

REGULAR MEETING

A meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Cozad, Dawson County, Nebraska was convened in an open and public session at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2026, in the Council Chambers of the City Office Building at 215 West 8th Street. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is available in the Council Chambers.

Present for the meeting were: Mayor Marcus Kloepping, City Administrator Mike Morgan, Deputy Clerk Kelly Peden, Councilmembers Jordan Curtice, Pat Worthman, David Hernandez, Commissioner Troy Franzen, Attorney Mike Tye.

Absent: Councilmember Jennifer Howerter, City Clerk/Treasurer Brandi Kloepping and City Attorney Jennifer Rowling.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publishing in the Cozad Local. Advance notice and a copy of the agenda was given to members of the City Council. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

Mayor Kloepping opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Worthman moved, Howerter seconded, to approve the consent agenda which included:

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Roll call vote: Yea – Hernandez, Curtice, Worthman. No – None. Absent and not voting: Howerter.

Worthman moved, Hernandez seconded, to approve claims excluding none. 222 HARDWARE – 2329.88-SU-, A to Z Databases - 729.00-SU-, AMAZON BUSINESS - 2134.58-SU-, First Net At & T - 405.40-EX-, Benchmark Government Solutions LLC - 513.80-EX-, CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING 604.61 SU-, CENGAGE LEARNING INC/GALE - 120.54-SU-, CENTER POINT INC - 51.80-SU-, COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE - 10409.91-SU-, COZAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - 50.00-EX-, COZAD SERVICES – 1081.28-SU-, CULLIGAN - 319.79-SU-, Cozad Auto Supply – 904.48-SU-Cozad Local / For the Record, LLC –287.16-EX- DANKO - 311.00-SU-, DAS STATE A-CCTG- CENTRAL FINANCE - 150.00-EX-, DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT - 387.04-EX-, DAWSON PEST CONTROL - 54.50-EX- DETERDING'S CLASSIC SPA-13638.90-SU-, Joyce Dowty - 1242.19-SU- EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS -1197.55-SU-, EARLS AUTO GLASS LLC - 411.78-EX-, ECOLAB PEST ELIMINATION DIVISION -212.88-EX-, EFTPS -18337.16-EX-, Elan Financial Services - 2259.55-EX-, Equitable Financial Life Insurance Co of America - 107.88-EX-, FLASH ELECTRIC, LLC – 1086.37-EX-, GARRETT TIRES & TREADS - 36.00-EX-, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE - 426.24-EX-, ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO – 20.40-SU-, Rex Kotschwar – 240.00-EX-, LEXINGTON AREA SOLIDWASTE AGENCY - 13595.70-EX-, Mike Morgan- Consulting -3217.50-EX-, NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT - 198.93-EX-, NEBRASKA DEPT REVENUE – 2521.40-EX-, NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT - 75.00-EX-, NEBRASKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION - 75.00-EX-, NORTHPLATTE TELEGRAPH –EX- 657.39-SU-, Nebraska State Fire Marshall Agency - 144.00-EX-, OCLC INC - 610.25-SU-, ONEFACE LLC - 998.00-EX-, OVERDRIVE - 1451.89-SU-, Oliver Consulting Services, Inc. - 177.42-EX-, Overton Sand & Gravel Co - 9964.31-SU-, PAULSEN INC –2598.59-SU-, PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS INC - 270.25-EX-, RDO TRUCK CENTERS – 2894.12-SU-, NICHOLAS REYNOLDS - 24.50-SU-, Riverside Painting LLC - 350.00-EX-, SERVICE DRUG - 12.98-SU-, SUN LIFE FINANCIAL - 17.01-EX-, T A S C - 1480.30-EX-, Traffic Logix - 3253.00-EX-, Turner Technology – 1367.50-EX-, VOYA FINANCIAL - 8821.26-EX-, WEX BANK - 1100.81-SU-, Wilson Public Library - 19.07-EX-, LAURIE YOCOM- 22.47-SU-, Total - 112470.32 Roll call vote: Yea – Hernandez, Worthman, Curtice. No – None. Absent and not voting: Howerter.

Worthman moved, Curtice seconded, to approve the 3rd & Final reading of Ordinance 1584 Water/Sewer Rates. Roll call vote: Yea – Hernandez, Worthman, Curtice. No – None. Absent and not voting: Howerter.

Deputy Clerk Peden read the ordinance by title.

ORDINANCE NO. 1584

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COZAD, DAWSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AMENDING SECTIONS 54.09 AND 55.09(B) OF THE COZAD MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING MUNICIPAL WATER RATES AND MUNICIPAL SEWER USER CHARGES, REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

Curtice moved, Worthman seconded, to approve the contract for Interim City Administrator Mike Morgan until December 31, 2026. Roll call vote; Yea- Hernandez, Curtice, Worthman. No-None. Absent and not voting: Howerter.

Worthman moved, Hernandez seconded, to approve Resolution 2026-8- Surplus Police Vehicle. Roll call vote; Yea- Hernandez, Curtice, Worthman. No-None. Absent and not voting: Howerter.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-8
OF THE
CITY OF COZAD, NEBRASKA

WHEREAS, the City of Cozad, Nebraska, is the legal owner of certain equipment no longer needed for municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute § 17-503.02, the City Council has the authority to sell or otherwise dispose of property deemed surplus; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the following item is surplus and is no longer useful or necessary for municipal operations:

- 2017 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor Utility VIN# 1FM5K8AR4HGB92971 in used condition

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COZAD, NEBRASKA:

Sec. 1. That the above-described equipment is declared surplus and is authorized to be disposed of as appropriate.

Sec. 2. That proceeds if any shall be deposited into the General Fund.

Curtice moved, Worthman seconded, to approve Resolution 2026-9 for initial LIGHT Election 2026-2027. Roll call vote; Yea- Hernandez, Curtice, Worthman. No-None. Absent and not voting: Howerter.

RESOLUTION 2026-9

League Insurance Government Health Team Annual Benefits

WHEREAS, the Municipality desires to become a member of the League Insurance Government Health Team ("LIGHT"); and

WHEREAS, the Municipality desires to approve the League Insurance Government Health Team Interlocal Agreement (the "Interlocal Agreement") providing for membership in LIGHT; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality desires to approve the LIGHT Membership Agreement providing for membership in LIGHT; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality desires to approve health insurance coverage for the 2026-2027 plan year through the LIGHT Member Health Plan and the Municipality's participation in LIGHT for the 2026-2027 plan year; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality desires to authorize and direct its City Clerk to enter into the LIGHT subgroup application, membership agreement, and any other contract, agreement, or other instrument necessary for implementing the foregoing resolutions.

RESOLVED, that the Municipality approves membership in LIGHT.

RESOLVED, that the Municipality authorizes and directs City Clerk to enter into the LIGHT Interlocal Agreement and the LIGHT Membership Agreement reflecting membership in LIGHT.

RESOLVED, that the Municipality approves health insurance coverage for the Municipality for the 2026-2027 plan year through the LIGHT Member Health Plan.

RESOLVED, the Municipality approves ancillary coverages for the 2026-2027 plan year.

RESOLVED, the Municipality authorizes and directs City Clerk to enter into the LIGHT subgroup application, membership agreement, and any other contract, agreement, or other instrument necessary for implementing the foregoing resolutions.

Curtice moved, Worthman seconded, to approve Resolution 2026-9 to authorize membership in LIGHT (interlocal agreement). Roll call vote; Yea- Hernandez, Curtice, Worthman. No-None. Absent and not voting: Howerter.

RESOLUTION 2026-10

To Authorize Membership in the League Insurance Government Health Team (LIGHT)

WHEREAS, the Municipality desires to enter into the League Insurance Government Health Team Interlocal Agreement (the "Interlocal Agreement") attached hereto.

RESOLVED, that the Municipality approves and enters into the Interlocal Agreement and authorizes the Clerk of the Municipality to execute the Interlocal Agreement.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Municipality approves the attached League Insurance Government Health Team Membership Agreement (the "Membership Agreement") and authorizes the Clerk of the Municipality to execute the Membership Agreement.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Municipality authorizes and directs the Clerk of the Municipality to execute such documents and take such action as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the Municipality's membership in LIGHT and to obtain coverage for Municipal employees through the LIGHT Member Health Plan.

Worthman moved, Curtice seconded, to start the Bellamy property preparation for disposition. Roll call vote; Yea- Hernandez, Curtice, Worthman. No-None. Absent and not voting: Howerter.

Deputy Clerk Peden read an update on The Greener Towns grant for Melanie Nutt.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:07pm.



Marcus Kloepping, Mayor of the City of Cozad



Kelly Peden, Deputy Clerk

