

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Henderson, Nebraska was held at 7:00 p.m. on December 9, 2025 at City Hall in Henderson, Nebraska. Notice of this meeting was posted at City Hall and published in the December 4, 2025, *Henderson News*.

Mayor Corbin Tessman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Tessman declared the meeting to be legal and properly advertised with all members having been informed of the nature of the meeting and having received related information. Mayor Tessman referred to the open meetings law poster and stated if a member of the public wishes to speak on matters not listed on the agenda, they may speak during the public forum period. The public may request the item to be placed on a future agenda for deliberation and/or action.

During the public forum period, speakers will be given five minutes to address the Board. The public should be aware that the Board is unable, by law, to deliberate or act on the items raised during the public forum period.

Roll call showed the following present: Mayor Corbin Tessman. Council members: Brian Hiebner, Kevin Friesen, Teri Pollet and Jordan Hiebner.

Minutes from the November 11, November 18, November 19 and November 20, 2025 meetings were reviewed. Kevin Friesen made a motion to accept all the minutes as presented. Teri Pollet seconded. Roll vote: Ayes - Kevin Friesen, Teri Pollet, Brian Hiebner and Jordan Hiebner. Motion carried.

Teri Pollet made a motion to pay the claims as presented. Brian Hiebner seconded. Roll vote: Ayes – Teri Pollet, Brian Hiebner, Jordan Hiebner and Kevin Friesen. Motion carried.

Two building permits were issued since the last meeting. Brian Janzen for a pivot within the one mile jurisdiction and Shelisa Smith for a garage.

No one was present for the public forum.

Janice Epp was present on behalf of Jennie Friesen to inform the council Jennie has signed the insurance release form for the sewer backup that occurred earlier in the year. No formal action taken.

Kevin Friesen made a motion to adopt Resolution #2025-06, a resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign the Year-End Certification of Street Superintendent for 2025. Teri Pollet seconded. Roll vote: Ayes - Kevin Friesen, Teri Pollet, Jordan Hiebner and Brian Hiebner. Motion carried.

Brian Hiebner made a motion to table the ATV resolution to the January meeting to allow the attorney to get the resolution prepared. Jordan Hiebner seconded. Roll vote: Brian Hiebner, Jordan Hiebner, Teri Pollet and Kevin Friesen.

The third and final reading was held for Ordinance #477, an ordinance to increase water rates. Teri Pollet made a motion to adopt Ordinance #477 to increase water rates by 3% starting January 1, 2026. Kevin Friesen seconded. Roll vote: Ayes - Teri Pollet, Kevin Friesen, Jordan Hiebner and Brian Hiebner. Motion carried.

The third and final reading was held for Ordinance #478, an ordinance to increase sewer rates. Brian Hiebner made a motion to adopt Ordinance #478 to increase sewer rates by 3% starting January 1, 2026. Jordan Hiebner seconded. Roll call: Ayes - Brian Hiebner, Jordan Hiebner, Kevin Friesen and Teri Pollet. Motion carried.

Kevin Friesen made a motion to authorize a winter shut down for VanKirks to reconstruct 10th Street until weather is more suitable as recommended by engineers. Jordan Hiebner seconded. Roll vote: Ayes - Kevin Friesen, Jordan Hiebner, Brian Hiebner and Teri Pollet. Motion carried.

Two estimates to replace some Parkview Drive panels of concrete that have cracked or settled were reviewed. VanKirk Brother's Contracting estimate was \$61,164 and Friesen Construction's estimate was \$41,245.

Brian Hiebner made a motion to approve Friesen Construction's estimate in the amount of \$41,245 and to start in the spring when the weather is suitable. Kevin Friesen seconded. Roll vote: Ayes – Brian Hiebner, Kevin Friesen, Teri Pollet and Jordan Hiebner. Motion carried.

Kevin Friesen made a motion to approve the Mayor's recommendation for 2026 appointments to include Miller and Associates as the City Engineer and Reed Miller as the Street Superintendent. Jordan Hiebner seconded. Roll vote: Ayes - Kevin Friesen, Jordan Hiebner, Teri Pollet and Brian Hiebner. Motion carried.

Jordan Hiebner made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointment recommendations for 2026. Kevin Friesen seconded. Discussion was had on the Recreation Administrators and it was decided this will need further discussion and to appoint this at a later date. Roll vote: Ayes - none. Nayes - Jordan Hiebner, Kevin Friesen, Teri Pollet and Brian Hiebner. Motion failed.

Teri Pollet made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointment recommendations for 2026 except for the Recreation Administrators which will be determined at a later date. Kevin Friesen seconded. Roll vote: Ayes - Teri Pollet, Kevin Friesen, Brian Hiebner and Jordan Hiebner. Motion carried.

Mayor appointment recommendations for 2026 are as follows:

Water & Sewer Commissioner	Brian Hiebner
Swimming Pool/Recreation Commissioner	Teri Pollet
Parks Commissioner	Mitch Huxell Jordan Hiebner
Street Commissioner	Kevin J. Friesen
City Clerk	Connie Brown
City Attorney	Charles Campbell
Deputy City Attorney	Mike Murphy
City Engineer	Miller & Associates
Street Superintendent	Reed Miller - Miller & Associates
Chief of Police	John Prusia
Zoning Administrator	Milan Mierau
Health Officer	Dr. Jim Ohrt/Dr. Chris Vanderneck
Recreation Administrators	To be determined
Pool Administrator	Angie Bergen

Teri Pollet made a motion to adjourn. Jordan Hiebner seconded. Roll vote: Ayes - Teri Pollet, Jordan Hiebner, Brian Hiebner and Kevin Friesen. Motion carried.

Corbin A. Tessman, Mayor
Connie Brown, City Clerk