

Cavalier City Council

May 5, 2025

7:00 PM

Roll Call: Mayor Hinkle, council members Cluchie, Hunter, Koenig, Hay, Vaughn

Absent: Beard

Guests: Auditor Krieg, OM Walton, COP Osvold, Attorney Fleming, Recreation Director Aimee Homstad, Library Director Marie Petry, MRES Jordon Unterbrunner and Evan Leebens, Jeff Gibbon, Don Thompson

Additions to Agenda

Quam payout to Pines Addition, Flood Mitigation, Lead Line Survey Public Meeting

Approve Minutes

Motion made to approve the regular meeting minutes from April 7th, 2025. M/S/P- Hay, Hunter; 5:0 mc. Motion made to approve the equalization meeting minutes from April 7th, 2025. M/S/P- Cluchie, Koenig; 5:0 mc.

Approve Bills & Financials

Motion made to approve the payment of all city and CMU bills and financials as submitted for April 2025. M/S/P- Koenig, Hay; 5:0 mc.

Gaming/Raffle/Special Event Permits

Motion to approve Dollars for Scholars and Cavalier Ambulance gaming permits as presented. M/S/P- Cluchie, Koenig; 5:0 mc. Motion to approve application for fireworks permit for Cal Cluchie. M/S/P- Hay, Hunter 5:0 mc.

MRES Electric Rate Study

Jordon Unterbrunner from Missouri River Energy Services presented rate study for CMU Electric. Recommended 8% rate increase. The council will review at a later date for the 2026 budget and will review each year.

Development

Motion made to sponsor Cavalier Ambulance at Star of Life level in the amount of \$1001 coming from the Growth Fund. M/S/P- Cluchie, Koenig; 5:0 mc. Jeff Gibbon presented a request to erect a radio tower at his home. Motion made to approve building permit for Jeff Gibbon to erect 40” radio tower at his home 302 E 2nd Ave S. M/S/P- Cluchie, Koenig; 5:0 mc.

Pool Project

Krieg updated the council on the pool project. The pool will be filled May 19th and testing will begin and once all complete will finalize the opening date. Eric Rogers will be painting the outside of the building and doors to match roof color. A new sign has been ordered and will be up before opening day.

Rec Report

Homstad updated council. Kaleidoscope classes up for registration. Father’s Day breakfast 6/12/2025, and 150th celebration breakfast 7/27/2025.

Library Report

Petry updated the council. Annual visits to the school went well. Summer cycling for adults is coming up.

PD Report

COP Osvold updated the council.

Attorney Report

Motion made to approve 1st reading of Golf Cart Ordinance. Roll Call M/S/P- Cluchie, Koenig; 5:0 mc. Fleming updated council on mock trial with Cavalier School seniors.

Administrative Reports

Krieg presented the remainder of Quam settlement for the Pines Addition. Motion made to distribute \$3076 to each of the 26 parcels in the form of payment to the special assessment on each of those parcels for this project. Funds coming from special projects where settlements funds where being held. Auditor Krieg to cut the check to Pembina County Auditor for specials. Roll Call M/S/P- Hay, Cluchie; 5:0 mc. Motion made to proclaim June 2nd, 2025 as Arbor Day. Tree planting to take place at Pembina County Courthouse at 2pm. M/S/P- Cluchie, Hunter; 5:0 mc.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, In 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and

WHEREAS, Cavalier has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lacey Hinkle, Mayor of the City of Cavalier, do hereby proclaim June 2, 2025 as

ARBOR DAY

in the City of Cavalier, and I urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to support our city’s urban forestry program, and

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

DATED this 5th Day of May, 2025.

Mayor Lacey Hinkle

Walton informed the council that City Wide cleanup will be June 5th, 2025. Krieg presented flood mitigation study grant that has since been pulled. Motion made to have Houston Engineering apply to the State for additional funds. With no commitment to complete the study until after review of costs. M/S/P- Cluchie, Koenig; 5:0 mc. Krieg updated council on Lead Line Survey. AE2S will be holding a public meeting on May 14th at 6:00 pm to inform public that they will be going door to door to collect data. The cost for this is covered by a grant from the State of North Dakota. Walton updated council that streets and alleys have started to get pot holes filled and gravel added to alleys. Mayo Construction will have milling available this summer and will add those to the high traffic alleys first. Auditor position was discussed. Three applications have been received. Discussion held on creating sub-hiring committee. Motion made to create a sub-hiring committee for the Auditor position. Committee members being Cluchie, Koenig, Mayor Hinkle, Auditor Krieg and Operations Manager Walton. The committee will bring their recommendations back to the full council for final approval. M/S/P- Hay, Hunter; 5:0 mc.

Mayor and Council

Mayor updated council that meeting will be held with Todd Bucholz on drawings for Rec Center on this coming Wednesday. Still in the very early stages. Mayor also talked about 3rd graders coming to have a Mock City Council meeting. The meeting went well and the kids had some wonderful ideas. Hay thanked all involved with the Mock City Council meeting as it was a great learning experience for the 3rd graders. Koenig asked about injury with the scavenging. Krieg updated that it was minor and reported by a citizen trying to use transfer station but can not as other citizens are digging in the bins. Fleming and Osvold updated the council on ordinances in place and that there are signs posted no scavenging. Walton talked about how the state who licenses transfer stations and land fills want no scavenging for the safety of all involved and that signs are required.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn 8:51 pm Cluchie

Approved By:

Lacey Hinkle, Mayor

Attested To:

Danielle Blair, City Auditor