

VILLAGE OF DUNCAN BOARD MEETING & PUBLIC HEARINGS

September 8, 2025- TO FOLLOW BUDGET HEARING – Village Hall, 906 8th Street, Duncan, NE 68634

The monthly board meeting of the Village of Duncan Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:15 PM by Chairperson, Gary Schlesinger. The Chairperson publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was held in the Village Hall. Board members present were Lance Denbo, Nick Wagoner, Gary Schlesinger, Jerusha Ratcliffe and Van Steyn. Also in attendance were Village Staff: Marianna Evans (Clerk), Michelle Schindel (Treasurer) and Doug Michalak (Utility Superintendent). *A motion to approve the current agenda was made by Wagoner, second Denbo. Vote was as follows: Voting aye—Denbo, Wagoner, Schlesinger, Ratcliffe and Steyn. Voting nay—none. The Chairman carried the motion. A motion was made to approve the August 11, 2025 meeting minutes by Ratcliffe, second---Wagoner. Vote was as follows: Voting aye—Denbo, Wagoner, Schlesinger, Ratcliffe and Steyn. Voting nay—none. The Chairman carried the motion.* The Chairman provided an opportunity for public comments. Each individual is allowed to have a 5-minute time limit. The Board may only listen and add to the next agenda if approved. No visitors presented any comments. A resident approached the microphone to state that the street sweeper missed a large section in front of his house on 9th St. He stated there was two-inch deep sand still on street after the sweeper left. Michalak stated that he had the sweeper redo 6th street but was unaware until now that there were any other issues. He stated he would speak with the street sweeper prior to the next sweep. Schlesinger stated that he was unaware that the sweeper was coming. Evans stated she sent out the alert as well as added it to the highway digital sign. No other unscheduled comments.

New Business

Public Hearing – *Motion to open the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan Public Hearing at 7:20pm was made by Ratcliffe, second Denbo. Vote was as follows: Voting aye—Denbo, Wagoner, Schlesinger, Ratcliffe and Steyn. Voting nay—none. The Chairman carried the motion.* 1 & 6 Year Road Plan was reviewed by the board. Discussion on potential other streets to pave were suggested. Schlesinger stated he would like to look into other roads being paved. There were no further comments made and *a motion to close the hearing was made at 7:28pm by Denbo, second Wagoner. Vote was as follows: Voting aye—Denbo, Wagoner, Schlesinger, Ratcliffe and Steyn. Voting nay—none. The Chairman carried the motion.*

Public Hearing -- *Motion to open the public hearing at 7:30pm for conditional use permit at 922 9th Street was made by Wagoner, second Denbo. Vote was as follows: Voting aye—Denbo, Wagoner, Schlesinger, Ratcliffe and Steyn. Voting nay—none. The Chairman carried the motion.* Don Reves (P&Z Chairman) presented to the microphone and as a representative for the P&Z Committee, recommended to approve the conditional use permit for 922 9th Street to open a hair salon. Ashlea Gurley (permit applicant) presented to the microphone and answered few questions from the Board. *Motion to close the public hearing at 7:33pm was made by Ratcliffe, second Steyn. Vote was as follows: Voting aye—Denbo, Wagoner, Schlesinger, Ratcliffe and Steyn. Voting nay—none. The Chairman carried the motion. A motion to approve the conditional use permit for 922 9th Street Barrels & Bangs hair salon was made by Schlesinger, second Ratcliffe. Vote was as follows: Voting aye—Denbo, Wagoner, Schlesinger, Ratcliffe and Steyn. Voting nay—none. The Chairman carried the motion.*

Ordinance 25-213 Amend Water Rates Schlesinger stated it was previously voted on and now need to approve the final ordinance to increase the water rates. Schlesinger read the entire ordinance aloud. *A motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings was made by Schlesinger, second Wagoner. Vote was as follows: Voting aye—Denbo, Wagoner, Schlesinger, Ratcliffe and Steyn. Voting nay—none. The Chairman carried the motion. A motion to approve Ord. 25-213 Amend Water Rates was made by Denbo, second Wagoner. Vote was as follows: Voting aye—Denbo, Wagoner, Schlesinger, Ratcliffe and Steyn. Voting nay—none. The Chairman carried the motion.*

Proposed Jingle & Mingle Donation Reves presented his plan for the event to the Board. He mentioned several donors and the flyer for the event with the schedule of events for the day. After discussing, the Board agreed and *a motion to donate \$500 to the Jingle & Mingle Event was made by Wagoner, second*

Denbo. Vote was as follows: Voting aye—Denbo, Wagoner, Schlesinger, Ratcliffe and Steyn. Voting nay—none. The Chairman carried the motion.

NCG Delegate Evans reported that Harry Prososki presented to her office and requested the Board approve that he be delegate for Duncan again. Schlesinger asked if the Village has to pay to be a part of NCG. Evans reported that the only thing the Village pays is \$100/yr to keep the lottery license active in case someone in town would want to start KENO or another gaming opportunity that requires a license. *A motion to approve Harry Prososki at the NCG delegate for Duncan was made by Denbo, second Steyn. Vote was as follows: Voting aye—Denbo, Wagoner, Schlesinger, Ratcliffe and Steyn. Voting nay—none. The Chairman carried the motion.*

Departmental Reports:

Utilities Michalak stated he got the valve replaced at the 85 well and Sargent was able to finish their performance testing on it. The testing went well and it is online working now. He reported that he has been dealing with some issue at the little lift station wit one pump constantly running. He reported that the antenna that was on the ground at the water treatment building was actually our antenna for HOA. He put the antenna back up. He stated that the mower was running a bit rough so he cleaned the carb. That did not help so he switched the fuel filter and that seemed to have fixed it. Everything else is good, reported by Michalak. Wagoner asked about the job opening. Michalak reported that there have been no new applicants.

Parks & Rec Schlesinger reported that he has been given a lot of used park equipment from Columbus Parks and plans to add some to the ballfield and west park if room. He stated he would like to have covers over the picnic tables at the ballfield. He discussed the Village possibly paying for the concrete needed for the poles. Requested to add to agenda next month.

Planning & Zoning no report

Clerk Report Evans reported she finally got an answer from NDOT about moving the speed limit sign. The Board reviews the email from NDOT. Evans explained that she was told that there is a state law that says if a speed limit is ever reduced, there must be a study completed first to justify the change. She was told that it has nothing to do with city limits and that if the study justifies it, the sign could be moved further out even. Schlesinger stated he spoke to someone with the department out of Columbus and he gave a conflicting response. Evans then reported that she is waiting to hear back from the NDOT Engineer about when this study can be completed.

Treasurer Report After the Treasurer reported on the bills for the month and the Board reviewed the monthly recap, *a motion to pay the bills was made by Wagoner second—Denbo. Vote was as follows: Voting aye—Denbo, Wagoner, Schlesinger, Ratcliffe and Steyn. Voting nay—none. The Chairman carried the motion.*

All meetings are open to the public and a current agenda for said meetings will be posted and available for public inspection at the office of the Village Clerk, Post Office, T-Bone 2 and the Village website on the Thursday prior to the meeting. The next meeting will be on **October 13, 2025 at 7:00 PM**. Being no other business, adjournment was made by Chairman Schlesinger at 8:10p.m.

Minutes recorded and submitted by: Marianna Evans (Clerk)