

**MINUTE RECORD  
VILLAGE OF FIRTH  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 2, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Chairman and Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Firth, Nebraska was convened in open and public session on the **2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2024** at the Firth Community Center. Normal notification procedures were observed. The meeting was called to order by the Board Chairwoman at 7:00pm. The following members were present: Kami Beaty, Jason Cooper, Craig Middle, Todd Carlson, and Samantha Henderson. The Chairwoman presided, and the Village Clerk recorded the minutes. The Clerk noted that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was available in the room for review.

A motion was made by Craig Middle, seconded by Samantha Henderson to approve the meeting agenda. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve the December 5, 2023, regular meeting minutes as presented. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Sam Henderson, seconded by Todd Carlson, to approve presented bills to be paid. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

**Current Month Claims**

Payroll	9,462.75
Payroll Taxes	671.56
Simple IRA Employer Match	281.01
Health Ins and cell phone stipends	600.00
Advantage Computer	825.00
Black Hills Energy	223.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield	519.09
BOK Financial, NA	1,407.50
Capital City Refuse	4,405.00
Farmers' Cooperative	135.02
Firespring	100.00
First National Bank	1,163.80
Lancaster County Sheriff's Office	1,272.45
Lincoln Winwater Works	57.14
Lovell Excavating LLC	1,500.00
Maguire Iron	2,795.75
Municipal Supply, Inc. of Omaha	443.56
Microsoft Office	8.70
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab	15.00
Norris Public Power	2,237.26
Olsson	2,160.93
Principal Financial Life Insurance Co	95.74
Ramaker & Associates, Inc	300.00
Rembolt Ludke LLP	4,747.27
Sam's Club	124.45
Voice News	101.18
Windstream	373.12
Board Fees	4,650.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,676.78</b>

The Treasurer presented the financial report for the previous month. It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve the **December** financial report as presented. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

**OPEN FORUM –**

Dave Hansmeyer gave the monthly maintenance report.

Karla Houfek was present to inquire about regulations on fireworks within the Village limits.

Tony Jerina and Lucas Post from HBE Accounting Firm gave the annual Audit Report for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. All financials were in order.

Karen from Joining Forces Saving Lives, and Carley from the Beatrice Humane Society, were present to discuss the services their respective organizations offer to help municipalities deal with feral cat problems. The Board is agreeable to these services in the coming months.

Chairperson Beaty read Ordinance #01-2024-1 by Title – the ordinance extends current water/sewer rates until the next rate increase. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FIRTH, LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO CONTINUE CURRENT ESTABLISHED WATER/SEWER RATES FOR THE FIRTH MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER SYSTEM; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Samantha Henderson, to waive the customary three readings for Ordinance #01-2024-1. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Craig Middle, to adopt Ordinance # 01-2024-1. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 01-2024-1**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FIRTH, LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO CONTINUE CURRENT ESTABLISHED WATER/SEWER RATES FOR THE FIRTH MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER SYSTEM; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.]**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF FIRTH, NEBRASKA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1. WATER SERVICE RATES; BILLAGE AND COLLECTION.**

- A. One uniform rate shall be established. There is no distinction between commercial and residential rates.
- B. The rates charged by the Village of Firth for municipal water services on a monthly rate basis shall be as follows:
  - 1. Time period of **January 2, 2024, through next rate increase.**  
CLASSIFICATION MONTHLY RATE  
**\$24.00 per month service charge, plus \$2.95 per 1,000 gallons of usage.**

**SECTION 2. SEWER SERVICE RATES; BILLAGE AND COLLECTION.**

- A. One uniform rate shall be established. There is no distinction between commercial and residential rates.
- B. The rates charged by the Village of Firth for municipal sewer services on a monthly rate basis shall be as follows:
  - 1. Time period of **January 2, 2024, through next rate increase.**  
CLASSIFICATION MONTHLY RATE  
**\$20.50 per month service charge plus \$2.10 per 1,000 gallons based on winter usage.**

**SECTION 3.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4.** This ordinance shall be effective from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

**Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2024**

**VILLAGE OF FIRTH, NEBRASKA**

The Board discussed a proposal from Rob Mierau for the preparation of documents for adopting a more current version of the international building codes. The Board has some questions prior to accepting the bid.

Todd Carlson gave an update on unlicensed vehicles in town. The board will move forward with further action if needed next month.

The Board discussed building inspector certifications. The item was tabled until the February meeting while waiting to hear back from several sources.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Craig Middle, to approve the Olsson Work Order for the May Street Improvements project in the amount of \$6,300.00. This is for design and bidding services. It includes May Street improvements/repairs from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

At 8:52pm it was moved by Sam Henderson, seconded by Todd Carlson, to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing ongoing litigation. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

At 8:55pm it was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Craig Middle, to come out of executive session and reconvene the regular meeting. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

Committee Reports were given.

Meeting Adjourned 9:05pm.

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Kamilla Beaty, Village Board Chair

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Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk