

**MINUTE RECORD
VILLAGE OF FIRTH
REGULAR MEETING
September 3, 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 **3rd day of September 2024** at the Firth Community Center. Normal notification procedures were observed. The meeting was called to order by the Board Chairwoman at 6:52pm, immediately following the Annual Budget Public Hearing. The following members were present: Kami Beaty, Jason Cooper, Todd Carlson, Craig Middle 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.

It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve 1% restricted funds subject to limitation for the 2024-2025 budget. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

The Treasurer read Resolution 2024-09-1 setting the final tax request at \$86,860.00 for the 2024-2025 budget.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Craig Middle to approve Resolution 2024-09-01 setting the final tax request at \$86,860.00 for the 2024-2025. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle and Samantha Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

The Treasurer read Ordinance #09-2024-1.

ORDINANCE NO. 09-2024-1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FIRTH, LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE NAMED "THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL"; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

SECTION 1. *The budget presented and set forth in the budget statement for 2024-2025 is hereby approved as the Annual Appropriation Bill for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. All sums of money contained in the budget statement are hereby appropriated for the necessary expenses and liabilities of the Village of Firth.*

SECTION 2. *A copy of the budget document shall be forwarded as provided by law to the Auditor of Public Accounts, State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska, for use by the levying authority.*

SECTION 3. *This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval and publication or posting as required by law.*

Passed and adopted this 3rd day of September 2024.

It was moved by Samantha Henderson, seconded by Todd Carlson, to waive the customary three readings of the ordinance. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Craig Middle, to adopt Ordinance #09-2024-1, adopting the 2024-2025 budget as presented. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Samantha Henderson, to approve the August 6 regular meeting minutes and the August 14 special meeting minutes. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

The Treasurer presented the August 2024 financials. It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Craig Middle, to approve the August financials and authorize the transfer of TIF funds to the Bond A and Bond B accounts. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

Current Claims were read. It was moved by Samantha Henderson, seconded by Todd Carlson, to approve current claims (including the regular monthly bills for Norris Public Power, and Farmer's Cooperative that will be received after the meeting.) Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

Current Month Claims

Salaries	10,317.70
Payroll Taxes	714.74
Simple IRA Employer Match	306.65
Health Ins and cell phone stipends	600.00
Black Hills Energy	151.12
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	553.12
Capital City Refuse	4,677.75
Farmers' Cooperative	335.21
Firespring	100.00
First National Bank of Omaha	330.32
Gana Trucking & Excavating, Inc	606.93
Greg Edwards – plan review	40.00
McNally Law Office	215.00
Microsoft Office 365	8.70
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab	31.00
Nebraska Rural Water Association	300.00
Norris Public Power	2,040.32
Olsson	1,566.59
One Call Concepts, Inc.	3.96
PIP	9,399.26
Principal Life Insurance Company	95.74
Sam's Club	1,058.96
Schrock Innovations	405.00
United Rentals	273.00
Windstream	393.98
FACET reimbursement	90.22
Total	\$34,615.27

OPEN FORUM

Chris Farabee asked for an explanation regarding Tax Increment Financing used for the North Ridge housing subdivision.

Sarah Hipps asked about the 2023 floodplain violation lawsuit. It was stated she could come to the Village Office to view the public file on the lawsuit or talk to any board member outside of the meeting.

Dave Hansmeyer gave the monthly maintenance report which included:

- * Sewer lines will be jetted in September and October
- * Hydrants will be flushed in October
- * Water tower exterior has been cleaned and the coating is in good condition
- * The 7th Street ditch will be overseeded
- * The brush dump was offered to those who had storm damage from the wind storm last month
- * Locust tree in park needs to be cut down

It was moved by Samantha Henderson, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve the amendments to the Public Comment Rules for Board meetings. Copies of Public Comment Rules will continue to be available at all meetings upon request. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

Sarah Lefferdink was present. She gave a report of past and future events that FACET has planned for the Firth Community in 2024. It was moved by Samantha Henderson, seconded by Craig Middle to approve the upcoming FACET events: 9/28 Tailgate and Vendor Fair, 11/3 Soup supper fund raiser at the community center, and the 12/7 annual Firth Old Fashioned Christmas. And to allow FACET to print event flyers at the Village Office at Village expense up to 200 copies per event. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Samantha Henderson, to allow FACET to close Nemaha Street between 3rd and 4th Streets for the 9/28/24 Tailgate/Vendor fair. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Todd Carlson, to approve Scott Papenhagen's request to hold a beer garden during the FACET Tailgate/Vendor Fair on Saturday 9/28/2024. The beer garden will be located on the street in front of Papa D's and Farmers & Merchants Bank and will follow all Liquor License requirements. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

There was a short discussion regarding the potential downtown sidewalk project. Also discussed was the potential sidewalk project on

the north side of Firth Road. The Clerk was directed to ask the engineer to come to Firth to look at the project area to determine grade and any obstacles in that location.

It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Jason Cooper, to accept the contract proposal with Rob Mierau, to create the amendments needed for Firth to update to a newer version of the International Building Code. (Firth is currently using the 2009 International Building Code.) After discussion it was agreed that a decision needed to be made on which edition of the International Building Code to adopt before contracting with Mr. Mierau. Roll call vote: No Yeas, 5 Nays (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle, S. Henderson.) Motion failed. The issue will be placed on the October meeting agenda.

It was moved by Samantha Henderson, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve the contract with Schrock Innovations to open a business account to provide IT support for the Village computer. The annual fee is \$450.00, but the first year is \$405.00. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

At 8:00pm it was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Craig Middle, to close the regular meeting and open a public hearing for the purpose of hearing public comment on proposed Zoning text as well as Zoning map and FLU map changes. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

The Clerk/Building and Zoning Administrator explained the minor changes the Planning Commission was recommending to the Zoning Text, and Zoning Map and Future Land Use Maps. There were several questions from the public that were answered and explained.

At 8:21pm it was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Samantha Henderson, to close the public hearing and reconvene the regular meeting. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

The Board Chair read Ordinance #09-2024-2:

ORDINANCE NO. 09-2024-2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FIRTH, LANCASTER COUNTY NEBRASKA, ADOPTING AMENDED ZONING REGULATIONS FOR THE VILLAGE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: *That the Revised Zoning Regulations of the Village of Firth, Nebraska dated September 3, 2024, attached hereto (exhibit #1) and made a part hereof by reference, be and the same hereby are adopted as the official amended Zoning Regulations for the Village.*

SECTION 2: *That the Revised Zoning Map of the Village of Firth, Nebraska dated September 3, 2024, attached hereto (exhibit #2) and made a part hereof by reference, be and the same hereby is adopted as the official amended Zoning Map for the Village.*

SECTION 3: *That the Revised Future Land Use Map of the Village of Firth, Nebraska dated September 3, 2024, attached hereto (exhibit #3) and made a part hereof by reference, be and the same hereby is adopted as the official amended Future Land Use Map for the Village Comprehensive Plan.*

SECTION 4: *That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict be and the same hereby are repealed.*

SECTION 5: *That this Ordinance and its attachments shall be published in Pamphlet Form, retained in the Village Office and made available for inspection for copying by any interested party during normal business hours.*

SECTION 6: *That this Ordinance shall go into force and effect upon its passage, approval and publication as required by law.*

Dated this 3rd day of September 2024.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Samantha Henderson to waive the customary three readings of Ordinance #09-2024-2. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Samantha Henderson, seconded by Craig Middle to adopt Ordinance #09-2024-2 adopting various changes to the Zoning text, Zoning map and Future Land Use map as recommended by the Firth Planning Commission. (This ordinance and its attachments shall be published in Pamphlet Form, retained in the Village Office and made available for inspection for copying by any interested party during normal business hours.) Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

The Board discussed a wage increase for Village staff for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Ordinance #09-2024-3 was read by the Board Chairwoman:

ORDINANCE NO. #09-2024-3

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FIRTH, LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA, SETTING WAGES AND SALARIES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2024, AND CONTINUING TO AND THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF FIRTH, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. *That there be and hereby are established wages and salaries for the officials and employees of the*

Village for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, 5% Raise, as follows:

Maintenance Employee \$ 73,028.00 per year
\$500/month stipend in lieu of health insurance
\$50/month stipend for cell phone

Treasurer \$ 9,269.00 per year
Village Clerk \$ 28.09 per hour

Health Insurance premium paid (% of 40-hour work week x premium amount)
\$50/month stipend for cell phone

Summer Mowing Employee \$ 17.00 per hour

SECTION 2. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall go into force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

DATED this 3rd day of September 2024.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Samantha Henderson, to waive the customary three readings of Ordinance #09-2024-3. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Craig Middle, to adopt Ordinance #09-2024-3 setting wages for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

Sub-Committee Reports were given.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:28pm.

Kami Beaty – Board Chairwoman

Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk