

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, August 17, 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: City Attorney Jennifer Rowling, Mayor Marcus Kloepping, City Administrator Mike Morgan, City Clerk Brandi Kloepping, Councilmembers Jordan Curtice, Jennifer Howerter, Pat Worthman, David Hernandez, Chief Nick Reynolds.

Also present: Mel Nutt with Cozad Local, Dave Schroeder with KRVN, Sherry Kappes at 401 E 14th.

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.

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

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Approve Reimbursement Payment to Cozad Elks Lodge #2250 of \$49,497.15 for façade improvements – CDBG 23-DTR-004

Approve Drawdown #5 – CDBG 23-DTR-004 - \$49,497.15

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

Worthman moved, Howerter seconded, to approve claims excluding none: 222 HARDWARE - 1272.26-SU, First Net At & T - 405.40-EX, Benchmark Government Solutions LLC - 428.25-EX, Big Red Supply & Rental - 171.14-SU, CENGAGE LEARNING INC/GALE - 29.52-SU, CENTER POINT INC - 58.04-SU, CENTRAL PLAINS LIBRARY SYSTEM - 27.15-SU, CLIA LABORATORY PROGRAM - 248.00-EX, COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE - 6593.17-SU, COZAD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION -28805.11-EX, COZAD SERVICES - 472.85-EX, COZAD VETERINARY CLINIC - 68.00-EX, CULLIGAN - 219.45-EX, Cozad Auto Supply -994.29-EX, Cozad Local / For the Record, LLC – 303.48-EX, DANKO - 44.92-SU, DAS STATE ACCTG- CENTRAL FINANCE - 150.00-EX, DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRIC - 567.32-EX, DAWSON COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS - 230.00-EX, DAWSON COUNTY SHERIFF - 29750.00-EX, DEMCO INC – 442.92-SU, DETERDING'S CLASSIC SPA & TUB INC - 26.99-SU, Joyce Dowty - 42.00-SU, EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS – 1500.22-EX, EFTPS – 18197.51-EX, Elan Financial Services - 1914.50-EX, Equitable Financial Lif Ins Co of America - 107.88-EX, FLASH ELECTRIC, LLC - 120.00-EX, GALLS, LLC -287.67-SU, Guardian – 713.12-EX, Hart, Huyser & Miller, P.C., L.L.O. – 119740.06-EX, Holtz Industries Inc. - 642.87-EX, IMAGE TREND LLC - 391.43-EX, JACK'S WELDING LLC - 87.79-EX, JOHN DEEREFINANCIAL - 193.66-EX, Jones Plumbing & Heating Inc. - 798.12-SU, Rex Kotschwar – 200.00-EX, LEXINGTON AREA SOLIDWASTE AGEN - 12674.54-EX, MEAD LUMBER CO INC – 159.03-SU, MIDWEST TURF AND IRRIGATION - 353.25-SU, MILLER & ASSOCIATES -4000.00-EX, Metroplolitan Compounds, Inc. - 730.21-SU, Mike Morgan- Consulting - 6435.00-EX, NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT - 198.93-EX, NEBRASKA DEPT REVENUE – 2367.85-EX, NEBRASKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION - 150.00-EX, NORTH PLATTE KUBOTA - 230.89-EX, Nebraska Machinery Company - 2452.76-EX, Melanie Nutt - 172.50- EX, PAULSEN INC -5245.05-SU, PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS INC - 277.06-SU, Platte Valley Recycling LLC - 1200.00-EX, RDO TRUCK CENTERS - 362.00-EX, Tim Ryan - 95.00-EX, SCHABEN SANITATION - 487.30-EX, SERVICE DRUG - 37.27-SU, SITE ONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY, LLC - 1087.00-SU, SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT - 453.40-SU, Spartan Roofing- 100000.00-EX, T A S C - 1480.30-EX, Turner Technology – 1452.50-EX, VOYA FINANCIAL - 8807.01-EX, WEX BANK - 1650.55-SU, Wilson Public Library - 42.63-EX, Total - 369211.12 Roll call vote: Yea – Curtice, Hernandez, Howerter, Worthman. No – None.

Worthman moved, Howerter seconded, to approve renewal of Class C Liquor Licenses. Roll call vote: Yea – Hernandez, Curtice, Howerter, Worthman. No – None.

Curtice moved, Worthman seconded, to approve Community Football Club to use Muny Park. Roll call vote: Yea – Howerter, Hernandez, Worthman, Curtice. No – None.

Curtice moved, Worthman seconded, approve Resolution 2026-13 for personnel manual updates. Roll call vote: Yea – Worthman, Hernandez, Howerter, Curtice. No – None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-13 OF THE CITY OF COZAD, NEBRASKA

WHEREAS, the City of Cozad has adopted a Personnel Manual to maintain a cohesive personnel program including standard rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City Administrator has made several revisions and essential changes to the latest version of the Personnel Manual and has recommended the adoption of several policies as part of the Personnel Manual; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, having reviewed the recommended revisions and changes, finds them to be appropriate and necessary for the continued effective performance of duties by employees of the City.

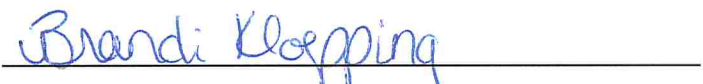
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed changes are hereby adopted and will become effective immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Administrator hereby authorized and directed to implement the policies and provisions of the said Personnel Manual in the fairest and most constructive manner possible.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 17th day of August, 2026.


MARCUS KLOEPPING, MAYOR

ATTEST:
(SEAL)


BRANDI KLOEPPING, CITY CLERK/TREASURER

Howerter moved, Worthman seconded, to authorize the mayor to execute a loan agreement for 2025 Freightliner M2-106 Digger Derrick for financing at Homestead Bank for \$274,000 for a 6-year term at 4.79%. Roll call vote: Yea – Curtice, Hernandez, Worthman, Howerter. No – None.

Curtice moved, Howerter seconded, to declare the 2008 roll-off truck as surplus property and authorize the disposal. Roll call vote: Yea – Howerter, Hernandez, Curtice, Worthman. No – None.

Curtice moved, Worthman seconded, to authorize the purchase of the 2025 Peterbilt roll-off truck from Custom Truck for \$195,775. Roll call vote: Yea – Hernandez, Howerter, Worthman, Curtice. No – None.

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Chief Reynolds spoke with school officials about the current school crossings and all agreed to remove 16th Street from Papio Lane to M Street, 14th Street from K Street to M Street, and M Street from 14th Street to 16th Street as these were for the old school building and that is now a daycare.

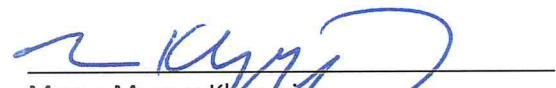
Sherry Kappes commented on her concern for kids not stopping while riding bicycles going east and west on W 14th Street. She asked if the police still do bike safety at the school. Chief Reynolds stated they do present on bike safety at the school and are looking at possible stop signs on the other 2 corners of D Street for the north and south traffic as the school is concerned about this as well. Kappes stated that locals are not used to stopping so that may not help. Chief Reynolds addressed this with possible LED flashing signs like those downtown.

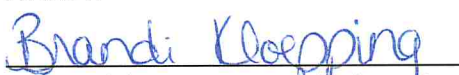
Howerter moved, Worthman seconded, to approve school zones as presented to place proper signs and crosswalks. Roll call vote: Yea – Curtice, Hernandez, Worthman, Howerter. No – None.

Administrator Morgan reported that the utility bills will be mailed out in the future by Midwest Connect to free up staff time to work on other roles. 50 new dumpsters will be placed soon and another 100 are on order. Roof repairs are being led by Robyn Geiser at CDC, and they are getting closer to being finished. The ad for City Administrator was posted today, and the 1st review will be September 21st.

Mel Nutt at 520 E 12th wanted to state that the crew working on E 12th project are doing a great job and haven't been hard to deal with. She also wanted to say thank you for the roll-off dumpsters being set twice a week as the residents are talking well about them.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.


Mayor Marcus Kloepping

ATTEST:

City Clerk/Treasurer Brandi Kloepping

