

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, April 20, 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, Library Director Laurie Yocom, Electric Lineman Zeb Knackstedt.

Absent: Commissioner Chris White, Commissioner Jimmy Weinmaster.

Also present: Jordan Starman with Cozad Chamber, Charles McGraw with Ryde Transit, Deb Leahy 705 E 7th, Vicki Schneider 1715 Papio, Tamie Thurn 2111 Ave D, Chadd Bice 301 E 19th, Donna Kendrick 2012 Meridian, Jean Shaughnessy 42711 Road 760, Rosalie Mayfield 210 W 10th, Byron Clemson 704 E 19th, Mel Nutt with Cozad Local, Dave Schroeder with KRVN.

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, Worthman seconded, to open the public hearing for approval of recommendation from the Cozad Planning Commission on the approval of the rezoning R-3 to R-1 for correction of zoning to be in accordance with the zoning regulations at Lot 1 Block 1 Thrive Zone Addition at 7:01 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Howerter, Hernandez, Worthman, Curtice. No – None.

Howerter moved, Worthman seconded, to close the public hearing at 7:02 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Hernandez, Curtice, Worthman, Howerter. No – None.

Curtice moved, Worthman seconded, to approve rezoning Lot 1 Block 1 Thrive Addition from R-3 to R-1 for correction of zoning to be in accordance with the zoning regulations. Roll call vote: Yea – Howerter, Hernandez, Worthman, Curtice. No – None.

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

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Change Order #1 for 12th Street Water Main Replacement – 119-C1-001

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

Howerter moved, Curtice seconded, to approve claims excluding none: 911 CUSTOM LLC – 2558.00-SU, AT & T Mobility - 398.02-SU, CENGAGE LEARNING INC/GALE -82.65-SU, COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE - 8138.02-SU, COZAD DEVELOPMENTCORPORATION - 250.00-EX, Cozad Auto Supply – 1768.18-SU, Cozad Local / For the Record, LLC – 693.39-EX, Credit Service of Logan - 220.0-EX, DANKO - 1229.00-SU, DAS STATE ACCTG- CENTRAL FINANCE - 150.00—EX, DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRIC - 178.51-EX, DAWSON PEST CONTROL - 54.50-EX, DOUBLE L EMBROIDERY - 212.80-SU, EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS – 628.21-SU, EFTPS – 14839.50-EX, Elan Financial Services - 2718.22-SU, Equitable Financial Lif Ins Co of America - 99.92-EX, FRAE INC -125.00-EX, FYR - TEK INC - 244655.00-SU, 328.59, GALLS, LLC - 250.10-SU, GARRETT TIRES & TREADS -717.61-EX, Heritage Landscape Supply Group – 2947.01-SU, INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MUNICIPAL CLE - 135.00-EX, JACK'S WELDING LLC – 230.37-EX, LEXINGTON AREA SOLIDWASTE AGEN - 22345.21-EX, NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT - 198.93-EX, NEBRASKA DEPT REVENUE - 2021.72-EX, NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT – 542.00-EX, Nebraska Generator Service- 1585.03-EX, O'Reilly Automotive, Inc. - 89.88-SU, PAULSEN INC – 1977.13-EX, POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA - 47.00-EX, Psychological Resources - 250.00-EX, RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMPANY, INC. - 30015.55-EX, NICHOLAS REYNOLDS - 46.46-EX, SUN LIFE FINANCIAL - 2038.63-EX, SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT - 884.00-SU, Spartan Roofing - 75000.00-EX, T A S C -1479.89-EX, TED'S TRUCK & AUTO REPAIR - 333.33-EX, Troy's Tire & Auto - 80.89-EX, Turner Technology - 1127.50-EX, VOYA FINANCIAL - 8621.77-EX, WEX BANK - 911.50-SU, Wilson Public Library - 32.61-EX, Total - 433226.63 Roll call vote: Yea –Worthman, Hernandez, Curtice, Howerter. No – None.

Worthman moved, Howerter seconded, to appoint Jeff Strohmyer as Zoning Administrator. Roll call vote: Yea – Curtice, Hernandez, Howerter, Worthman. No – None.

Curtice moved, Worthman seconded, to approve putting street light banners from the Cozad Tourism downtown and over the overpass on South Meridian. Roll call vote: Yea – Curtice, Hernandez, Howerter, Worthman. No – None.

Many citizens stated their concerns for and against helping fund Ryde Transit and possibly helping with the Grand Generation Center bus.

Curtice moved, Worthman seconded, to approve Resolution 2026-7 participation in MFO. Roll call vote: Yea – Curtice, Hernandez, Howerter, Worthman. No – None.

RESOLUTION 2026-7

WHEREAS, there are federal funds available under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act and for the Nebraska Public Transportation Assistance Program, and

WHEREAS, the RYDE Transit-Community Action Partnership of Mid Nebraska desires to apply for said funds to provide public transportation in (transit system's service area).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; the Mayor Kloepping (authorizing board or mayor) hereby instructs the RYDE Transit to apply for said funds.

Said funds are to be used for the RYDE Transit transportation operations in the FY 2026-2027 Application for Public Transportation Assistance.

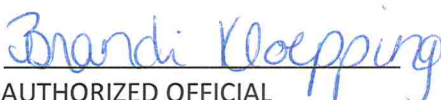
Moved by Curtice

Seconded by Worthman

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE: Howerter, Worthman, Curtice,

Approved this 20th day of April, 2026.


GOVERNING BODY CHAIRPERSON OR MAYOR

Attested by: 
AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL

Local Funding Amount Match for 2026-2027: \$2,200.00 COC

Howerter moved, Worthman seconded, to approve the committee recommendation for Downtown Revitalization Application Amendment. Roll call vote: Yea – Curtice, Hernandez, Worthman, Howerter. No – None.

Worthman moved, Curtice seconded, to ratify the mayor's decision to defer payment of Owner-Occupied Rehab Grant by less than a month. Roll call vote: Yea – Hernandez, Howerter, Curtice, Worthman. No – None.

Curtice moved, Howerter seconded, to approve 90-day contract for Interim City Administrator Mike Morgan. Roll call vote: Yea – Worthman, Howerter, Curtice. No – Hernandez.

Byron Clemson had some fence damage last summer and the Street supervisor will look at it and he or the Clerk will get in touch with Clemson.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST:


City Clerk/Treasurer Brandi Kloepping


Mayor Marcus Kloepping

