CITY OF TERRYTOWN
Regular Meeting of the City Council
October 9th, 2025

The City of Terrytown Council met on Thursday, October 9th, 2025, at 6:30 PM, for a regular meeting of the City Council at the Community Room in the Carpenter Center, 116 Terry Blvd in the City of Terrytown, Nebraska. Notice of said meeting was published in the Star-Herald according to Nebraska State Law and posted in in the following three prominent places 89A Woodley Park Road, 116 Terry Blvd, and 120 Terry Blvd as outlined by ordinance. Mayor, Chris Perales, called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Council Members present in person were Brandon Ettleman, Tyler Feil, Mike Minzey, Emily Norman. City Clerk, Jeni Matten was present and took minutes. Also present: Attorney, Libby Stobel, Engineer, Mike Olsen and Utility Supervisor, Hugo Chairez

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance. Mayor Perales pointed out the location of the poster for the Open Meetings Act..

There were no changes to the agenda, no emergency items and no public comment.

Council received LARM membership update for correspondence.

Mayor Perales, read the Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Representatives of DOVES were present to share their appreciation.

Bill and Vicky Brashear owner of 73 Nelson Drive requested the council review the billing left from a tenant in May of 2024. The billing amount was for $382.54, $75.00 of which was due to late fees. Brashear requested he pay $100 to settle the bill due to the amount of time that passed since the billing. Feil recommended they pay $106.16 which would be the March and April 2024 billings. Brashear agreed to that proposed amount. Feil moved for Brashear to pay March and April 2024 tenant bills in the amount of $106.16 leaving $276.38 to be written off by the City. Ettleman seconded the motion. Aye's: Ettleman, Feil, Minzey, and Norman. Nay's: none Motion carried.

Michael Marquez, 20 Heather Road, asked the council to consider adding a mural at Hascall Park. He is the owner of a tattoo shop and would love to see some art in Terrytown. He grew up in Terrytown and believes that Hascall Park looks amazing with great grass and clean play grounds, it would look even better with some art. He has experience in Scottsbluff and Gering. Marquez requested input on the design. Marquez's project in downtown Gering was significant and took about a years' time. Minzey asked if graffiti is a problem. Marquez said that he did one at a laundromat in Scottsbluff that was known for having graffiti and since he painted the mural there has been no graffiti. Once there is art, people respect it. Recommendations were made for designs. Perales suggested, to be a little nostalgic, he would like to see the water tower on the mural. Minzey would like the old "Carena Drive In." Norman, asked if he was paid for his time with the other murals. Marques typically calculates by size, but would charge around $3,000 for the bathrooms including materials. If he measured it would be closer to $20,000, but he feels Terrytown needs art. He said the best time for him to work is when it is cold. Norman moved to move forward with the mural project, next month seeing ideas and decision on top amount to spend. Minzey seconded the motion. Aye's: Feil, Minzey, Norman, and Ettleman. Nay's: none. Motion carried.

Council reviewed the presented receipt for septic system cleaning for 2408 Country Club which was presented for justification for reimbursement of City sewer bills. . Chairez and Olsen stated that the property could have an old septic system, still tied into the city sewer line. Ordinance requires properties adjoining City sewer to be tied in. There would be a couple of ways to find out. Stobel said that it would be on the property owner to show proof that the septic tank is or is not tied into the city line, and the past charges are not warranted. Council directed Stobel to write a letter to the owner providing as such.

Jennifer Branson, Retail manager for Nebraska Public Power District ("NPPD) with her was Dennis Wademan, District Supervisor for this area. Branson discussed the flyer she provided to the council. She reminded council of the professional operating agreement NPPD has with the City of Terrytown. Branson gave the 2025 Energy Report for Terrytown. She discussed an available phone App that you can report and see power outages across the state. Minzey asked about the new power project, they said that it will help sustain power when an outage occurs.

Perales noted that the minutes from the October 2nd, 2025 @ 5:30 Mattern's name is misspelled and that it stated "Mayor Perales" where it should say "President Norman". Norman moved to approve the minutes from the October 2nd, 2025 5:30 p.m. meeting with the corrections. Feil seconded the motion. Aye's: Minzey, Norman, Ettleman, and Feil. Nay's: none. Motion carried.

Ettleman moved to approve minutes from the October 2nd, 2025 6:30 p.m. Norman seconded the motion. Aye's: Norman, Ettleman, Feil, and Minzey. Nay's: none. Motion carried.

Council received the Revenue and Expense reports for September, 2025.

Council discussed the potential projects for the 1–6-year street plan. 2025-2030 – Projects did not change on the proposed plan, from the work on Terry Boulevard, which will show as completed. Olsen noted that the council can move items around, or add new. However, if a project from the 6-year plan is completed, then the City must amend the 1–6-year plan to reflect the change. Olsen reminded the Council that none of the projects need completed in the 1–6-year time frame. Minzey asked about (M184553) it mentions mill and asphalt on Country Club and Michael Street. Olsen suggested a revision to reflect the "west end of Michael Street" to emphasize the intended area was the alley between these streets. Minzey, also, noted that it states "25 mph: when it should be "15 mph". Olsen asked about any other ideas. Feil mentioned the portion of Stable Club could be fixed near Dietrich Distributing, but Olsen suggested this to be in the realm of normal maintenance. Chairez mentioned Martha Road should be a priority. Feil stated he didn't feel anything else should be moved from this year's plan.

Options for water customer rate increase were presented to the Council. The City of Gering increased its wholesale water rates as of October 1, and therefore the City needs to discuss an increase to customers to offset the increased cost. After reviewing the information, Feil suggested the 13% incre4ase, even though projections based on this amount are just shy of being sufficient to cover costs. Mattern pointed out that there will. Also, be an increase from the City of Scottsbluff for wastewater. Council decided that there will need to be a 5% increase on wastewater in the upcoming Ordinance. These increases will be reflected in upcoming Ordinances presented next month.

Feil moved to pay the Contractor's Application for Payment No. 1 to Infinity Construction for the 2025 Terrytown Terry Boulevard Pavement Rehabilitation on the amount of $176,215.50. Norman seconded the motion. Aye's: Ettleman, Feil, Minzey, and Norman. Nay's: none. Motion carried.

Council reviewed comparative quotes for repairs on the 2015 Chevy Silverado. After reviewing the quotes side by side Council was unable to justify the additional $4,000 that Panhandle Diesel was charging over Reganis. Chairez pointed out the amount of time it took to even get in for an estimate. Robert Blanco, Utility Assistant, pointed out that he thinks that Reganis will find more problems once they begin work. He stated that Panhandle Diesel took over a day to diagnose and prepare a quote and Reganis had it less than an hour. Feil moved that Reganis should do the tires and repairs on the 2015 Chevy Silverado at the price quoted $3,650.77. Minzey seconded the motion. Aye's: Feil, Norman, and Ettleman. Nay's: Minzey. Motion carried.

Minzey moved to approve payment of INV01682 to the City of Gering for the Raw Water Storage Project in the amount of $58,384. Norman seconded the motion. Aye's: Norman, Ettleman, Feil, and Minzey. Nay's: none. Motion carried.

Council received the September 2025 Communications and Police reports.

At 8:06 p.m. Feil moved to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting until the November 13th, 2025 meeting. Norman seconded the motion Aye's: Minzey, Norman, Ettleman, and Feil. Nay's: none. Motion carried.

Mayor, Chris Perales

Attest:

City Clerk, Jeni Mattern

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