jeff	Plumbing Inspector	90.00
02/10/2025		Lancaster County Sheriff	patrol services	1,361.18
02/10/2025		Lincoln Winwater Works Co.	water taps and meters	4,333.50
01/10/2025	4409	LPL Financial		292.80
01/24/2025	4411	LPL Financial		292.80
02/07/2025	4412	LPL Financial		292.80
02/10/2025		MARC	sewer maintenance che...	669.50
02/10/2025		Matrix Business Systems, Inc.	New Printer & Toner	113.67
02/10/2025		Menards	Supplies	1,138.09
02/10/2025		Midwest Labs	Effluent Test	380.69
02/10/2025		NCS INC	IT Support	359.67
02/10/2025	EFT	Nebraska City Utilities	Electricity	4,874.48
02/10/2025		Nebraska City Utilities	Services	300.00
02/10/2025		Nebraska Code Consulting and Insp...	Building inspections	750.00
01/10/2025	EFT	Nebraska Dept. of Revenue	210289361	298.57
01/22/2025	EFT	Nebraska Dept. of Revenue	Q4, Oct-Dec 24	671.61
01/24/2025	EFT	Nebraska Dept. of Revenue	210289361	324.71
01/23/2025	EFT	Nebraska Dept. of Revenue	Keno Tax	464.00
02/01/2025	EFT	Nebraska Dept. of Revenue		1,225.26
02/07/2025	EFT	Nebraska Dept. of Revenue	210289361	303.00
02/10/2025		Nemaha Valley Furnace & AC	Service	380.00
02/10/2025		Olsson Inc.	Engineering	3,848.65
02/10/2025		One Call Concepts, Inc.	Diggers Hotline	38.11
02/10/2025		Rural Water District No. 1	Water	10,416.00
02/10/2025		Solheim Law Firm	Legal	1,200.00
02/10/2025		Tailored Lights	Lights	170.00
02/10/2025		Uribe Refuse Services, Inc.	Refuse	2,554.38
02/10/2025		USA Blue Book	Supplies	216.17
02/10/2025		Van Kirk Sand & Gravel Inc.	Bennet Water Main Ext...	36,620.20
02/10/2025		Verizon Wireless	Phones	132.96
02/10/2025		Visa	Supplies & subscription	1,879.12
02/10/2025	EFT	Windstream	Phones	524.24

**Jan 8 - Feb 10, 25**

**90,939.63**

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02/10/2025		Almquist Maltzahn Galloway & Luth, C	financial statement/audit & keno audit	3,990.00
02/10/2025		American Legal Publishing	Supplemental pages	500.00
02/10/2025		Automatic Systems Co.	Repairs	16.06
02/10/2025		Barco Municipal Products Inc	Supplies	755.00
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02/10/2025	PHONE PAY	Casey's General Stores, Inc.	Fuel	181.49
02/10/2025		ClerkBooks, Inc.	Renewals	200.00
02/10/2025		<b>Core &amp; Main LP</b>	<b>Water meter supplies</b>	<b>2,919.59</b>
01/21/2025	4410	Defined Lines	Construction repairs City Office	924.00
01/31/2025	EFT	First Nebraska Bank	ACH Fees	69.25
01/22/2025	TRANSFER	Four Sons Inc.	OPERATING EXPENSE	1,664.10
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02/10/2025		Kreifels, Jeff	Plumbing Inspector	90.00
02/10/2025		<b>Lancaster County Election Commissio</b>	<b>election fees</b>	<b>284.86</b>
02/10/2025		Lancaster County Sheriff	patrol services	1,361.18
02/10/2025		Lincoln Winwater Works Co.	water taps and meters	4,333.50
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02/10/2025		Matrix Business Systems, Inc.	Copies - Final Bill	113.67
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02/10/2025		<b>Physicians Laboratory Svcs. Inc.</b>	<b>Blood test</b>	<b>30.00</b>
02/10/2025		Rural Water District No. 1	Water	10,416.00
02/10/2025		Solheim Law Firm	Legal	1,200.00
02/10/2025		Tailored Lights	Lights	170.00
02/10/2025		<b>The Voice News</b>	<b>Publications</b>	<b>218.08</b>
02/10/2025		Uribe Refuse Services, Inc.	Refuse	2,554.38
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				<b>94,392.16</b>

**CITY OF BENNET  
TREASURER REPORT  
JANUARY 2025**

	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25
<b>(B) 2 VLG Checking</b>	1,292,941.70	1,130,740.68	1,124,068.34
<b>(B) 2009 Sewer Bond MM</b>	67,429.13	67,789.75	69,673.04
<b>(B) Park Improvement Savings (1/4)</b>	12,555.84	12,629.53	12,629.53
<b>(B) KENO Community Betterment</b>	16,343.31	16,978.76	16,884.57
<b>(B) KENO Prize Reserve</b>	32,965.07	33,811.98	32,162.03
<b>Subtotal Bennet First Nebraska</b>	1,422,235.05	1,261,950.70	1,255,417.51
<b>(U) CD - Water Sinking 5/29/25</b>	16,564.30	16,638.64	16,638.64
<b>(U) CD -Sewer Sinking 5/29/25</b>	16,564.30	16,638.64	16,638.64
<b>(U) Housing Rehab Savings (6mo)</b>	817.62	818.41	818.41
<b>(U) Value Edge MM</b>	9,908.82	179,269.72	329,991.72
<b>Subtotal Union Bank</b>	43,855.04	213,365.41	364,087.41
<b>CDAR #24 12/19/24</b>	112,181.75	-	-
<b>CDAR #25 12/19/24</b>	55,965.60	-	-
<b>CDAR #26 Water 1/2/25</b>	100,000.00	100,000.00	-
<b>CDAR #27 1/2/25</b>	50,000.00	50,000.00	-
<b>Total CDARS</b>	318,147.35	150,000.00	-
<b>Petty Cash</b>	65.00	65.00	65.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	1,784,302.44	1,625,381.11	1,619,569.92

CERTIFICATE OF PAYMENT: 4



Date of Issuance: January 24, 2025

Project: Bennet Water Main Extensions

Project No.: 021-8961

Contractor: Van Kirk Bros Contracting - PO Box 585, Sutton, NE 68979

**DETAILED ESTIMATE**

Description	Unit Price	Extension
See Attached.		

PLEASE REMIT PAYMENT TO: VAN KIRK BROS.

Value of Work Completed To Date: \$ 353,234.00

Original Contract Cost: \$ 349,996.00  
 Approved Change Orders:  
 No. 1 \$9,250.00  
 No. 2 \$16,822.00  
 No. 3 \$ (7,300.00)

Total Contract Cost: \$ 368,768.00

Value of completed work and materials stored to date ..... \$ 353,234.00  
 Less retainage percentage 5% ..... \$ 17,661.70  
 Net amount due including this estimate ..... \$ 335,572.30  
 Less: Estimates previously approved:

No. 1 \$184,082.82      No. 3 \$40,423.92      No. 5 \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. 2 \$74,445.36      No. 4 \_\_\_\_\_      No. 6 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Previous Estimates: \$ 298,952.10

**NET AMOUNT DUE THIS ESTIMATE: \$ 36,620.20**

The undersigned hereby certifies, based upon periodic observations as set forth in scope of work and the data included in all applicable payment applications that, to the best of its knowledge, information and belief: (1) the work has progressed as indicated in the applicable payment applications; (2) the work performed and materials delivered by Contractor are in conformance with the plans and specifications; and (3) the Contractor, in accordance with the contract, is entitled to payment as indicated above.

This certification does not constitute a warranty or guarantee of any type. Client shall hold its Contractor solely responsible for the quality and completion of the Project, including construction in accordance with the construction documents. Any duty or obligation of Olsson hereunder is for the sole benefit of the Client and not for any third party, including the Contractor or any Subcontractor.

cc:

OLSSON

By: Ben Schuch

1-24-2025

Steve Rogge

## Bennet Water Main Extensions

**Sponsor:** City of Bennet, NE

**Date:** January 24, 2025

**OA Project No.:** 021-8961

**Invoice No.:** 4

**Contractor:** Van Kirk Bros

PO Box 585, 1200 W. Ash

Sutton, NE 68979

Item No.	Item Description	Contract Quantities	Unit	Estimated Quantities To Date	Unit Price	Amount
1	Mobilization	1	LS	1	\$40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
2	Construction Staking	1	LS	1	\$5,885.00	\$ 5,885.00
3	Seeding/Restoration	1	LS		\$4,060.00	\$ -
4	Remove and Replace 4" Crushed Rock Surface	194	SY	194	\$23.00	\$ 4,462.00
5	Remove 4" Water Main	670	LF	46	\$21.00	\$ 966.00
6	8" Bore in Place Water Main	287	LF	287	\$100.00	\$ 28,700.00
7	8" PVC Water Main	3,490	LF	3,602	\$48.00	\$ 172,896.00
8	Reconfigure Existing Fire Hydrant Assembly	2	EA	3	\$1,540.00	\$ 4,620.00
9	Type II Fire Hydrant Assembly	3	EA	2	\$7,075.00	\$ 14,150.00
10	2" Service Line Connection	3	EA	5	\$1,535.00	\$ 7,675.00
11	Connect to Existing Water Main.	5	EA	7	\$1,065.00	\$ 7,455.00
12	8" x 8" x 8" Tee, MJ	3	EA	3	\$795.00	\$ 2,385.00
13	8" x 8" x 4" Tee, MJ	1	EA	1	\$1,095.00	\$ 1,095.00
14	8" x 6" x 6" Tee, MJ	1	EA	4	\$1,095.00	\$ 4,380.00
15	8" Gate Valve, MJ	11	EA	9	\$3,205.00	\$ 28,845.00
16	8" Plug, MJ	3	EA	3	\$260.00	\$ 780.00
17	8" x 6" Reducer, MJ	2	EA	3	\$970.00	\$ 2,910.00
18	8" 45 Degree Fitting, MJ	8	EA	6	\$568.00	\$ 3,408.00
19	8" 45 Degree Wye Fitting, MJ	2	EA	2	\$905.00	\$ 1,810.00
20	RC Tee Thrust Block	5	EA	8	\$120.00	\$ 960.00
21	RC Plug Thrust Block	3	EA	3	\$120.00	\$ 360.00
22	RC 45 Degree Thrust Block	10	EA	6	\$120.00	\$ 720.00
X1.1	4" Inserta Valve	1	EA	1	\$ 9,250.00	\$ 9,250.00
X2-1	Deep Trenching	200	LF	200	\$ 17.50	\$ 3,500.00
X2.2	Utility Potholing to Locate Existing Water Main	5	EA	5	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,500.00
X2.3	Remove and Relay CMP Culvert	50	LF	50	\$ 42.00	\$ 2,100.00
X2.4	Remove and Replace HDPE Culvert	21	LF	21	\$ 102.00	\$ 2,142.00
X2.5	6" Hydrant Valves/Couplings/Elbows	2	EA	2	\$ 2,930.00	\$ 5,860.00
X2.6	Thrust Collars	2	EA	2	\$ 360.00	\$ 720.00
X3-1	4" Inserta Valve	1	EA	-1	\$ 9,250.00	\$ (9,250.00)
X3-2	4" Gate Valve	1	EA	1	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 1,950.00
						\$ -
					Stored Materials	\$ -
					<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 353,234.00</b>
					Less 5% Retained	\$ 17,661.70
					Less Previous Estimates	\$ 298,952.10
					<b>Total Due Contractor</b>	<b>\$ 36,620.20</b>

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2.1**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bennet, City Council Members are desirous of employing the following named person/s and establishing the salary for the person/s so employed within the salary range established in Ordinance, NO. 2022-11-1 to repeal and replace Section §33.47 of the Code of Bennet.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENNET, NEBRASKA:

1. Pursuant to Ordinance NO. 2022-11.1 of the Code of Bennet, the following person is hired to serve in the position as indicated at the salary so designated.

Position: Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer

Name: Michelle Olesen

Salary: \$ 30.00 per hour

The salary set forth above shall become effective on February 3rd, 2025.

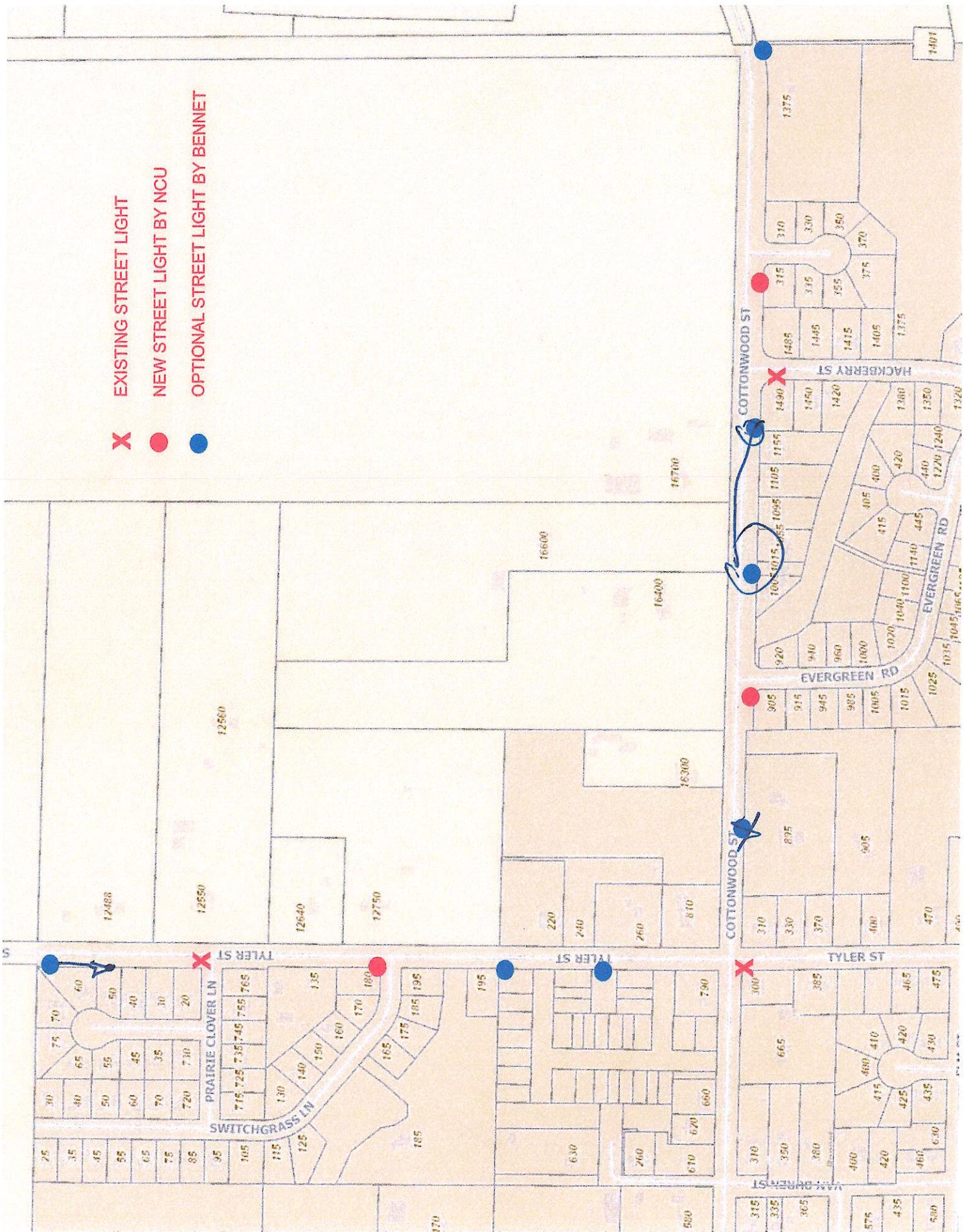
PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2025.

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City Clerk  
City of Bennet, NE

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Mayor  
City of Bennet, NE

SEAL

- X EXISTING STREET LIGHT
- NEW STREET LIGHT BY NCU
- OPTIONAL STREET LIGHT BY BENNETT



**From:** Logan Crunk <logan.crunk@ncunecity.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 12, 2024 10:35 AM  
**To:** Mike Kucera <citysuper@cityofbennet.com>  
**Subject:** Street Lighting

Mike,  
Attached is a map of the street light placement from our conversation yesterday. The estimated cost of the adding 6 streetlights to developments is \$9,215.00. The cost to the city is for the trenching and material, Nebraska City Utilities contribution to the project is the manpower and equipment. Again, these are new LED lights mounted on wood poles. If the city does decide to go this route it would be responsible for having the easements and property corners staked to ensure that we place all infrastructure in the easements or R.O.W. and not on private property. If there are any changes you would like to make or add more lights, I am more than happy to do that. If you have any questions let me know.

Logan Crunk  
Electrical Superintendent  
Cell -(402)209-2052



**NEBRASKA CITY UTILITIES**  
100 CENTRAL AVE. - P.O. BOX 670  
NEBRASKA CITY, NE 68410-0670  
Telephone (402) 873-3353  
[www.nebraskacityutilities.com](http://www.nebraskacityutilities.com)







Outlook

**Re: Street Lighting**

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From Logan Crunk <logan.crunk@ncunecity.com>

Date Mon 12/16/2024 11:19 AM

To Mike Kucera <citysuper@cityofbennet.com>

Mike

If you were to go with different poles it would work the best if you still bought the streetlight heads from NCU. The cost of the light would be \$240.00 per light. Keep in mind if the city decided to go with a different pole that NCU would not work on the pole itself if one were to get hit by a vehicle or damaged.

Logan Crunk

Electrical Superintendent

Cell-(402)209-2052



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**From:** Mike Kucera <citysuper@cityofbennet.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 12, 2024 4:02 PM

**To:** Logan Crunk <logan.crunk@ncunecity.com>

**Subject:** Re: Street Lighting

**[EXTERNAL SOURCE]** This E-mail originates from outside NCU systems. Take care for phishing.

What is the specs on the head unit. Just incase they decide to go with different poles they know what kind to look for to work with the head unit.

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Proposal



Electrical Contractor

1012 North 25th Street Lincoln, NE 68503
Phone: 402-435-3514 Fax: 402-435-6091

Proposal Submitted To: City of Bennet, Mike Kucera; Phone: ; Date: 01/21/2025
Street: ; Job Name: Install six (6) new pole lights.
City, State and Zip Code: Bennet, NE 68317; Job Location: New development east of town.

Mike, citysuper@cityofbennet.com

We are pleased to submit a firm bid for the following project: Install six (6) new pole lights.

- Trenching from 6 utility pedestals to 6 predetermined locations throughout the new east development, install direct burial wire between source and point of use. Backfill and compact the trench.
Provide and install 6 - 24' direct burial composite/fiberglass poles and masts similar to nearby existing pole lights.
Install Nebraska City Utilities' light head.
Each pole to have 240V fuse links at the utility side and city side of power.
Nebraska City Utilities to be responsible for connecting to utility power in the pedestals and maintenance on the lights.
Estimated total of 325 labor hours projected.
Total cost of electrical is \$69,645.00
ABC Electric requires a signed proposal before work commences.
Work to be performed during normal business hours 7:00am - 4:30pm Monday - Friday.
This bid includes Labor, Material, and Permit fees.
All additional work not addressed in this estimate will be handled by written Change Order.
Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for pole delivery.

All work to be done in a neat and workmanlike manner, in accordance with the State of Nebraska and the National Electrical codes and would be guaranteed for one year.

Sincerely,
ABC Electric Company, INC.
Ron Pickel (402)417-3610
ronp@abcelectric.net

We propose hereby to furnish material and labor -- complete in accordance with the above proposal for the sum of:

Sixty-nine thousand six hundred forty-five

Dollars

\$69,645.00

Terms of Payment:

\*Accounts not paid within thirty days are subject to a finance charge of 1/5% monthly, or annual rate of 15%.
\*Note: This proposal may be withdrawn by us if not accepted within thirty days.

All material is guaranteed to be as specified, All work to be completed in a workman like Manner according to standard practices. Any alteration or deviation from above speciffa-

Authorized

Signature

Ron Pickel

Catons involving extra cost will be executed only upon written orders, and will become a Extra charge over and above the estimate, All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents Or delays beyond our control. Owner to carry fire, tornado and other necessary insurance. Our workers are fully covered by Workmen's Compensation Insurance.

Note: This proposal may be withdrawn by us if not accepted within 30 days.

Acceptance of Proposal - The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be made as outlined above.

Authorized Signature

Date of Acceptance

Authorized Signature

## New pole lights

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**From** Ron Pickel <ronp@abcelectric.net>  
**Date** Mon 12/30/2024 9:41 AM  
**To** Mike Kucera <citysuper@cityofbennet.com>

Good morning,

Just wanted to touch base with you on this project. I have been in touch with Nebraska City Utilities and received information from them on the lights. I am currently waiting on pricing for the fiberglass poles and arms from my distributor. Due to the holidays, it's hard to get timely answers as many people are taking extended breaks. Once I have the price for the poles, I will get this out to you as soon as I can. Thank you for your patience.

**Ron Pickel**  
**Project Manager / Estimator**  
**1012 N. 25th Street**  
**Lincoln, NE 68503**  
**Office: 402-435-3514**  
**Mobile: 402-417-3610**



ORDINANCE NO 2025-2.1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BENNET, LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND § 92.21 OF THE CODE OF BENNET TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM CURB CUT WIDTH TO 25 FEET UNLESS A GREATER WIDTH IS APPROVED BY THE CITY ENGINEER; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENNET, LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA:

**Section 1.** Section 92.21 of the City Code relating to curb cuts is amended as follows:

**§ 92.21 CUTTING INTO PAVING, CURB, OR SIDEWALK.**

(A) (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to cut into any paving, curb, or sidewalk for the purpose of constructing a driveway or any other purpose whatsoever without first having obtained a written permit therefor from the city.

(2) The application for a permit shall be filed with the City Clerk/Treasurer, in writing, on forms approved by the City Clerk/Treasurer, showing the place where the cutting is to be done, and it shall be the Utilities Superintendent's duty to inspect the place of entry into the paving, sidewalk, or curb, before the same is cut.

(3) Before any permit is issued by the City Clerk/Treasurer, the applicant shall deposit with the City Clerk/Treasurer a sum as may be set by resolution of the City Council for all paving, curb, or sidewalk to be cut.

(4) The sum shall be set on a per linear foot cost of construction for curb cuts and a per square foot cost of construction for paving and sidewalk cuts.

(5) The deposit shall be retained by the city until the work is completed to the satisfaction of the Utilities Superintendent, and if not satisfactorily completed within a reasonable time, the city may proceed to complete the work itself and retain the deposit for the purpose of defraying the cost of the work.

(B) (1) When cutting into any paving, it shall be the duty of the party to cut the paving under the rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the City Engineer.

(2) When the applicant has completed the opening made, the applicant shall inform the Utilities Superintendent, who shall supervise and inspect the materials used and the work done.

(C) (1) Notwithstanding the above, it shall be discretionary with the city to order the Utilities Superintendent to perform the work of cutting the paving and charge the cost thereof to the permittee.

(2) In the event that the city elects to have the work performed by the Utilities Superintendent, the required deposit shall be retained by the city for the purpose of replacing the paving, curb, or sidewalk.

(D) No curb cut shall exceed ~~20~~ 25 feet in width unless a greater width is specially approved by ~~resolution of the City Council~~ the City Engineer. The City Engineer may request input from the Mayor and City Council before deciding whether to approve the curb cut.

(Prior Code, § 92.46) (Ord. 2001-6.1, passed 6-11-2001; Ord. 2025-\_\_\_\_\_, passed February 10, 2025) Penalty, see § 10.99

Statutory reference:

Authority, see Neb. Rev. Stat. 17-567

**Section 2.** Any conflicting ordinances or parts thereof are hereby repealed.

**Section 3.** This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force following its passage, approval, and publication or posting as required by law.

SUSPEND		FIRST READING	_____
READINGS			
(3/4 VOTE)		SECOND READING	_____
		THIRD READING	_____

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ryan Cheney, Mayor

ATTESTED AND PUBLISHED IN BOOK OR PAMPHLET FORM WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS OF PASSAGE ON THE \_\_\_ DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sue Biltoft, City Clerk



<b><u>Account Name</u></b>	<b><u>Balance on 12/31/2024</u></b>	<b><u>Current Interest Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Projected Annual Interest</u></b>
Village Checking	\$ 1,130,740.68	0.50%	\$ 5,653.70
2009 Sewer Bond MM	\$ 67,789.75	2.27%	\$ 1,538.83
Park Improvement Savings	\$ 12,629.53	1.15%	\$ 145.24
KENO Communtly Betterment	\$ 16,978.78	0.50%	\$ 84.89
KENO Prize Reserve	\$ 33,811.98	1.07%	\$ 361.79
			\$ -
CD Water Sinking 5/29/25	\$ 16,638.64	1.80%	\$ 299.50
CD Sewer Sinking 5/29/25	\$ 16,638.64	1.80%	\$ 299.50
Housing Rehab Savings	\$ 818.41	0.36%	\$ 2.95
Value Edge MM	\$ 329,269.72	1.07%	\$ 3,523.19
<b><u>TOTALS</u></b>	<b>\$ 1,625,316.13</b>	<b>0.73%</b>	<b>\$ 11,909.58</b>

Weighted Average

FDIC Insurance \$250,000 limit vs. Treasury Bills

<b><u>Account Name</u></b>	<b><u>Balance on 12/31/2024</u></b>	<b><u>Estimated Interest Ra</u></b>	<b><u>Projected Annual Interest</u></b>
Village Checking	\$ 1,130,740.68	3.32%	\$ 37,540.59
2009 Sewer Bond MM	\$ 67,789.75	4.30%	\$ 2,914.96
Park Improvement Savings	\$ 12,629.53	4.30%	\$ 543.07
KENO Communtly Betterment	\$ 16,978.78	4.30%	\$ 730.09
KENO Prize Reserve	\$ 33,811.98	3.32%	\$ 1,122.56
			\$ -
CD Water Sinking 5/29/25	\$ 16,638.64	4.18%	\$ 695.50
CD Sewer Sinking 5/29/25	\$ 16,638.64	4.18%	\$ 695.50
Housing Rehab Savings	\$ 818.41	4.30%	\$ 35.19
Value Edge MM	\$ 329,269.72	3.32%	\$ 10,931.75
<b><u>TOTALS</u></b>	<b>\$ 1,625,316.13</b>	<b>3.40%</b>	<b>\$ 55,209.20</b>

Weighted Average

**Projected Total Annual Interest Increase:** \$ 43,299.63

## **City of Bennet Financial Gameplan:**

### **Goals:**

1. Simplify finances as much as possible (1 physical and one online custodian of funds)
2. Get the best interest rates possible

### **Plan:**

1. One bank account (checking account) at local bank, all inflows and outflows pass through here - all other savings/CDs/Bonds/Securities are online
2. Online account Options
  - a. **SLGS “Slugs” State and Local Government Securities**
    - i. <https://www.treasurydirect.gov/government/slgs/> or <https://www.treasurydirect.gov/files/government/slgs/slgsafe/res-broc.pdf>
    - ii. **Current Rates:** <https://www.treasurydirect.gov/GA-SL/SLGS/selectSLGSDate.htm>
    - iii. **Pros:** Directly with U.S. Government cuts out “middlemen” when it comes to interest rates, definitely approved (designed specifically for us in mind)
    - iv. **Cons:** Not as user friendly (website looks like it was built in the early 2000s), Daily accessible Rates not as high as I would like
  - b. **Charles Schwab**
    - i. **Current Rates:**
    - ii. **Pros:** Can invest in multiple different options CDs across multiple different banks, keeping FDIC insurance, Invest in U.S. Treasuries, good user friendliness, high MM interest rates
    - iii. **Cons:** Not sure if allowed with nuance of SIPC coverage (can invest in FDIC covered funds and directly with U.S. government, but what if Schwab goes under?)

**c. Online bank of some sort**

- i. Pros:** meh.
- ii. Cons:** FDIC limits

**3. Negotiate with local bank on giving us some kind of interest rate.**

<b>Master Fee Schedule - Addendum A</b>	<b>Fee</b>
<b>Dog, Cat, and Other Animal Fees</b>	
<i>Dogs and Cats Annually (up to 3)</i>	10.00
<i>License for each additional cat (4 or more Dogs are considered a kennel and they are not permitted )</i>	55.00
<i>Delinquent Dogs and Cats (for 1-3 animals)</i>	20.00
<i>Delinquent Cats (for 4+ cats)</i>	55.00
<i>Impoundment Fee for Dogs and Cats (No charge if Less than 8 hours)</i>	25.00 per day, plus any cost incurred by City
<i>Animal Permit Large (Annual Fee)</i>	50.00
<i>Animal Permit Small (Annual Fee)</i>	10.00
<i>Guide and Hearing Dogs</i>	<b>Exempt</b>
<b>Shelter Reservation/Damage Deposit</b>	
<i>Reservations/Damage Deposit. Which is Returned Upon Satisfactory Inspection</i>	100.00 Deposit
<b>Nuisances Abatement</b>	
<i>300.00 per hour including equipment</i>	300.00 per hour
<b>Peddlers Permit</b>	
<i>Annual Peddlers Permit with Completed Application (Good for one year)</i>	25.00
<b>Food Vendor/Food Trucks</b>	
<i>Food Vendors Truck with Completed Application (Good for one year)</i>	25.00
<b>Utility Related Fees</b>	
<i>Transfer/Voluntary Disconnection</i>	25.00
<i>Utility Reconnect for non payment</i>	100.00
<i>Water Usage Rate</i>	6.60 per 1,000 gal
<i>Water Rate-Monthly</i>	28.50
<i>Sewer Usage Rate</i>	6.00 per 1,000 gal water Jan-March average
<i>Sewer Rate- Monthly</i>	24.00
<i>Replacement of Antenna on meter due to breakage. Cost may change</i>	240.26
<i>Separate Premises: one meter shared between properties. Minimum water service fee</i>	10.00 per month

<b>Garbage Related Fees</b>	
<i>Non-Residential (Annual)</i>	500.00
<i>Residential</i>	23.00
<i>Commercial</i>	41.00 per month
<i>One Time Dump Fee</i>	35.00 Per Level Pickup Load
<i>Replacement Refuse Site Permit</i>	10.00
<i>Brush and Compost Permit with tag</i>	Free with permit
<b>Building Permit Related Fees</b>	
<i>Building Permit</i>	60.00
<i>Plan Review</i>	55.00
<i>Zoning</i>	5.00
<i>All On Site Inspections: Plumbing, HVAC, Foundation, Framing, Final Building etc</i>	55.00 each
<i>Plumbing Permit</i>	35.00
<i>HVAC (Mechanical)</i>	35.00
<i>Fuel Gas Permit</i>	35.00
<i>Permanent Pool Permit</i>	50.00
<i>Fence permit- Property pins marked, fence location marked, on site inspection</i>	15.00
<i>Demo Permit</i>	55.00
<i>Sewer Hook-up</i>	1000.00
<i>Water Hook-up</i>	1000.00
<i>Sewer Tap</i>	100.00
<i>Water Tap</i>	100.00
<i>Meter Pit and Lid (cost may change due to availability of equipment)</i>	1251.00
<i>Private Sewage Disposal System <b>ExtraTerritorial Jurisdiction - ETJ</b></i>	100.00
<i>Curb Cut (Deposit Only)</i>	250.00
<i>Moving Building Permit - established by resolution prior to permit approval</i>	
<b>Zoning/Subdivision</b>	
<i>Subdivision Application (Preliminary or Final)</i>	500.00
<i>Administrative Minor Plat</i>	250.00
<i>Subdivisions Tax - Residential</i>	1000 per Lot
<i>Subdivisions Tax - Commercial or Industrial</i>	4000 per acre

<i>Change of Use</i>	250.00
<i>Conditional Use Permit</i>	250.00
<i>Board of Adjustment</i>	50.00 Application 15.00 Notification
<i>Zoning Change</i>	250.00
<b>Subdivision Development Fees</b>	
<i>Street Infrastructure - Residential</i>	\$455 per Unit
<i>Street Infrastructure - Commercial</i>	\$455 per Unit
<i>Sewer Infrastructure - Residential</i>	\$390 per Unit
<i>Sewer Infrastructure - Commercial</i>	\$455 per Unit
<i>Water Infrastructure - Residential</i>	\$520 per Unit
<i>Water Infrastructure - Commercial</i>	\$520 per Unit
<i>Park Infrastructure - Residential</i>	\$260 per Unit
<i>Park Infrastructure - Commercial</i>	\$260 per Unit
<b>Payport Usage Fees</b>	
<i>E-Check</i>	1.75
<i>Debit Card</i>	2.95
<i>Credit Card</i>	2.49% of Total
<b>Insufficient Funds</b>	
<i>Checks, ACH</i>	20.00 plus bank fees
<b>Hobbyist Permit Fee</b>	
<i>For inoperable, dented, damaged vehicles resident wants to fix up. 180 days</i>	50.00
<i>Renewal (one time only) of Hobbyist Permit</i>	50.00
<b>Bulk Water Fees</b>	
<i>\$500.00 refundable deposit to city for water meter provided/refund after return of water meter</i>	500.00
<i>Usage of first 1,000 gals water</i>	48.00
<i>Per additional 1,000 gals of water</i>	5.00

## Meter Tap Cost Sheet

	6"	8"
Meter pit	\$989	\$989
Corp	\$80	\$80
Saddle	\$76	\$103
Female Flare x Barb 1"	\$27	\$27
Female NPT x Barb 1" x2	\$26	\$26
Tax	\$79	\$79
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,277</b>	<b>\$1,304</b>

<b>Overtime Worked</b>				
<b>01-01-2025 to 01-31-2025</b>				
<b>Deputy</b>	<b>Start - End</b>	<b># Hours</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>OT Type</b>
/22173 FUNK, JORDAN	1945 - 2315	3.50	01-12-2025	SUPL CONTRACT-BENNET
/22173 FUNK, JORDAN	2000 - 2300	3.00	01-26-2025	SUPL CONTRACT-BENNET
/22173 FUNK, JORDAN	2000 - 2300	3.00	01-27-2025	SUPL CONTRACT-BENNET
		=====		
		<b>9.50</b>		
/22217 CALDWELL, TREVOR	1600 - 2100	5.00	01-21-2025	SUPL CONTRACT-BENNET
/22217 CALDWELL, TREVOR	1215 - 1715	5.00	01-28-2025	SUPL CONTRACT-BENNET
		=====		
		<b>10.00</b>		
<b>Total: 19.50</b>				



# Lancaster County Sheriff's Office



Report of Contract Deputy Funk  
 Activity for the Village / Town / City of Bennet  
 Date Worked 01-12-2024  
 Start of Shift: 1945 End of Shift: 2315

Type codes: **REF** – referred by City Offices  
**HBO** – handled by officer  
**O** – other

**BUS** – business / area check  
**UTL** – unable to locate

**SEL** – selective enforcement  
**GOA** – gone on arrival

**F/U** – follow-up  
**F/I** – field interview

Time (s)	Type	Location	Remarks
1945-2030		Town Check	
2030-2130		Traffic	43/Garden
			Buisness checks
2130		Tailored Life	
		Elementary School	
2200	HBO	C5000274	check welfare
2230		First NE Bank	
2256		City Office	
		Bean Box	
		Antique shop	
		Legion	

# of Citations Issued: <u>0</u>	Warning / Defect Citations Issued: <u>0</u>
Total hours worked this date: <u>3.5</u>	Vehicle number: <u>946</u>
	Total mileage for this shift: <u>11</u>

Deputy Reporting Funk

Supervisor Approving 



# Lancaster County Sheriff's Office



Report of Contract Deputy Funk  
 Activity for the Village / Town / City of Bennet  
 Date Worked 01-26-2025  
 Start of Shift: 2000 End of Shift: 2300

Type codes: **REF** – referred by City Offices  
**HBO** – handled by officer  
**O** – other

**BUS** – business / area check  
**UTL** – unable to locate

**SEL** – selective enforcement  
**GOA** – gone on arrival

**F/U** – follow-up  
**F/I** – field interview

Time (s)	Type	Location	Remarks
2000-2045		Town Check	
2045-2145		43/Fir	Traffic
2145		Elementary Check	
		Legion	
		Main St Buisnesses	
		-Bar	
		Coffee Shop	
		Antique shop	
2230	HBO	Birch/Main	dog loose

# of Citations Issued: <u>0</u>	Warning / Defect Citations Issued: <u>1</u>
Total hours worked this date: <u>3</u>	Vehicle number: <u>946</u>
	Total mileage for this shift: <u>11</u>

Deputy Reporting Funk

Supervisor Approving [Signature] 9021168



# Lancaster County Sheriff's Office



Report of Contract Deputy Funk  
 Activity for the Village / Town / City of Bennet  
 Date Worked 01-27-2025  
 Start of Shift: 2000 End of Shift: 2300

Type codes: **REF** – referred by City Offices  
**HBO** – handled by officer  
**O** – other

**BUS** – business / area check  
**UTL** – unable to locate

**SEL** – selective enforcement  
**GOA** – gone on arrival

**F/U** – follow-up  
**F/I** – field interview

Time (s)	Type	Location	Remarks
2000-2045		Town Check	
2045-2145		43/Fir	Traffic
2145		Elementary Check	
		Legion	
		Main St Buisnesses	
		-Bar	
		Coffee Shop	
		Antique shop	
2220	HBO	Birch/Main	dog loose

# of Citations Issued: <u>0</u>	Warning / Defect Citations Issued: <u>1</u>
Total hours worked this date: <u>3</u>	Vehicle number: <u>946</u>
	Total mileage for this shift: <u>11</u>

Deputy Reporting Funk

Supervisor Approving *Cathy L. Gouws*



# Lancaster County Sheriff's Office



Report of Contract Deputy Caldwell 902217  
 Activity for the Village / Town / City of Bennet  
 Date Worked 01-21-25  
 Start of Shift: 1600 End of Shift: 2100

Type codes: **REF** – referred by City Offices      **BUS** – business / area check      **SEL** – selective enforcement      **F/U** – follow-up  
**HBO** – handled by officer      **UTL** – unable to locate      **GOA** – gone on arrival      **F/I** – field interview  
**O** – other

Time (s)	Type	Location	Remarks
1600-1700	BUS	Bennet	General Patrol
1730	Traffic	HWY 43/ Apple St	Warning for no valid registration
1753	TOT	1020 Garden St	Medical Emergency
1800-1900	BUS	Bennet	General Patrol
1930	Traffic	HWY 43/ Garden St	Warning for no valid registration
2000-2100	BUS	Bennet	General Patrol

# of Citations Issued: <u>0</u>	Warning / Defect Citations Issued: <u>2</u>
Total hours worked this date: <u>5</u>	Vehicle number: <u>0957</u> Total mileage for this shift: <u>30</u>

Deputy Reporting Caldwell 902217

Supervisor Approving *[Signature]* Caldwell 902218



**To: City of Bennet Clerk and City Council**

**New information**

**Olsson Action Item**

**City Action Item**

**Re: February 2025 City Engineering Report**

#### Transportation Safety Action Plan

- **KO Meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup>.**

#### Street Maintenance Plan

- Crack sealing: Complete.
- Asphalt emulsion seal coating: Complete.
  - Recommended every 3-5 years.
  - Benefits: Slows down oxidation and oil content loss, protects from petroleum damage.
  - Pavement Ages
    - Bennet Ridge (2007)
    - Apple Street (2019)
    - Rest (2017-2019?)
    - Madison, Garden, and Hackberry (2022) will be due in 2 years.

#### Street Improvements Plan

- Approximately \$80,000/year in the budget for street improvements/maintenance.
  - Recommend \$100,000 of street improvements for 2025 (\$20K carryover).
  - **Olsson to prepare plans/exhibits to get proposals for this work.**
- Improvements identified:
  - Streets
    - West side of highway now that school construction is complete.
  - Drainage
    - Culvert at 480 Cottonwood Street, to eliminate the low point in the ditch.
    - Area inlet at SE corner of Garden & Van Buren.
      - Survey will be needed to design.
    - Ditch/driveway on east side of 385 Tyler Street. Gravel washes into street and resident drives. Discussed with owners of 370 Tyler at Street Improvements open house in 2021.
    - 3-4' of rock along north side of park with posts and cable.
    - Hazard and/or drainage issue at NW corner of park.

#### Water Main Extension Project

- **Work is complete and water mains are active.**
- **Seeding/restoration to be completed in the spring.**

#### Water Supply Analysis

- **Olsson to send email to RWD showing year over year usage to show that the measures implemented are working.**
- Water usage statistics:
  - Monthly Max: 5,400,000 gal.
  - Daily Max: 180,000 gal.
  - May Water Usage
    - Monthly: 2,259,000 gal. (42% of capacity)
    - Ave. Daily: 75,300 gal. (42% of capacity)
    - Max. Daily: 99,000 gal. (55% of capacity)
    - 5 users over 20,000 gal. Highest was 27,000.
  - June Water Usage
    - Monthly: 2,906,000 gal. (54% of capacity)

- Ave. Daily: 96,866 gal. (54% of capacity)
    - Max. Daily: 143,000 gal. (79% of capacity)
    - 2 users over 20,000 gal. Highest was 24,000.
  - July Water Usage
    - Monthly: 3,100,000 gal. (57% of capacity)
    - Ave. Daily: 100,000 gal. (57% of capacity)
    - Max. Daily: 144,000 gal. (79% of capacity)
    - 20 users over 20,000 gal. Highest was 43,000.
  - August Water Usage
    - Monthly: 3,484,000 gal. (65% of capacity)
    - Ave. Daily: 112,387 gal. (65% of capacity)
    - Max. Daily: 151,000 gal. (84% of capacity)
    - 20 users over 20,000 gal. Highest was 43,000.
  - September Water Usage
    - Monthly: 3,754,000 gal. (70% of capacity)
    - Ave. Daily: 125,133 gal. (70% of capacity)
    - Max. Daily: 140,000 gal. (78% of capacity)
    - 13 users over 20,000 gal. Highest was 53,000.
  - Year over year summary: Monthly usage was similar, max. daily usages were lower in 2024. Four new lawns were added as well. I would consider the water management/monitoring the city is doing to be a big success so far and will share the results with the RWD. 2023 usage numbers are below:
 

- May Water Usage
      - Monthly: 3,494,000 gal. (63% of capacity)
      - Ave. Daily: 112,709 gal. (63% of capacity)
      - Max. Daily: 157,665 gal. (88% of capacity)
    - June Water Usage
      - Monthly: 3,748,000 gal. (70% of capacity)
      - Ave. Daily: 124,933 gal. (70% of capacity)
      - Max. Daily: 170,000 gal. (95% of capacity)
    - July Water Usage
      - Monthly: 2,846,000 gal. (51% of capacity)
      - Ave. Daily: 91,806 gal. (51% of capacity)
      - Max. Daily: 170,000 gal. (95% of capacity)
    - August Water Usage (28 days only)
      - Monthly: 2,542,000 gal. (51% of capacity)
      - Ave. Daily: 90,785 gal. (51% of capacity)
      - Max. Daily: 100,000 gal. (56% of capacity)
- RWD met with village board on February 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - RWD has no short term plans for expansion of capacity. Long term plans include development of a new well.
  - Recommended irrigation restrictions to manage daily flows.
    - Ordinance on the agenda to raise fees for users above 20,000 gal/month.
      - **Tabled at the May/June meetings. City to revisit in 2025.**
- RWD met with planning commission on April 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Stated that RWD has no ability to provide more water to the village. Recommended the village explore a well near Pella Road.
    - **Olsson to inquire about potential locations and put together a preliminary cost estimate for well exploration and installation and water mains from Pella Road to Bennet.**

- Asbestos sewer lining/replacement.
  - Phase I lining work is complete. Pre- and post-lining videos have now been received.
    - **Olsson to review videos.**
  - Phase II lining and manhole rehab is complete.
    - **Olsson to review videos.**
- Olsson is keeping track of improvements completed on a sewer map.
- Sewer Cleaning: 39,800 LF of sewer mains to be cleaned on a rotating schedule.
  - **City to get pricing and determine schedule.**
- Lagoon Cleaning
  - **Olsson to review frequency of cleaning that is necessary.**
- SCADA System Improvements
  - **Project is now underway. Contractor submitted shop drawings and Olsson has reviewed.**

#### Miscellaneous

- **Street light exhibit has been prepared by Olsson for Cottonwood and Tyler to fill in the gaps.**
  - **City to coordinate with NE City Utilities for installation.**
- **Olsson to recommend language for developer electrical responsibility in subdivision regs.**
- NDEE Needs Survey has been submitted for the 2024 cycle.
- Highway allocation is \$98 per capita, below the average of \$169 per capita.
  - Look into lane mile equation to see if widening makes sense.
  - **Olsson received info from state. Will run financial analysis.**
- Gravel road washouts:
  - 2 washouts on Cottonwood/Bennet. County to repair. Contacted 5/31.
    - **Repairs have not been performed. Olsson to follow up.**
  - Small washout above Tyler St. box culvert. Monitor. No action at this time.
- Coordinate with state about security grant for water and sewer GIS mapping.
  - This will be done as part of the needs survey submittal to NDEE in December.
- Street Shop: Project on hold due to potential of acquiring an existing building.
- Water Tower Park: No action until further notice.
- Daycare Facility
  - School has requested assistance with a daycare facility to help teacher retention.
  - City has asked SENDD to prepare a regional survey for interest in the facility.
  - Other communities have gone through a similar process. Some have a foundation managing the facility.

#### Development Reviews

- Elementary School: under construction.
- Cedar Brook: under construction.
- Cochrane Corner: on hold. Subdivision agreement has been renewed.
  - **New layout proposed by owner, to be discussed at February meeting.**
- Evergreen Place: under construction.
- 415 Fir Street: Coordinate with owner on parking and storage.
- **Olsson to provide punchlist of items to be resolved before escrow is released, such as storm sewer cleaning, ditch grading and seeding, low spots in pavement, etc.**

#### Code Updates

- Downtown Economic Development Plan (Dec-Jan)
  - City working with UNL Community and Regional Planning Program.
- Comp Plan (Marvin)
  - Scheduled for completion in Spring of 2024
- Subdivision Regulations

- Olsson submitted templates from other communities for consideration.
- **City to decide on development fee schedule before next subdivision.**

#### Trails

- NDOT reached out to Olsson to discuss options to make pedestrian crossing at Dogwood Street safer across the highway. Olsson has followed up but not received a response. **Will continue to follow up.**
- Potential Funding Sources:
  - State Funding
    - Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
      - Transportation Alternatives: General trail projects.
      - Safe Routes to School: School related trail projects.
        - This used to be a stand-alone program, but is now included as an eligible project type within TAP.
      - Recreational Trails Program: Recreational trail projects
        - This is different than the RTP through NE Game & Parks.
      - Funding window is currently closed. May be 2-5 years before a new funding notice is issued.
    - Recreational Trails Program (RTP)
      - Administered through NE Game & Parks, separate from TAP.
  - Federal Funding
    - Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)
    - Rebuilding American Infrastructure Sustainably and Equitably (RAISE)

#### Tyler & Cottonwood Street Paving (info from 2021)

- Project Cost: \$1,250,000
  - \$95,000/year for 15 year bond at 1.75%
  - \$105,000/year for 15 year bond at 3.00%
- Current Levy Rates
  - Bennet: 0.304020
  - Adams: 0.475267
  - Hickman: 0.430992
  - Springfield: 0.500000
- Current village valuation: \$87.5 million
  - Project would require additional 0.11 village levy.
- Projected village valuation: \$103.1 million
  - After Evergreen Place, Cedar Brook, and Cochrane Corner.
  - Project would require additional 0.09 village levy.
- Cost of waiting:
  - Interest rate risk.
  - Material price increases.
- Benefit of waiting:
  - Potential infrastructure bill funding.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve your community as the City Engineer.

Sincerely,



Brian Schuele, PE

# City of Bennet Maintenance Report

February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## Water

- Performed our monthly water test and took them to the Lincoln lab. They came back good.
- Read all water meters in the city, had one shut off.
- Had a call from the COOP about not having any water, The problem was the meter was frozen, and we took a heat gun and slowly warmed the meter to thaw the water line. We also found out the old meter at the COOP did not count gallons, so we replaced it with a new meter and wire. We also added insulation inside the pit to help it from freezing again.
- Had a call from 16300 Cottonwood Rd about no water, The problem was the water line was frozen by the meter, added a space heater to the meter pit to thaw slowly.
- Removed old brass body water meters from 165 Jefferson, 105 Vince Dr, 260 Jefferson St and 265 Arbor Cir for not reading and replaced them with new IPERL meters.
- Had 3 new meter pits installed, 1380 Hackberry St., 1015 Evergreen Rd, and 370 Cottonwood Ct.
- All 3 pits had inspections done and all Passed
- Ordered more ¾ inch water meters.
- Ordered 7 new 1” meter pits

### **Needs:**

- Look into hiring out a company to clean the tower after we get the vultures to move elsewhere.

## Wastewater Treatment Plant/ Sewer

- Completed monthly effluent testing and delivered to the lab in Omaha. They came back good.
- Completed DMR for January
- We have both air compressors at the treatment plant repaired and are running smoothly with no problems.
- Replaced a couple of light bulbs on the outside of the WWTP building
- We had 3 sewer inspections. All for the same addresses as the meter pits. They all Passed

### **Needs:**

- Get pricing for UV cables for disinfection system.
- Need to order seal kits to be able to repair air valves and to have a few on hand for when they go bad. (\$250 each)
- Rock should be added inside of the treatment plant compound and lift station drive.

## Streets

- Called Nebraska City Utilities to set up a time to met with Logan Crunk on possible streetlights being added to Cottonwood and Tyler St on the gravel road.

- Ordered seat covers for the 2014 Ford and 2024 Ford
- Built new cubby shelves in the tool room at the Maintenance shed.
- Took down Christmas lights and put them in storage
- Allo started boring for fiber internet.
- Cleared snow from the streets
- Took 99 Sierra into the shop to have the breaks worked on. He was unable to repair it without costing too much.
- We had 3 curb cut inspections- 1380 Hackberry, 1015 and 1025 Evergreen Rd(all Passed)
- Worked on Salt spreader on the Sierra. Ordered new bearings (\$115) that will be here Monday. If that doesn't fix the problem completely we will have to get a new auger motor (\$450)

**Needs:**

- Need to decide on putting some decent money into the 99 Sierra truck (about \$3k-\$5k. Breaks, break lines, tires, engine tune up, door pins.) or look into buying a different truck for a replacement "Grounds Truck" for spreading rock/salt and to use for mowing, trimming etc. We are going to try to limp it around for the rest of the snow season.

**General**

- General winter maintenance of all city owned properties.
- The Framing and electricity for the remodel on the City Office started.
- Drywall and insulation to start being done later this week or the beginning of next.
- Took dump trailer full of office remodel to Lincoln dump.
- Picked up Drywall and 2x4s and insulation for the office remodel.
- Picked up 10 8 ft LED lights for the office remodel

**Needs:**

- Nothing new to add.

**Dump**

- Pushed up the brush pile
- Turned compost pile.
- Loaded metal into metal bins.

**Needs:**

- Could use some rock on the drive around the brush pile

**Parks and Ballfields**

**City Park:**

- Picked up some down tree branches from the park and took them to the brush pile.

**Needs:**

- Should add some dirt/sand to dips and do fertilizing and seeding of the lawn, lot of dead spots and dips for people to trip over. (early spring)
- Look into adding some sort of post and cable fence around the park to keep cars/utvs off the park grass. As well as adding some rock around the east and north side and possible south sides of the park to have some more parking spaces.

**Whispering Pines:**

- Nothing was needed done during this month

**Needs:**

- Need to have mulch added to tree bases and entrance garden and around bridge gardens.

**T-Ball Field:**

- Nothing was needed done during this month

**Needs:**

- Mulch needs to be added around bleachers, trees, and landscaping.

**South Ballfield:**

- Nothing was needed done during this month

**Needs:**

- Mulch added around trees.
- The crow's nest and concession stand remodel needs to be finished.
- Should have the dugout benches and back stop painted.
- Possibly and a wooden cover for the window that was recently replaced on the crows nest to protect it from vandalism.

*Zach Fergus*

*Superintendent of Utilities*

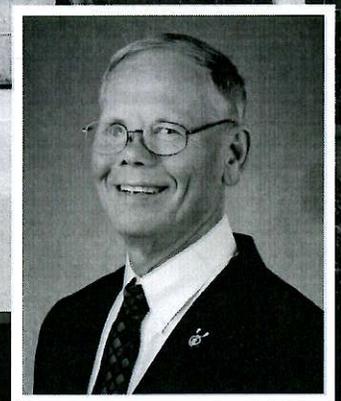
*City of Bennet*

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League President Matt Seeman

Mayor of Aurora



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**MUNICIPAL TREASURERS:** The State Auditor's Office approved 14 hours of continuing education.

**MUNICIPAL ATTORNEYS:** The Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Commission approved 8.08 hours of CLE credit.

### Tentative Conference Program (subject to change)

#### Monday, February 24, 2025

- 7:30–8 am**            **Registration:** Visit Display Areas (coffee and rolls available)
- 8–8:10 am**            **Welcome**  
*League President Marlin Seeman, Mayor, Aurora*
- 8:10–9:15 am**        **Panel of State Senators and Others Discussing Legislative Issues of Municipal Importance**  
*Sen. Terrell McKinney, Chair of the Urban Affairs Committee*  
*Sen. Rita Sanders, Chair of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee*  
*Sen. Brad von Gillern, Vice Chair of the Revenue Committee*
- 9:15–9:30 am**        **Break:** Visit Display Areas
- 9:30–10:30 am**      **Affordable Housing/Workforce Housing Updates; Strategic Housing Framework**  
*K.C. Belitz, Director, Nebraska Department of Economic Development*  
*Shannon Harner, Executive Director, Nebraska Investment Finance Authority*
- 10:30–10:45 am**    **Break:** Visit Display Areas
- 10:45–11:45 am**    **League Legislative Update**  
*L. Lynn Rex, Executive Director, LNM*
- 11:45 am–12 pm**    **Break:** Visit Display Areas
- 12–1:30 pm**        **Luncheon**  
**Special Keynote Address by Melissa Hinrichs, Coach/Facilitator at EngagedLeadership**  
*Melissa applies a strengths-based lens to uncover, explore, and grow the potential of every individual and team.*
- 1:30–1:45 pm**        **Break:** Visit Display Areas
- 1:45–2:45 pm**        **Concurrent Sessions:**
- A. Zoning:** Understanding the importance of zoning and how to protect yourself from what you don't know!  
(Session repeated at 3 pm)  
*Dave Ptak, Former City Attorney; Former City Administrator; frequent lecturer on planning and zoning matters*
  - B. (Newly Elected/Appointed Officials) LEGAL OVERVIEW**  
**Public Records Law and Transparency in Government:** Learn how to limit your liability.  
*Christy Abraham, Legal Counsel, LNM*
  - C. NEMA Panel:** "We have a plan...What could go wrong?" Don't miss this live tabletop example of local emergency operations planning for local officials.  
(Session repeated at 3 pm)  
*Erv Portis, Assistant Director, NEMA*  
*Jim Anderson, Mayor, Ashland*  
*Jerry Johnson, Mayor, Wahoo*  
*Jessica Quady, City Administrator, Ashland*  
*Melissa Harrell, City Administrator/Treasurer, Wahoo*
  - D. Upgrading the Good Life:** Using trends in inter-state migration to modernize Nebraska's workforce recruitment.  
(Session repeated at 3 pm)  
*Ethan Kimbrough, Economist, Nebraska Department of Economic Development*

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### Conference Information

Designed for elected or appointed officials, the focus of the **2025 Midwinter Conference** will be current and proposed legislation and how it affects local governments. A highlight of the two-day conference will be the Senator Appreciation Luncheon, which offers municipal officials an opportunity to meet and visit with their State Senators.

#### Hotel Reservations

- All conference sessions will be held at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, 333 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE 68508.
- To make room reservations at the Cornhusker, call 1-866-706-7706 or 402-474-7474 or [book online](#). When calling to reserve a room, please state that you are attending the League's conference to obtain the special room rate. The deadline for reserving a room is **Feb. 4**.
- The room rate is \$112 for a single or double room with Government ID card. If you need an ID card, contact the League office. Individual guest accounts are payable at check out by cash or credit card.
- Check in time is approximately 4 p.m.; check out time is 11 a.m.
- The preregistration deadline is **Feb. 7**. Registrations received after this date will incur higher registration costs. Advance registrations not cancelled by this date or "no shows" will be billed since the sessions will be recorded and sent to registered delegates for viewing through May 31, 2025.
- If you need special accommodations or equipment at this conference, contact the League office by **Feb. 7**.
- To meet printing schedules for the conference materials, sponsor fund or display table information must be returned by **Feb. 7**.
- For your comfort, we recommend that you wear layered clothing or bring a jacket because heating and cooling conditions may vary.



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### Monday, February 24, 2025 (con't.)

2:45–3 pm

Break: Visit Display Areas

3–4 pm

#### Concurrent Sessions:

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*(Repeat of 1:45 pm session)*

**Dave Ptak**, Former City Attorney; Former City Administrator; frequent lecturer on planning and zoning matters

**B. (Newly Elected/Appointed Officials) LEGAL OVERVIEW**

**Budgeting:** Better understanding the law and the process.

**Christy Abraham**, Legal Counsel, LNM

**C. NEMA Panel:** "We have a plan...What could go wrong?" Don't miss this live tabletop example of local emergency operations planning for local officials.

*(Repeat of 1:45 pm session)*

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**Ethan Kimbrough**, Economist, Nebraska Department of Economic Development

**E. League Insurance Government Health Team (LIGHT):** Learn more about the League's health insurance plan for municipal employees in partnership with Blue Cross and Blue Shield; Understand the challenges of "self-funded programs" like the Chamber plan.

*(Session repeated Tuesday at 10:45 am)*

**Dennis Maggart**, President, McInnes Maggart Consulting Group

**Sue Warner**, Strategic Account Executive, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska

4–4:15 pm

Break: Visit Display Areas

4:15–5:30 pm

#### Section Meetings:

Mayors and Village Board Chairs

Smaller Cities and Villages

Larger Cities

Clerks

City Managers/Administrators

Utilities Section

### Tuesday, February 25, 2025

8 am

Registration: Visit Display Areas (coffee and rolls available)

8:15–9:15 am

#### Concurrent Sessions:

**A. Local Option Sales Tax (Requiring Approval by Local Voters):** Learn how 265 cities and villages in Nebraska use local option sales tax dollars to fund critically important projects and programs to reduce property taxes; and/or fund LB 840 plans (Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act); as well as finance infrastructure improvements for streets, roads, libraries, etc.; affordable and/or workforce housing projects; etc.

**Emily Bausch**, City Administrator, Plattsmouth

**Jeff Hofaker**, City Administrator, Sutton

**Nate Schneider**, City Manager, McCook

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Tuesday, February 25, 2025 (con't.)

8:15–9:15 am

**Concurrent Sessions: (con't.)**

**B. (Newly Elected/Appointed Officials) LEGAL OVERVIEW**

- 1) Tort Claims Liability
- 2) Recreational Liability
- 3) Bidding and Purchasing

*Lash Chaffin, Utilities Section Director, LNM*

**C. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Update and NDOT Infrastructure Grant Portal:**

Learn about important resources for local governments applying for grants and how to more easily access potential funding.

*(Session repeated at 9:30 am)*

*Wayne Fedora, Nebraska Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration*

*Jenna Habegger, PMP, Highway Planning Manager – Nebraska Infrastructure Hub, Local Assistance Division – NDOT*

*Dina Harris, Highway Programs Specialist – Nebraska Infrastructure Hub, Local Assistance Division – NDOT*

**D. Flood Risk Awareness Project:** Learn about this project and findings by UNL in partnership with the Nebraska Department of Economic Development on public risk awareness, hazard mitigation and recovery; Find out how CDBG Grants can help financial mitigation needs.

*(Session repeated at 9:30 am)*

*Jenny Mason, Director – Community Development Disaster Recovery Division, NDED*

*Zhenghong Tang, Program Director, UNL Community and Regional Planning Program*

9 am–4 pm

**Fire Chiefs Section Meeting**

9:15–9:30 am

**Break:** Visit Display Areas

9:30–10:30 am

**Concurrent Sessions:**

**A. Emotional Support Animals (ESAs):** Learn what can and cannot be required by municipalities.

*(Session repeated at 10:45 am)*

*Madison Wurtele, Staff Attorney, Disability Rights Nebraska*

**B. (Newly Elected/Appointed Officials) LEGAL OVERVIEW**

- 1) Public Works/Utilities
- 2) Environmental Requirements
- 3) Code Enforcement

*Lash Chaffin, Utilities Section Director, LNM*

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**Open Meetings Act**

**L. Lynn Rex**, Executive Director, LNM

**C. League Insurance Government Health Team (LIGHT):** Learn more about the League's health insurance plan for municipal employees in partnership with Blue Cross and Blue Shield; Understand the challenges of "self-funded programs" like the Chamber plan.

*(Repeat of session at 3 pm on Monday)*

**Dennis Maggart**, President, McInnes Maggart Consulting Group

**Sue Warner**, Strategic Account Executive, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska

**D. AmeriCorps NCCC/ServeNebraska:** Learn how to access personnel assisting your community, free of charge!

**Audra Piotti**, Assistant Program Director, AmeriCorps NCCC

11:45 am–12 pm Break: Visit Display Areas

12 pm Designated Delegates with White Ribbons on Their Name Badges: Greet your State Senator.

12–1:10 pm Senator Appreciation Luncheon

1:10 pm Adjournment – Thank you for coming! Please drive safely!

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### Delegate Registration

Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (as you want it to appear on name tag): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse (if attending): \_\_\_\_\_

First League Conference? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Advanced payment encouraged)

Billing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

	Through Feb. 7	After Feb. 7	Recordings Only (prepayment required)
<b>Conference:</b> (Includes electronic handbook; meals are extra)			
Per city/village official, League member	_____ \$395	_____ \$425	_____ \$395
<b>Partial conference attendance:</b> (Includes electronic handbook; meals are extra)			
Monday sessions	_____ \$300	_____ \$330	_____ \$300
Tuesday morning only	_____ \$150	_____ \$170	_____ \$150
<b>Conference Total:</b>	\$ _____		

**Meals:** (not included in registration fee; indicate number needed by Feb. 7)

Monday Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_ \$33

Tuesday Senator Appreciation Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_ \$33

**Meals Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Online registration will open Jan. 13.**