

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, June 22, 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 Administrator Mike Morgan, City Clerk Brandi Kloepping, Councilmembers Jordan Curtice, Jennifer Howerter, Pat Worthman, Commissioner Troy Franzen, Chief Nick Reynolds.

Absent: Councilmember David Hernandez.

Also present: Austin Partridge with Northland Securities.

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.

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

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Approve Reimbursement Payment to Meridian Tap House of \$16,347.90 for façade improvements – CDBG 23-DTR-004

Approve Drawdown #4 – CDBG 23-DTR-004 - \$16,347.90

Approve closing of streets and/or use of green space for Music Mondays, Hay Days, Harvest Moon Festival, and Makers Market

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

Curtice moved, Worthman seconded, to approve claims excluding none: 222 HARDWARE – 2831.66-SU, First Net At & T - 405.40-EX, CENGAGE LEARNING INC/GALE - 136.85-SU, CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE - 770.00-EX, COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE -6667.96-SU, COZAD COUNTRY CLUB - 600.00-SU, COZAD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION - 25649.01-EX, Cozad Auto Supply -481.32-SU, Cozad Local / For the Record, LLC -314.94-EX, DANKO – 953.00-SU, DAWSON PEST CONTROL - 54.50-EX, DEMCO INC -110.11-SU, DOUBLE L EMBROIDERY - 140.00-SU, EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS - 398.55-EX, EFTPS – 18095.58-EX, Elan Financial Services - 976.85-SU, Equitable Financial Lif Ins Co of America – 202.36-EX, HUNT CLEANERS INC - 35.76-SU, Heritage Landscape Supply Group - 295.60-SU, Inovalon Provider, Inc. - 149.95-EX, JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL - 453.33-SU, Kirk's Septic Service/Johnny on the Spot - 146.70-EX, MEAD LUMBER CO INC – 3217.50-SU—EX, Mike Morgan- Consulting - 3217.50-EX, NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT - 198.93-EX, NEBRASKA DEPT REVENUE – 2371.36-EX, NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT - 175.00-EX, OVERDRIVE - 877.61-SU, Oliver Consulting Services, Inc. - 27.42-EX, PAULSEN INC – 3016.65-SU, PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS INC - 846.05-SU, Tim Ryan -4305.7-EX, SUN LIFE FINANCIAL - 2213.35-EX, Jami Stortenbecker - 350.00-EX, T A S C - 1479.89-EX, Troy's Tire & Auto - 1406.64-EX, Turner Technology – 1127.50-EX, VOYA FINANCIAL - 8590.09-EX, WEX BANK - 1006.20-SU, Wilson Public Library - 39.70-EX, Total - 92636.91 Roll call vote: Yea –Howerter, Worthman, Curtice. No – None. Absent and not voting – Hernandez.

Austin Partridge with Northland Securities discussed the Combined Utilities Revenue Bonds that are needed to help fund wastewater system improvements. Partridge also explained reserve balances and policies to possibly get started on the utilities reserves.

Clerk Kloepping read the ordinance by title.

ORDINANCE NO. 1582

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF COMBINED UTILITIES REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2026, OF THE CITY OF COZAD, NEBRASKA, TO BE ISSUED IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIVE MILLION NINE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,950,000) TO PAY THE COSTS OF WASTE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS; AUTHORIZING OFFICERS OF THE CITY TO DESIGNATE FINAL TERMS FOR SAID BONDS WITHIN STATED PARAMETERS; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF SAID BONDS; PLEDGING AND HYPOTHECATING THE REVENUES AND EARNINGS OF THE WATERWORKS PLANT AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OWNED BY THE CITY FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; AUTHORIZING CITY OFFICIALS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY WITH THE HOLDERS OF SAID BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE DELIVERY OF THE BONDS TO THE PURCHASER; PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THE BOND PROCEEDS AND ORDERING THE ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM

Curtice moved, Worthman seconded, to introduce and waive the 3 readings of Ordinance 1582. Roll call

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

Worthman moved, Curtice seconded, to adopt Ordinance 1582. Roll call vote: Yea – Howerter, Curtice, Worthman. No – None. Absent and not voting – Hernandez.

Curtice moved, Howerter seconded, to introduce Ordinance 1584 and move to the 2nd reading. Roll call vote: Yea – Worthman, Howerter, Curtice. No – None. Absent and not voting – Hernandez.

Clerk Kloepping 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:

Chief Reynolds discussed lowering the speed limit and allowing a warning/radar flashing sign on Meridian Avenue near the new ballfield as well as no parking zones being marked.

Clerk Kloepping read the ordinance by title.

ORDINANCE NO. 1583

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COZAD, DAWSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE COZAD MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 74: TRAFFIC SCHEDULES, BY ESTABLISHING A SPEED LIMIT ON MERIDIAN AVENUE FROM APPROXIMATELY 20TH STREET TO 24TH STREET; TO REPEAL ALL CODE SECTIONS AND ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

Howerter moved, Worthman seconded, to introduce and waive the 3 readings of Ordinance 1583. Roll call vote: Yea – Curtice, Worthman, Howerter. No – None. Absent and not voting – Hernandez.

Curtice moved, Worthman seconded, to adopt Ordinance 1583 to change the speed limit and allow warning/radar flashing signs. Roll call vote: Yea – Howerter, Worthman, Curtice. No – None. Absent and not voting – Hernandez.

Howerter moved, Worthman seconded, to approve no parking zones on Meridian Avenue on both sides north of the houses to 24th Street. Roll call vote: Yea – Curtice, Worthman, Howerter. No – None. Absent and not voting – Hernandez.

Curtice moved, Worthman seconded, to change council meeting times to 5:30 p.m. Roll call vote: Howerter, Worthman, Curtice. No - None. Absent and not voting – Hernandez.

Commissioner Franzen explained the need for equipment in the water, sewer and electric departments.

Worthman moved, Howerter seconded, to approve the Kubota equipment package in the amount of \$155,761.48 subject to final pricing and trade-in value to include track loader, mini excavator, and jackhammer attachment. Roll call vote: Yea – Curtice, Howerter, Worthman. No – None. Absent and not voting – Hernandez.

City Administrator Morgan thanked the council for their support and explained that he has a starting point for the City Administrator search process. Morgan also discussed that Bellamy Park should be declared a surplus so that people aren't using it if it's not being maintained to increase the City's revenue. He plans to address the vendor process soon, fund balance reserves in the future budget process, posting the capital improvement plan on social media, and working on the signage around Cozad.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

ATTEST:

Brandi Kloepping
City Clerk/Treasurer Brandi Kloepping

Mayor Marcus Kloepping

