

REGULAR MEETING

A meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Cozad, Dawson County, Nebraska was convened in an open and public session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2026, in the Council Chambers of the City Office Building at 215 West 8th Street. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the Council Chambers.

Present for the meeting were: City Attorney Jennifer Rowling, Mayor Marcus Kloepping, City Clerk Brandi Kloepping, Councilmembers Jordan Curtice, Pat Worthman, Jennifer Howerter, David Hernandez, Chief Nick Reynolds, Commissioner Troy Franzen.

Absent: Commissioner Jimmy Weinmaster, Library Director Laurie Yocom, Commissioner Chris White.

Also present: Fire Chief Jason Schneider, Rescue Chief Jennifer Schneider, Dave Schroeder with KRVN, Bill and Heather Wilkens 2219 Meadowlark, Misty Keim 2601 Newell Street, Deb Lindstedt 2401 Newell Street, Allison Johnson with Cozad Airport 3305 Newell Street, Leland Spanjer with Cozad Airport Authority 618 W 19th Street, Attorney Amanda Jolee with Husch Blackwell, Scott Buell with Buell Consulting.

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 7:00 p.m.

Curtice moved, Howerter seconded, to open the public hearing for approval or denial of the request for a tower permit from the Towers, LLC to install a wireless communication tower at the Southeast Quarter of Section 31, Township 11 North, Range 23 West of the 6th P.M. at 7:01 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Hernandez, Worthman, Howerter, Curtice. No – None.

Heather Wilkens, Misty Keim, Deb Lindstedt, and Bill Wilkens gave their reasons for opposing the tower being allowed in the location.

Scott Buell discussed that the tower is allowed per the airport regulations with a conditional use permit which is what they filed and the FAA did determine that it is not a problem in the area at the last location.

Allison Johnson and Leland Spanjer mentioned their reasons for opposing as well.

Howerter moved, Worthman seconded, to close the public hearing at 7:21 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Curtice, Worthman, Howerter. No – Hernandez.

Mayor Kloepping stated that there is a pending federal lawsuit regarding the denial of the tower and the Planning Commission was not aware of the litigation prior to their meeting.

Curtice moved, Worthman seconded, to approve the tower conditional use permit as presented. Roll call vote: Yea – Howerter, Worthman, Curtice. No – Hernandez.

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

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LIHEAP Home Energy Utility Provider Agreement Update – Clerk to sign

Roll call vote: Yea - Hernandez, Howerter, Worthman, Curtice. No – None.

Worthman moved, Howerter seconded, to approve claims excluding none: AT & T Mobility - 283.78-EX, BROAD REACH BOOKS - 102.88-SU, Business Radio Licensing - 1420.00-EX, CENGAGE LEARNING INC/GALE – 140.99-SU, COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE -3168.03-SU, COZAD LOCAL – 109.14-EX, COZAD SERVICES -2725.81-EX, COZAD VETERINARY CLINIC - 176.00-EX, CULLIGAN - 66.50-EX, Cozad Auto Supply – 203.63-SU, Crowne Plaza Kearney - 319.90-EX, DANKO – 9282.79-SU, DAS STATE ACCTG - 150.00-EX, DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT - 220.10-EX, DAWSON COUNTY SHERIFF – 30250.00-EX, EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS - 361.98-SU-, ECOLAB PEST ELIMINATION DIVISION -206.23-EX, EFTPS – 14027.84-EX, EMC Insurance Companies - 847.00-EX, Elan Financial Services – 5597.04-SU, Equitable Financial Life Insurance Co of America- 89.84-EX, FYR - TEK INC - 553.50-SU, Illinois Library Association - 187.70-EX, Jeff Stroymyer - 100.80-EX, LEXINGTON AREA SOLIDWASTE 10292.09-EX, MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS - 70.00-EX, MacQueen Equipment LLC - 465.00-EX, Medica - 400.00-EX, NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT - 198.93-EX, NEBRASKA DEPT REVENUE - 1916.95-EX, Nebraska

State patrol - 203.00-EX, OVERDRIVE - 729.09-EX, Oliver Consulting Services, Inc. - 357.42-EX, PAULSEN INC -1820.93-SU ,REGISTER OF DEEDS - 10.00-EX, NICHOLAS REYNOLDS - 52.80-SU, SERVICE DRUG - 253.78-SU, SYNDICATE PUBLISHING, L.L.C. - 372.00-EX, T A S C - 1479.89-EX, The Lincoln National Life Insurance Comp- 233.55-EX, Troy's Tire & Auto - 1024.14-SU, Turner Technology – 507.50-EX, VOYA FINANCIAL - 8597.55-EX, Verizon Wireless - 80.02-ex, WEX BANK - 719.43-SU, Willow Lane Education - 54.98-SU, Wilson Public Library -43.52-EX, Total - 100474.05 Roll call vote: Yea –Curtice, Hernandez, Howerter, Worthman. No – None.

Worthman moved, Howerter seconded, to approve the extension request for CDBG Downtown Revitalization Program Grant #23-DTR-004. Roll call vote: Yea –Howerter, Hernandez, Curtice, Worthman. No – None.

Commissioner Franzen discussed the SRF loan will cover the E 12th Street water main project from Newell to E Street and most of E Street to Meridian Avenue. Franzen stated that it will add 2 more loops to get better fire protection and make more water available to several services.

Howerter moved, Worthman seconded, to approve extra funding of approximately \$20 -25,000 to do the entire 7 blocks of E 12th Street. Roll call vote: Yea – Hernandez, Curtice, Worthman, Howerter. No – None.

Curtice moved, Howerter seconded, to introduce and waive the 3 readings of Ordinance 1579. Roll call vote: Yea – Hernandez, Worthman, Howerter, Curtice. No – None.

Clerk Kloepping read the Ordinance by title.

ORDINANCE NO. 1579

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF COZAD, NEBRASKA, AND THE STATE OF NEBRASKA, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING A LOAN FROM THE NEBRASKA STATE REVOLVING LOAN FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING A CLEAN WATER PROJECT; ESTABLISHING A DEDICATED SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR REPAYMENT OF SUCH LOAN; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING CERTAIN DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE LOAN AGREEMENT.

Curtice moved, Worthman seconded, to adopt Ordinance 1579. Roll call vote: Yea – Howerter, Hernandez, Worthman, Curtice. No – None.

Curtice moved, Howerter seconded, to approve Resolution 2026-5 directing the sale of municipality real estate used by the Cozad Airport. Roll call vote: Yea – Worthman, Hernandez, Howerter, Curtice. No – None.

RESOLUTION 2026-5

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COZAD, DAWSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA, DIRECTING THE SALE OF CERTAIN REAL ESTATE OWNED BY THE MUNICIPALITY AND PROVIDING NOTICE AND TERMS OF SALE.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COZAD, DAWSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. The following described real estate is currently owned by the City of Cozad and is used by the Cozad Airport Authority and is not used in the operation of public utilities:

Lots 3 and 4 of Block 3 Airport Addition to the City of Cozad, Dawson County, Nebraska.

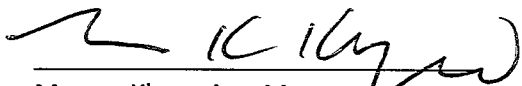
Said real estate was acquired at the cost and expense of the Cozad Airport Authority and the property is no longer required for airport operations. The Authority hereby exercises its power to sell the real estate and retain the proceeds of such sale. The real estate shall be sold to Machel Smith Rental Properties LLC (Purchaser), for a cash price of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.00) Dollars, due and payable upon delivery of title to sale real estate to the purchaser.

Section 2. The Authority Chairman, Joel Heitz, and Authority Secretary, Chandra Anderson, are directed to execute and deliver a Warranty Deed on Behalf of the City of Cozad conveying title to said real estate to said Purchaser upon receipt by the Cozad Airport Authority for the full purchase price.

Section 3. In the event of a remonstrance against the sale of said real estate, signed by legal electors of the City of Cozad, Nebraska, equal in number to 30% of the electors of said city voting at the last regular municipal election shall be filed with the Cozad City Clerk on or before May 9, 2026 at 4:00 p.m., this Resolution shall be repealed and the real estate will not be sold by the Cozad Airport Authority.

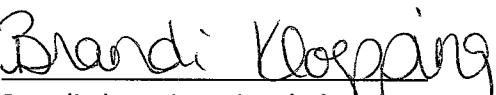
Section 4. The sale of said real estate by the Cozad Airport Authority is being made under the statutory authority of Neb. Rev. Stat. §3-503 and §17-503.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day of March, 2026.



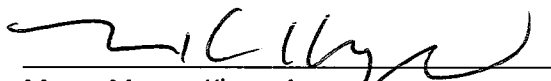
Marcus Kloeping, Mayor

ATTEST:



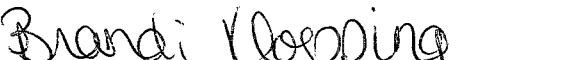
Brandi Kloeping, City Clerk

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Mayor Marcus Kloeping

ATTEST:



City Clerk/Treasurer Brandi Kloeping

