City of Arapahoe, Nebraska
Minutes of City Council Meeting
October 20, 2026
7:30pm

The City Council of the City of Arapahoe, Nebraska met in regular session at the EMCC Council Room at 7:30pm on the 20th day of October 2026.

Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice, a copy of the proof of publication being on file in the City Clerk's office.

Mayor Koller presided over the meeting. The location of the posted Open Meetings Act was stated.

ROLL CALL

Attending: Middagh, Paulsen, Polston, Carpenter
Absent: Kreutzer, tenBensel

PUBLIC FORUM

Molly Wendland & Kaitlyn Kresser with Chamber visited with the Council about Merry & Bright Festivities on 12/4/26 from 5p to 8p. They asked for approval of the route that will be used for the horse carriage and help with marking the area with traffic cones. Approval to temporarily install solar lights in the park for the event was also given.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meetings 10/6/26
b. Building Permit #19 Bishop Williams – fence

Moved by Polston, seconded by Middagh, that the items listed under the consent agenda be approved, accepted, and/or ratified as presented.
Roll Call: Ayes: Paulsen, Polston, Middagh, Carpenter
Absent: Kreutzer, tenBensel
Nay: None MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION/REPORTS

City Superintendent: gave report. Service agreement options for the newly installed sprinkler system at the golf course were discussed.
Moved by Carpenter, seconded by Polston, to approve the 5 year Basic Plan service agreement.
Roll Call: Ayes: Middagh, Polston, Paulsen, Carpenter
Absent: Kreutzer, tenBensel
Nay: None MOTION CARRIED.

City Clerk/Treasurer: gave report. Challenges with current website were discussed with options for new website provider and notification service.
Moved by Middagh, seconded by Carpenter, to approve changing website and notification service providers.
Roll Call: Ayes: Paulsen, Carpenter, Middagh, Polston
Absent: Kreutzer, tenBensel
Nay: None MOTION CARRIED.

Committee Reports: Council reviewed proposed lease agreement for the Clubhouse.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Claims for the periods 10/7 to 10/20

Moved by Middagh, seconded by Paulsen, to approve the claims and payroll for the period 10/7 to 10/20.
Roll Call: Ayes: Paulsen, Carpenter, Polston, Middagh
Abstain: Paulsen #104515 for $175.00 & Middagh #104517 for $681.67
Absent: Kreutzer, tenBensel
Nay: None MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Housing Rehab Grant 2nd Half – 910 8th Street

No action was taken. Council determined project was not completed to the intent of the grant parameters. Suggested an extension application be completed.

Ordinance 2026-06 Vacate Maple Street & portion of 3rd Street

Moved by Middagh, seconded by Paulsen, to suspend the three readings of Ordinance 2026-06 Vacate Maple Street & portion of 3rd Street.
Roll Call: Ayes: Carpenter, Polston, Middagh, Paulsen
Absent: Kreutzer, tenBensel
Nay: None MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Middagh to recommend the passage of Ordinance 2026-06 Vacate Maple Street & portion of 3rd Street. Ordinance as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF MAPLE STREET BETWEEN 2ND AND 3RD STREETS, GENERALLY LOCATED IN BLOCK 1 OF PRAIRIE PINES ADDITION; AND VACATING A PORTION OF 3RD STREET FROM MAPLE NORTH TO THE NORTHERN BOUNDRY OF LOT 8 BLOCK 3 OF PRAIRIE PINES ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ARAPAHOE, FURNAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA NOT PREVIOUSLY VACATED; AND TO PROVIDE FOR A TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARAPAHOE, NEBRASKA:

Section I. That portion of Maple Street lying between 2nd and 3rd Streets, generally located in Block 1 of Prairie Pines Addition to the City of Arapahoe, Furnas County, Nebraska AND that portion of 3rd Street from Maple Street North to the Northern boundary of Lot 8 Block 3 of Prairie Pines Addition to the City of Arapahoe, Furnas County, Nebraska is hereby vacated and closed subject to the reservations contained in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

Section 2. The City of Arapahoe retains the right to inspect, maintain, operate, repair, and replace, and the right of ingress and egress, by itself or by any licensee or agent, any poles, wires, pipes, conduits, sewer mains, water mains, or any other facility or equipment for the maintenance or operation of any utility now located in the street or any portion thereof vacated by this Ordinance.

Section 3. That it is deemed advantageous and in the public interest, safety, welfare and convenience to vacate said street and that upon vacation the street shall revert to the owners of the adjacent real estate

to one-half on each side thereof. No damages to the citizens or the adjoining owners are found to have occurred or are likely to occur in the future by virtue of this vacation.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be published in pamphlet form and take effect as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 20th **DAY OF** October, **2026**

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John E. Koller, Mayor

Attest:

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Dixie Sickels, City Clerk

Councilman Paulsen seconded the motion to pass Ordinance 2026-06 Vacate Maple Street & portion of 3rd Street.
Roll Call: Ayes: Paulsen, Carpenter, Middagh, Polston
Absent: Kreutzer, tenBensel
Nay: None MOTION CARRIED.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Concerns of the City's dog ordinances being enforced fully by the Sheriff's office were discusses.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular City Council meeting is November 3, 2026 at 7:30pm in the EMCC Council Room. There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:30pm.

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Dixie Sickels, City Clerk

City Claims approved as follows: (*Abbreviations for this legal are: AmPay, Ambulance Pay; Ex, Expenses; Fe, Fees; Fu, Fuel; Re, Reimbursement; Se, Services; Su, Supplies*) Payroll 10-19-26, Ex 13485.09; ASAP Express, Se 20.00; Alert-All, Su 356.50; American Ag Lab, Se 28.25; Applied Communications Tech, Se 160.00; Bound Tree, Su 229.98; CAMAS, Ex 423.95; CCarpenter, AmPy 25.00; Charles Schwab, Ex 1191.00; Chesterman, Ex 68.00; Crawford Repair, Ex 1000.00; Credit Management, Ex 20.67; Debit Card, Su 32.00; LDettmann, AmPy 83.00; Dutton Lainson, Su 286.92; EFTPS, Ex 3439.76; Eakes, Su 61.28, Su 2668.37, Su 22.45, Su 25.76; Faws Garage, Ex 32.00; HSA Accounts, Ex 305.00; SHoefs, AmPy 50.00; WHoefs, AmPy 125.00; Hooker Bros, Su 846.99; MHouser, AmPy 58.00; Landmark,

Su 91.98; PLeising, AmPy 33.00; Menards, Su 13.67; Mick Moul's Modern Builders, Su 46977.77; NWEA, Ex 500.00; NE Dept of Revenue, Ex 11934.95, Ex 56.63; NE Dept of Revenue, Ex 916.58; NE Municipal Clerks' Association, Ex 100.00; NPPD, Se 82234.32, Se 4037.62; One Billing Solutions, Se 1151.49; One Call Concepts, Ex 37.68; JPaulsen, AmPy 175.00; Quadient Finance, Ex 757.11; Quadient Leasing, Ex 200.97; S&W, Su 32.76, Su 60.87, Su 31.92, Su 192.20, Su 88.99, Su 56.99, Su 33.17, Su 184.77; GSchievelbein, Ex 2482.00; ASchrock, Se 100.00; Star Seed, Su 1643.08; Stewart Tree Service, Ex 10800.00, Ex 1900.00; Svehla Law, Se 170.00; TVPPD, Se 2409.90, Se 2991.45; GUtterback, AmPy 25.00; Van's Radiator, Ex 25.00; **Total 197491.93. Library Expenses:** ATC, Se 200.16; CAMAS, Ex 5.43; DEMCO, Su 202.77; Eakes, Su 61.78; Ingram, Ex 1240.19; Nebraska Library Commission, Ex 550.00; Penworthy, Ex 177.82; Wagner's, Su 24.11; **Total Library Expenses: 2462.26. September Receipts**: General, 44268.68; S&A, 77957.37; Golf, 6316.46; Park, 1985.00; Fire, 4314.22; Library, 50.00; Medical, 458.16; Cemetery, 125.95; CRA, 2463.79; Local Sales Tax, 92430.42; Electric, 177778.17; Water, 43895.38; Sewer, 9892.11; **Total September Receipts 461935.71.**