

VILLAGE OF CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 9, 2026

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Clearwater met for a regular meeting Monday, March 9, 2026, at 7 p.m., in the fire hall meeting room. Meeting opened at 7 p.m. Notice of meeting was given in advance by publication in *Summerland Advocate-Messenger*, was posted at US Post Office in Clearwater, Clearwater Market, and Cornerstone Bank-Clearwater and was given to board members prior to meeting. Public was informed of location of Open Meeting Act poster.

Present: Kelly Kerkman, Marsha Hart, Cody Kester, Brian King, Jeff Schlecht. Others present: Clerk Angie Hupp, Attorney Kyle Petersen, Economic Director Lauren Sheridan, Sheriff Bob Moore, Jay Snider.

Motion by Kester, seconded by King, to approve minutes of February 9, 2026 regular meeting as presented. Voting aye: Kester, King, Schlecht, Hart. Voting nay: none. Abstain: Kerkman.

Motion by Hart, seconded by Schlecht, to approve treasurer's report as presented and place on file. Voting aye: Hart, Schlecht, Kerkman, Kester, King. Voting nay: none.

Public comment heard. Jay Snider, 84671 517 Ave., Elgin, asked if board looked through previous years' minutes to see why Village purchased car wash lot at 203 Second St. Most of property is in right-of-way, so not much can be done with it. Kerkman stated he was approached with idea of selling it a few days ago and put it on agenda for discussion.

Economic development report presented. Lauren Sheridan was asked to investigate paving with recycled materials as option for Nebraska St. project. Durability inconclusive, so would need more info if Board interested in pursuing. Grant description stated seven-inch concrete would be used, and would need permission from Neb. Dept. of Economic Development to change. Kerkman stated concrete better for high use area of Nebraska St. Neb. Game and Parks to install bicycle fix-it station along Cowboy Trail in town using BikeWalk Nebraska grant. Clearwater unanimously awarded Governor's Showcase Community award for 2026 by Neb. Dept. of Economic Development. Governor Jim Pillen will present award to town in April.

Discussion held regarding veterans' park maintenance agreement amendments. No one from park committee attended or sent approval of changes, so agreement tabled until next month.

Motion by Kester, seconded by Hart, to approve waiving three readings of Ordinance 2026-2 amending water and sewer rates. Voting aye: Kester, Hart, Kerkman, Schlecht, King. Voting nay: none.

Motion Schlecht, seconded by King, to approve Ordinance 2026-2 to amend water and sewer service rates; to repeal ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide when this ordinance shall be in full force and effect; and to provide for the publication of this ordinance in pamphlet form. Voting aye: Schlecht, King, Kester, Hart, Kerkman. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Kester, seconded by Hart, to approve special designated liquor license to The Waterhole for June 26 and 27 street dance and concert. Voting aye: Kester, Hart, Kerkman, Schlecht, King. Voting nay: none.

Motion by King, seconded by Schlecht, to approve special designated liquor license to American Legion Post 267 for June 26 and 27 street dance and concert. Voting aye: King, Schlecht, Kester, Hart. Voting nay: none. Abstain: Kerkman.

Motion by Hart, seconded by Kerkman, to approve Resolution 2026-2 to adopt and enforce a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies against any individuals engaged in nonviolent civil rights demonstrations. Voting aye: Hart, Kerkman, Schlecht, King, Kester. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Hart, seconded by Kester, to approve State of Nebraska Dept. of Economic Development Community Development Block Grant agreement for Planning Grant #25-PP-003. Voting aye: Hart, Kester, King, Schlecht, Kerkman. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Hart, seconded by King, to approve State of Nebraska Dept. of Economic Development Community Development Block Grant agreement for Public Works Infrastructure Grant #25-PWI-006. Voting aye: Hart, King, Schlecht, Kerkman, Kester. Voting nay: none.

No maintenance or library reports presented.

Motion by King, seconded by Kester, to approve purchasing up to 17 tons of cold mix from Midwest Coatings for \$200 per ton plus \$140 trucking. Voting aye: King, Kester, Hart, Kerkman, Schlecht. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by King, to approve advertising for mowing bids for Clearwater Cemetery for the 2026 mowing season. Voting aye: Kerkman, King, Schlecht, Hart, Kester. Voting nay: none.

Discussion held regarding meeting with Midwest Coatings and Engineer John Zwingman to consider street repair plans. They will be invited to a meeting to talk with Board. No decisions made.

No discussion held regarding recycling trailer as grant funds have been put on hold.

Clerk report presented. Office will be closed week of Mar. 16 while Hupp at annual conference. Hupp suggested sending out requests for proposals for insurance and auditors for the upcoming year. Timesheet may show less than 32 hours some weeks as hours logged as grant administrator on different timesheet. Next two weeks may have overtime due to clerk's conference and catching up when back. Neb. Public Power District proposing new transmission line from existing Holt Co. substation to existing Antelope Co. substation. An open house will be held Tuesday, Mar. 24 from 3-7 p.m. at Clearwater American Legion building to receive input from landowners and stakeholders regarding possible route.

Sheriff's report presented. January's hours: 59 hours 41 minutes with two 911 calls. February's hours: 52 hours 45 minutes with five 911 calls. Kerkman welcomed Sheriff Moore back and said he looked well after being away for medical treatments. Moore stated hours in town have been down the past several months while deputies were covering his absence but now that he's back, they should be closer to normal. Moore asked if there was anything to address and Board said no.

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Discussion held regarding advertising for hay bids on three Village lots. Jay Snider asked about possibility of using lagoon parcel for pasture instead of haying. Board okay with it, but Kester would want Village to put up decent fence. Kerkman asked about cattle being around pivot. Kester stated shouldn't be a problem since farmers do it all the time.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Hart, to approve running two notices: one for haying dike and tree dump and one for pasture or haying lagoon. Voting aye: Kerkman, Hart, Kester, King, Schlecht. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Hart, seconded by Schlecht, to approve transferring CD #3473 into seven-month rate CD. Voting aye: Hart, Schlecht, Kerkman, Kester, King. Voting nay: none.

Discussion held regarding possibility of selling car wash lot, 203 Second St. Kerkman didn't have permission to give specifics, but was approached by individual interested in purchasing car wash lot, 203 Second St., to use for business. Kerkman stated mostly storage, but any business is good. Kester wished individual had come to meeting to speak to Board. Jay Snider stated another individual wanted to purchase to build shop years ago but not enough room since most of the property is Village right-of-way. Kester suggested leasing property from Village. Kerkman will discuss with individual. No decisions made.

Confirmed next regular meeting for Monday, April 13, 2026, at 7 p.m.

Discussion regarding possible law enforcement co-op with Ewing and Orchard. Kerkman stated proposition ended because after meeting between the three towns on Monday, February 16, in Ewing, where Orchard stated it's under contract with county until 2028 and won't do anything until then, Officer John Shaver, who suggested co-op, accepted job elsewhere.

Discussion held with Jay Snider regarding clean-up of property at 806 Montana St. Kerkman asked Snider to help Village by cleaning up around shed. Snider stated he pays taxes on hoop shed and it costs \$10,000 to replace doors on it, which he's done multiple times and asked if Board tells residents with falling off roof shingles to replace their roofs. Snider said he never said word to resident who complained to Board about their unkempt properties. Snider warned he could take all businesses operating from shed to out of town, and possibly home office for funeral home as well if Village continues targeting him. Said some items sitting outside have been used and all vehicles are licensed, insured and in running condition. Kester stated that since a complaint had been brought before the Board, they're obligated to follow up and were asking for some assistance. Snider also asked about land he paid to survey behind shop several years ago that he wants to purchase. Kerkman stated he didn't remember seeing survey. No more discussion held.

Approved claims of \$26,364.69 and payroll of \$11,602.37.

General Checking: ALLO Business, srv, 389.00; American Legal Publishing, LLC, srv, 2,621.12; Antelope Co. Sheriff, srv, 1,352.25; Bomgaars, sup, 99.73; Carhart Lumber, sup, 209.71; Clearwater Market, sup, 23.18; ColdType Publishing, adv, 276.50; Cordell's ATV Repair, LLC, sup, 405.09; ERPPD, util, 1,285.21; Economic Savings, tnfr, 2,935.15; Jarecki Sharp & Petersen, lgl, 300.00; NNTC, util, 186.67; Neligh Auto & Machine, sup, 6.98; Quill, sup, 114.96; Western Oil, fuel, 54.69; Black Hills Energy, util, 456.04; Capital One, rpr, 332.83; Neb. Dept. of Revenue, tx, 2,301.86; EMC Insurance, ins, 4,768.62; Payroll, pay, 10,169.28.

Water/Sewer Checking: ASAP Express, srv, 60.00; Bud's Sanitary Service, util, 3,401.00; ERPPD, util, 699.94; Neb. Public Health Enviro Lab, srv, 115.00; One Call Concepts, Inc., srv, 0.82; Neb. Dept. of Revenue, tx, 582.17; Water/Sewer Savings, tnfr, 3,000.00.

Fire Checking: Island Supply Welding Co., sup, 50.20; One Billing Solutions, srv, 106.64.

Keno Checking: Neb. Dept. of Revenue, dues, 100.00.

Library Checking: ColdType Publishing, sup, 29.75; Capital One, sup, 89.58; Credit Management Services, pay, 10.00; Payroll, pay, 1,433.09.

Credit Card: Amazon, sup, 89.58; Reliable Aftermarket Parts, rep, 332.83.

Attorney report presented. Kyle Petersen to meet with Antelope Co. attorney to create interlocal agreement for sales tax increase on ballot. Petersen asked Board to consider whether measure likely to be approved for ballot before signing interlocal agreement.

Approved adjourning and closing meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Chairperson Kelly Kerkman

Clerk Angie Hupp