



CITY OF MILFORD, NEBRASKA  
COUNCIL AGENDA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026, 7:00 pm

All agenda items are for discussion and action will be taken as deemed appropriate. The City Council reserves the right to go into executive session in accordance with Section 84-1410.

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Pursuant to Section 84-1412(8) of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the west wall of this meeting room and is available for viewing by the public.

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approve agenda as submitted.

**2. SUBMITTAL OF REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS**

Individuals who have appropriate items for City Council consideration should complete the **Request for Future Agenda Items** form located near the entrance of the meeting room. If the issue can be handled administratively without Council action, notification will be provided. If the item is scheduled for a committee or Council meeting, notification of the date will be given.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT** Members of the public wishing to present to the Mayor and City Council on any matter of public interest will be invited to do so during this segment of the meeting. Each individual presenter will be limited to no more than three (3) minutes of speaking time.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA** The following items are considered to be routine by the city council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a city council member or citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from consent status and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

- a. Approve Minutes: January 6, 2026
- b. Approve Claims by Auditing Committee
- c. Approve Treasurer's Report for December 2025 by Auditing Committee
- d. Reports/Communications filed by Governing Board and City personnel.
- e. Re-appointments – Boards and Committees

## **5. PRESENTATION:**

- a. Audit Report by HBE CPA's 2024-2025 Fiscal Year

## **6. CURRENT BUSINESS:**

- a. Consider potential revisions and updates to City Employee Handbook related to process and procedures for vacation, paid time off, and other employee leave requests, along with other potential revisions necessitated by new City payroll system.
- b. Consider 2025 Water Main Replacement project and advise on the use of remaining SRF funds.
- c. Authorize going out for bid on 2025 Water Main Replacement project.
- d. Requested Agenda Item from Jeff Bluhm: Discuss and consider updating rules for ATV/UTV concerning driving at night and reviewing overall rules.
- e. Consider By-Law change for the SSCSWMA regarding weighted votes per community.
- f. Consider updating Golf Cart ordinance allowing driving at night and adding providing proof of insurance.
- g. Discuss/consider rules and regulations for E-Bikes, Scooters, Hover Boards (All Electric) personal transportation within Milford.

## **7. RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 683 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MILFORD, NEBRASKA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS A 1949 FORD F-7 FIRE TRUCK OWNED BY THE MILFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND SETTING FORTH CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS RELATED THERETO.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 992 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MILFORD, NEBRASKA, RENAMING A PORTION OF SOUTH WALNUT STREET TO BE KNOWN AS "TRADES CITY DRIVE."**

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

CITY OF MILFORD  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 3, 2026  
MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Milford, Nebraska was held at the City Hall Building in said City on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2026 at 7:00 pm. Present were Mayor Patrick Kelley; Council members: Dustin Bauer, Becky Freeman, Dainton Parks, Maintenance Supt. Gary TeSelle, Chief of Police Darrin Kremer and City Clerk Jeanne Hoggins. Absent: Tony DeLong. Also present: Deputy Clerk Whitney Parks, Commissioner Misty Ahmic, Dane Simonsen & Ethan Hall with JEO, Tim Dworak, Lucas Post and Kiley Wiechman with HBE, Jeff Bluhm.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publishing in the Milford Times a designated method for giving notice, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes. Notice of the meeting was given to the mayor and all members of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to these minutes. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Kelley called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is available for review and is posted on the west wall in the City Hall meeting room.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**APPROVE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED:** A motion was made by Parks and seconded by Bauer to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Parks yes, Bauer yes, Freeman yes, DeLong absent. Motion carried.

**SUBMITTAL OF REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS:** Mayor Kelley shared that the forms are available on the east table.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** Members of the public wishing to present to the Mayor and City Council on any matter of public interest will be invited to do so during this segment of the meeting. Each individual presenter will be limited to no more than three (3) minutes of speaking time. No comments.

**REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS:** Written reports received: Sr. Center minutes from January 21, 2026 meeting. SSCSWMA minutes from October 30, 2025. Planning & Zoning Commission minutes from January 19, 2026.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Mayor Kelley read the Consent Agenda:

- a. Approve Minutes: January 6, 2026
- b. Approval of Claims: Accounts Payable - \$174,581.92; Payroll - \$44,945.82; Totaling \$219,527.74 by the Auditing Committee.
- c. Approve Treasurer's Report for December 2025 by Auditing Committee
- d. Reports/Communications filed by Governing Board and City Personnel.
- e. Re-appointments – Boards and Committees

A motion was made by Bauer and seconded by Parks to approve items on the consent agenda as read. Roll call vote: Bauer yes, Parks yes, DeLong absent, Freeman yes. Motion carried.

**SALARIES:**

8082	Dustin Bauer	138.52
8083	Waylon DeLong	138.52
8084	Becky Freeman	138.52
8085	Patrick Kelley	184.70

8086	Dainton Parks	138.52
8087	Craig Carritt	25.75
8088	Mavis Ferris	59.21
8089	Jeanne Hoggins	1804.61
8090	Ardella Huber	1171.92
8091	Darrin Kremer	2188.04
8092	Mystique Lauer	1190.61
8093	George Matzen	802.09
8094	Tanner Paap	1383.71
8095	Whitney Parks	1372.19
8096	Katherine Pauley	207.79
8097	Michelle Richards	197.40
8098	Dominic Rocolo	800.68
8099	Jordan Schachtschabel	1952.73
8100	Jessica Swanson	11.32
8101	Gary TeSelle	1333.14
8102	Wallace Wilkins III	1243.78
8076	Tanner Paap	1376.09
8500	Craig Carritt	28.32
8501	Mavis Ferris	84.96
8502	Jeanne Hoggins	1,804.61
8503	Ardella Huber	1,171.92
8504	Darrin Kremer	2,188.04
8505	Mystique Lauer	1,344.17
8506	George Matzen	790.70
8507	Tanner Paap	1,559.92
8508	Whitney Parks	1,213.77
8509	Katherine Pauley	252.81
8510	Michelle Richards	235.49
8511	Dominic Rocolo	1,083.33
8512	Jordan Schachtschabel	1,823.12
8513	Jessica Swanson	572.11
8514	Gary TeSelle	1,333.14
8515	Wallace Wilkins III	1,232.20

**GENERAL FUND:**

1	EVEON CONTAINERS, INC.	CONTAINER FOR X-MAS DECOR	3,024.00
8123	UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	UB POSTAGE	279.31
500000	OMNIFY BENEFITS	HSA PAYMENT 1.12.26	815.00
500001	AED ZONE	JONATHAN MILLER-EMT COURSE	1,850.00
500002	AFLAC	DECEMBER SUPPL. INS.	1,582.53
500003	ALLO COMMUNICATIONS	ACCT.	610.87
500004	ASCAP	2026 LICENSE FEE	458.00
500005	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS METER DAMAGE-T PAAP	613.72
500006	BOUND TREE-EMER MED.PROD	MEDICAL SUPPLIES/COLD PACKS	104.93
500007	CENTRALSQUARE TECH, LLC	MAINTENANCE FEE	1,404.26
500008	CROP INSURANCE SOLUTIONS	REFUND UNUSED FIRE HALL 2-12	300.00
500009	CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	COOLER & SOFTENER RENTAL	323.63
500010	DAN PEARSON	OCT. 2025-JAN. 7-2026 PLUMBING	280.00
500011	DAS STATE ACCT-CENT FINANC	DEC. STATE RADIO FEES POLICE	99.00

500012	DATAVIZION	JANUARY MICROSOFT LICENSING	1,232.10
500013	DERREK YODER	CLEAN FIRE STATION	150.00
500014	DIVERSIFIED DRUG TESTING	QTRLY RANDOM AND PRE-EMP.	129.00
500015	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	MAILING SW/WA RATE UPDATE PAPE	85.96
500016	EDMUNDS GOVTECH	ON LINE WIPP SOFTWARE	1,250.00
500017	EMC INSURANCE COMPANIES	2024 WKMANS COMP AUDIT, GEN. LIA	4,562.00
500018	FARMERS COOPERATIVE	FUEL FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS	1,083.64
500019	HAWKINS INC.	TREATMENT CHEMICALS	3,587.56
500020	HOTSY EQUIPMENT CO	WASHER PARTS	25.50
500021	I AM RESPONDING	1 YR. BACKUP PAGING 25/26	859.00
500022	INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	LIBRARY BOOKS	547.13
500023	JOANN ROTH	SR. CTR. CLEANING 12-3.10.18.27	200.00
500024	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	LEAF VACCUM-SHOP ITEM	390.93
500025	JOHN HANCOCK	PLAN 166274-AADF-A DEC.25 ADMI	334.44
500026	JOYCE FORST	1-4-26 SR. CTR. RENTAL REFUND	100.00
500027	KATIE SPARKS	7 HRS. DEC. REC. COORDINATOR	500.00
500028	KELLY HANEY	DEC. SR. YOGA	170.00
500029	MARY WIESE	REIMB. DIGITAL FOOT THERMOMETE	25.73
500030	MEDICA HEALTH PLAN	JANUARY 2026 HEALTH INSURANCE	9,384.24
500031	MENARDS-LINCOLN NORTH	LUMBER, TOWELS, GLASS CLEANER	67.50
500032	MID-STATES ORGANIZED CRIME	2 OFFICERS 2026 REPORT. MEMBERS	100.00
500033	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	SPRAYER, LOCK PINS, FILTERS, ETC	691.53
500034	MILFORD PLUMBING INC.	WATER LINE REPAIR PARTS	71.21
500035	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICTY 11-22 TO 12-22-25	4,224.09
500036	NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DIST	ACCT. #2 SOUTH WELL	258.18
500037	ONE CALL CONCEPTS	9 LOCATES	7.77
500038	ONE SIX LLC	XMAS LIGHTS SERV/STORAG	300.00
500039	PAPER TIGER	SHREDDING CITY FORMS	75.00
500040	PETTY CASH	REIMB. PETTY CASH-MAILINGS	17.72
500041	PIONEER OVERHEAD DOOR	SHOP DOOR REPAIRS/ADJ	285.00
500042	REBEKAH FREY	12-14 & 28 CLEAN CITY HALL	140.00
500043	REDIGER AUTOMOTIVE	POLICE VEH. OIL CHANGE	73.99
500044	REMBOLT LUDTKE LLP	DECEMBER LEGAL COUNSEL	2,500.00
500045	SACK LUMBER COMPANY	10-1X4X8' PINE BDS-BARRICADE	74.90
500046	SARGENT DRILLING	WELL #1 REHABILITATION	56,547.51
500047	SEWARD COUNTY IND	JAN. 6 LEGAL HEARING NOTICE	153.64
500048	SUSAN TRABERT	REIMB. SR. CTR. BINGO PRIZES	18.17
500049	TCA OUTDOOR POWER	OIL & OIL FILTERS	345.65
500050	TIM DWORAK	AUG-DEC. 2025 BLDG. INSPECT	2,892.00
500051	UNITED RENTALS	COMPRESSOR REPAIRS	859.07
500052	VERIZON WIRELESS	JAN. 26 FIRE DEPT. PHONE	124.16
500053	WHITE CAP LP-TOO FAST	12 GRAY MAXI FLEX GLOVES	59.21
500054	WINDSTREAM NEBRASKA INC	ACCT. GENERAL PHONE FUND	124.26
500055	ZITO MEDIA	FIRE DEPT. T.V. SERV. JAN. 2026	6.09
500056	OMNIFY BENEFITS	HSA PAYMENT 1.26.26	815.00
500057	UNION BANK & TRUST CO	PAYROLL AGENCY PYMTS JAN 26	600.00

500059	ADVANCED GRAPHIX INC	125 1/1/2" x 3/4" 2026 DECALS	135.50
500060	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE	FEBRUARY DENTAL INSURANCE	660.48
500061	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	DEC.4, 25 TO JAN. 6, 26 GAS	2,377.95
500062	BLACKBURN MFG.CO	MARKING FLAGS	125.78
500063	BOUND TREE EMER MED.PROD	EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	424.08
500064	CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES	JANUARY COPIER CONTRACT	179.95
500065	CARD SERVICE CENTER	TOOLS,CABLE,BK.SR.CTR. FOOD	2,233.76
500066	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	SR.CTR.POTATOS,TOWELS,SOAP	419.20
500067	DEARBORN GROUP	FEB.FIRE.DEPT. LIFE/ACCID.INS.	75.68
500068	DERREK YODER	CLEANING FIRE HALL IN JANUARY	150.00
500069	DIVERSIFIED DRUG TESTING	PRE-EMP.DRUG TEST	172.00
500070	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	2 CASES COPIER PAPER	99.98
500071	FIRSTAR FIBER INC.	DEC. RECYCLING	628.00
500072	FUELMAN FLEET PROGRAM	2 MONTHS POLICE FUEL	1,392.45
500073	HYDRO OPTIMIZATION & AUTO	SEWER CONTROL LABOR/MILEGAE	2,347.55
500074	JEO CONSULTING GROUP, INC.	FINAL DESIGN WATER MAIN REPLA.	40,000.00
500075	JOHN SUTTON	74 KIDS BOOKS	444.00
500076	JONES AUTOMOTIVE	SAFETY LIGHT FOR TRUCK	432.40
500077	KATIE SPARKS	JANUARY REC.COORD.	500.00
500078	KELLY HANEY	6 SR.YOGA CLASSES-DEC./JAN	160.00
500079	MATHESON TRI-GAS,INC	FIRE DEPT. BOTTLE GASES	80.91
500080	MILFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.	MUTUAL AID DUES	269.71
500081	NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH	WATER TESTING-COLIFORM/NITRATE	83.00
500082	NEMSA	19 MEMBERS VOL.FIRE ASSOC.	530.00
500083	OSWALD ELECTRIC	SR.CTR.CK.HEATER,REPAIR FLAG L	467.34
500084	PIZZA KITCHEN	SR.CTR.BIRTH.MEALS,NEW YEARS E	421.08
500085	POLICE CHIEFS ASSOC OF NE	2026 POLICE CHIEFS MEMBERSHIP	120.00
500086	POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOC OF NE	3-2025 POLICE OFFICERS HANDBKS	42.00
500087	REBEKAH FREY	4 HRS.CLEANING CITY HALL	140.00
500088	SEILER INSTRUMENT & MANU.	10 HR. PACK CATALYST ON DEMAND	405.00
500089	SEWARD COUNTY IND	LIQUOR LIC.RENEWAL NOTICE	138.63
500090	STUTZMAN DIGGING	ONEIDA ST.WATER MAIN REPAIRS	1,540.00
500091	SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	POLICE DEPT. AMMO	670.00
500092	TCA OUTDOOR POWER	PUMP BELT,WIRE HARNESS-MOWER	1,139.62
500093	TRAVIS YEACKLEY	17 CPR RECERTIFICATIONS	850.00
500094	UNMC-REGIONAL PATH SERV.	HEPATITIS SCREENING-K.DEEKS	39.20
500095	VERIZON WIRELESS	ACCT. 7813-00001-PHONE	115.17
	JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INS CO	PENSION	2,914.95
	JONES BANK	WIRE TRANSFER FEE	25.00
	NE DEPT OF REVENUE	SALES TAX - DECEMBER 2025	1,522.47
	IRS FEDERAL WITHHOLDINGS	FED/FICA TAX	122.44
	JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INS CO	PENSION	2,914.95
	NE DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAX	607.29
	IRS FEDERAL WITHHOLDINGS	FED/FICA TAX	4,778.31
	NE DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAX	634.38
	IRS FEDERAL WITHHOLDINGS	FED/FICA TAX	5,001.04

TOTAL PAYROLL: 1/7/26	738.78
TOTAL PAYROLL: 1/12/26	15,744.97
TOTAL PAYROLL: 1/26/26	16,718.61
	219,527.74

**PRESENTATION:**

**Audit Report by HBE CPA’s 2024-2025 Fiscal Year:**

Lucas Post and Kiley Wiechman with HBE provided a presentation on the findings from the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year End Audit. The theme was consistency. The audit went very well and Luke thanked the staff. The presentation is attached to these minutes.

**CURRENT BUSINESS:**

**Consider potential revisions and updates to City Employee Handbook related to process and procedures for vacation, paid time off, and other employee leave requests, along with other potential revisions necessitated by new City payroll system.**

Mayor Kelley shared, with the change of software we need to update the Employee Handbook to reflect the new procedure of adding Vacation and Ill leave. We are moving in the right direction to utilize the systems to track time off. It limits potential risk and keeps good controls in place. You have before you the revisions provided by our legal team.

Hoggins commented that we are working with both programs so they will eventually marry up and provide vacation and sick leave correctly. The new pay clock system requires time to be distributed by per pay period or bi-weekly instead of at the end of the month. The changes are reflected in the proposal.

Mayor Kelley noted one of the things I’ll be reviewing is the department head’s timecards. Instead of them reviewing and approving their own timecards, which seems to be a little bit of a risk making sure that their timecards are approved. Since we don’t have a city administrator or someone else to do those things at the next level in a small town that’s the mayor. It’s just a better control in place to make sure that those timecards are accurate, vacation is being utilized properly, which our new system will allow, and I think it does. In the past I just asked the department heads to send me an email, but there really wasn’t a good way to track that once it made it over to the payroll side of things. The department heads approve all of their people underneath them, and so I’ll make sure that the department heads is approved Monday of payroll.

Attorney Aerts, if the Council adopts this just for consistency purposes, on the second to the last paragraph on page 14, I think we just want to add after Department Head (or Mayor as applicable) as far in advance as possible.

Hoggins asked for clarification regarding Department Heads calling in when they are ill or when they have scheduled appointments. Mayor Kelley shared it’s no different than other employees calling and letting their supervisor know they are ill and not coming into work. He just wants to be notified somehow that we are ill and will not be at work.

A motion was made by Bauer and seconded by Freeman to approve the revisions to the city employee handbook with the addition of verbiage in the second to last paragraph on page 14 adding (or Mayor as applicable). Roll call vote: Bauer yes, Freeman yes, DeLong absent, Parks yes. Motion carried.

**Consider 2025 Water Main Replacement project and advise on the use of remaining SRF funds.**

Dane Simonsen with JEO shared an update on the water main project. Dustin and Gary and the design team met on January 15<sup>th</sup>. We went over our last set of plans, pretty in depth, gathered the last set of comments, and since then, we came back, updated the plan set, and I gave Gary and Dustin a fresh set so they're basically at a 99% completion level rate. To finalize those, I did want to talk a little bit about our funding. When we went into this

project, we knew we had limited SRF funds left. We're using up the last half of that loan that funded the previous project. It was decided that we were going to design probably more water mains than we could build with that amount of money. And so right now, you have about \$2 million of SRF funds left, and the total project cost of everything we've designed this time around is probably about 3.5. somewhere in that neighborhood. We won't know until we get bids. All that said, we have been talking to SRF in the background and have kind of requested if they had any additional funds that we would like to know about it to enable us to do more. What we're hearing from them is it's possible, but they're not really going to know if they can commit to that for maybe six months. I think the way we've set the project up right now is that it's cut into a bunch of pieces. We can bid the project, we can award up to the funds we have left available, and we can always add other sections into the project later on, once we find out from SRF whether or not we've got some more loan to work with. One other thing that's playing into this is there's also some lead service line funding that's available to the community. That's kind of a little bit further out on the horizon here with the inventory and the replacement lead service lines. If you pursue that funding that will probably play into the water projects funding, because what I've seen is they will amend lead service line funding into the SRF alone, and so they'll pile all that stuff together. It'll specifically save this money for lead service line replacements. That's where we're at from a budget standpoint. And I really didn't have any action I needed on Item B.

**Authorize going out for bid on 2025 Water Main Replacement project.**

Rolling into the next item, we're ready to finalize the plans. We'll sign and seal those and get the plans and the specs ready to go. We'll then proceed with permitting to the State of Nebraska for our construction permit. We're asking tonight for approval, and authorization to go out to bid. I would anticipate we'll get that permit sometime later this month, advertise in March and be ready to award bids at the April council meeting. We'll establish dates for advertising and when bid opening is going to be.

After consideration a motion was made by Bauer and seconded by Parks to approve the plans and authorize JEO to go out for bids on the 2025 water main replacement project, utilize the remainder of the SRF funds available to get us as far as we can get into the project. Roll call vote: Bauer yes, Parks yes, DeLong absent, Freeman yes. Motion carried.

**Requested Agenda Item from Jeff Bluhm: Discuss and consider updating rules for ATV/UTV concerning driving at night and reviewing overall rules.**

Jeff Bluhm a 27-year Milford resident, wanted to discuss the outdated rules as far as all the side by sides/golf carts/ATV and UTV's. Jeff had already visited with council members Bauer and Parks, Mayor Kelley and Chief of Police Kremer. Jeff has a fully enclosed side by side with heat and air and pretty much everything that a vehicle must have to drive down the street. I do look at this as a privilege that the city lets us do. I'm thankful for that, but I just think if somebody has a vehicle that's equipped, which I've even seen, golf cart type vehicles that have, literally, headlights, taillights, blinkers, horns. I don't think they should be not looked at either. I just think that because I'm not a rule breaker. But the other day, Darren pulled me over. I've done it a few times, and he told me that night himself. I'm following the rules. I have full insurance coverage. I have my proof of insurance in the vehicle, I pay my \$50, I keep my driver's license on me. I just want to be able to utilize the type of machine I bought. I don't know what other communities do.

Mayor Kelley – Yes, this is certainly something as we continue to progress. You mentioned the golf cart, and that was something that we looked to change a couple years ago. They are becoming increasingly popular, and smaller communities seem to benefit from people wanting to utilize those versus cars. Technology has changed to where you can get headlights, taillights, and blinkers, all those types of things. It makes sense to kind of

grow the utilization of the golf cart. The ATV is a slightly different type of unit. I'm not saying I'm for or against this, just kind of saying it is a little bit different in terms of different acceleration than a golf cart. The potential risk could be that you start to see more, and then people driving 40-50 mph down the streets, which there's laws against that. So, you would think that wouldn't happen, but sometimes, you know, we've started to see the electric scooters running around town. Stop signs are still a thing, and we still require you to stop at stop signs. This is an electronic/gas thing, but as we look holistically at how we look to grow and further allow some of the things that haven't been allowed in previous years. It's definitely something to think about. Deferring to our legal team, is there any concern from laws outside of what we know that would hinder or disallow an ATV or UTV.

Attorney Aerts noted the first thing I always do whenever we have a proposed change to our amendments, is I always look at what's the corresponding state statute, and do we even have the ability as a city to make this change? Attorney Aerts received this proposal yesterday so, he didn't have a chance to perform a complete comprehensive review. I would be interested to know if you have examples of other municipalities who are making some of these changes. There is a state statute for both the golf carts and the ATVs, they're pretty much directly on point that basically restricts operation on the public streets between sunset and sunrise unless you're doing snow removal or doing a trade. In particular, as relates to that sunrise, the city code can be more restrictive, but it usually can't be less restrictive than that state baseline. So that is something that we kind of did notice, right off the bat here in the last 24 hours when we kind of compared those two. As far as a side by side or a RUV it's a totally different category than a golf cart. I can tell you right now there's an ATV UTV statute directly on point that says you can't drive it after dark. But in terms of some of these other hybrid vehicles, or some of these more modern vehicles, not something that we've looked after, maybe something to explore more.

Jeff Bluhm - I don't know what other states do, but you can take a unit like that to South Dakota and even get a temporary plate and drive it over the highways up there. I know that's a different thing, but it's still legislature. I'm all for rules and regulations and everything. I think they're just outdated, and there almost tends to be that different classification. I'm not the only one in town that has units like this. I think that number will continue to grow most likely. When you have a unit like I do, you're probably not going to buy it depending if you're a golfer or not. It's just a good thing, but it would be a true bummer not to be able to run to Dollar General and get milk at night.

Attorney Aerts noted he would share the state statute pertaining to these vehicles and suggested looking into what other communities are doing. Item will be revisited.

**Consider By-Law change for the SSCSWMA regarding weighted votes per community.**

Council member Parks shared some of the frustrations around conducting a meeting with SSCSWMA. There is one person from Crete and one person from Seward that have 7 votes each. When one of them is not present the board cannot conduct their meeting and the treasurer cannot pay bills. One particular meeting they had a CD that was due and she needed approval to renew it. They did not have a quorum. They are proposing to change the By-Laws to where everyone has their own vote.

Chairman of the SSCSWMA Misty Ahmic provided additional information: The way this was set up originally was that you got one vote per 1000 populations, Milford is right around 2000, they get two votes. Seward and Crete both around that 7000 population so they have seven votes each. The county, which is our vote, would be everyone who's outside of the city or village. So, then the cities and villages each have about a vote because they are rounded up to around 1000. What's happened over the years, he's totally right, if

one of those two does not show up, we cannot do business. Last year we had to reschedule twice. Because it is not working as I think the bylaws state, if a bylaw change is to occur, a member or members have to approach the chair. They approached at the October meeting, and said, this is not working and we are not able to do our work because of the quorum issue, and so we would like to change it. We would like to change it to be just equal vote for everyone. There was also concern about the fact that there are many partners who are a part of the original agency that have not participated in a very, very long time. The regulars in our county are Dainton and me. Leroy from Pleasant Dale. Goehner is there. City of Seward, and all the Saline County ones. After that happened, I started looking at the bylaws, and I'm like, there's a lot of votes here that are not coming to the meetings. So it's causing the quorum issue because they're not participating. Misty called each of those; Garland, Staplehurst, Cordova, Utica all the ones not participating. She asked two things: 1. Can you please come to the meeting to see if this is something you still want to participate in? 2. If you don't want to participate, can you notify us in writing, as it says in the bylaws. We did actually have three non-participants come back to the table. It was Garland, Staplehurst and Beaver Crossing that came back and started to ask questions. I went to Garland earlier, and Garland is one that has not participated in a long time. Milford participates always, which is great. You know, there's a benefit, and sometimes we Award for Community government. We brought forward the option one, which was, everybody has the same vote. We brought forward a second option that kind of still has a weighted element to it that simplifies the number of votes overall and simplifies the quorum option. I think Dayton needs direction if we still want to participate. We think that there should be a change in By-Laws.

Mayor Kelley questioned the cost of potential legal fees for all communities just because someone doesn't want to change. Misty noted there are 2 options that the group will work through. The final red-line draft can be reviewed by Attorney Aerts and then brought before the council for approval.

A motion was made by Parks and seconded by Bauer to authorize Councilmember Parks to work on behalf of the City of Milford to explore changes of the SSCSWMA by-laws pertaining to voting, which will be presented to the City Council for final approval. Roll call vote: Parks yes, Bauer yes, DeLong absent, Freeman yes. Motion carried.

**Consider updating Golf Cart ordinance allowing driving at night and adding providing proof of insurance.** No discussion on this item as State Statute clarifies no golf carts are allowed to be driven at night. The requirement to provide proof of insurance for golf carts will be added to the ordinance and placed on next months agenda.

**Discuss/consider rules and regulations for E-Bikes, Scooters, Hover Boards (All Electric) personal transportation within Milford.**

Councilmember Bauer provided information for discussion regarding the boards interest in creating an ordinance pertaining to electronic types of transportation with safety being the biggest concern. He wanted to focus on e-bikes and scooters, which are most common right now. Items mentioned: Following traffic laws, no passengers, helmets for under the age of 16. Mayor Kelley pointed out requiring a helmet for an e-bike at 20 mph when the state went a different direction with motorcycles. Bauer – in order to go without a helmet on a motorcycle you must take a safety course. More like an adult decision. It was asked if other communities have similar regulations. They were aware of other states that had helmet laws but wanted to research other NE communities with helmet laws. Direction of riding on streets or sidewalks posed a concern because Milford does not have sidewalks in all areas of town. Registering the items was also mentioned, similar to bikes. There are so many different levels when it comes to these electric items it is hard to differentiate motor size, max speed, pedal assist or throttle. Speed was a concern but some of them don't have

speedometers so the rider can't monitor how fast they are going. Education and parental guidance seemed to be key in all respects. It has been mentioned to have Chief Kremer present a safety class at the Elementary School. Discussion was held as to how to handle the situation due to a clear violation. Example: running through stop signs. Do we fine the parents or impound the mode of transportation? Issuing a fine didn't seem right and we don't impound a vehicle when it runs through a stop sign. Mayor Kelley noted it's tough in a small community, we do not have bike paths or walking trails and limited sidewalks in areas of town. He didn't think tonight was the time to put something in place but continue exploring what other communities are doing and definitely pursue the education piece. Councilmember Bauer will continue research and review the current bicycle ordinance for a possible amendment.

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 683**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MILFORD, NEBRASKA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS A 1949 FORD F-7 FIRE TRUCK OWNED BY THE MILFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND SETTING FORTH CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS RELATED THERETO.**

WHEREAS, the Milford Volunteer Fire Department (the "Fire Department"), a Department of the City of Milford, Nebraska (the "City"), owns a 1949 Ford F-7 Fire Truck (herein the "Property");

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the total fair market of the Property is greater than Five Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$5,000.00);

WHEREAS, the Fire Department has approved the sale of the Property and now wishes to obtain the approval of the City Council regarding the sale of the Property; and

WHEREAS, the City desires, through this resolution, to authorize and direct the sale of the Property pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 17-503.02 and Milford City Code § 8-103, as amended, and in accordance with such other terms and conditions as set forth herein.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILFORD, SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA, that the City authorizes and directs the sale of the Property, as follows:

Section 1. The City finds and determines that the total fair market of the Property is greater than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), such that the procedures and requirements set forth in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 17-503.02 and Milford City Code § 8-103(11) for personal property of greater than \$5,000.00 in value shall apply to the sale of the Property.

Section 2. The Property shall be sold pursuant to the following terms and conditions:

1) In accordance with the notice requirements set forth below, as such other terms and conditions as set forth herein, the City Council hereby directs that the Property shall be sold by the Fire Department to Firehouse Mid-Mod Custom Vintage, whose principal owners are Lynda Wirnsbeter and Brett Taylor, of St. Louis, Missouri (collectively, the "Purchaser").

2) The purchase price for the sale of the Property to the Purchaser shall be SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$6,970.00), and the Property shall be sold "as-is," and Purchaser shall be responsible for all costs associated with the closing on the sale of the Property, including but not necessarily limited to, all costs associated with any sales tax,

transfer taxes, motor vehicle registration fees, or costs for obtaining new insurance for the Property, as applicable, and any costs of pickup and transport of the Property.

Section 3. Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 17-503.02 and Milford City Code § 8-103(11), following the passage of this Resolution, notice of the sale of the Property shall be posted in three (3) prominent places within the City for a period of not less than seven (7) days prior to the sale of the Property. Notice of the sale shall also be published once in a legal newspaper in or of general circulation in the City at least seven (7) days prior to the sale of the Property. The notice shall give a general description of the Property offered for sale and state the terms and conditions of the sale.

Roll call vote: Bauer yes, Parks yes, DeLong absent, Freeman yes. Motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 3RD DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.

CITY OF MILFORD, NEBRASKA

Attest: Jeanne Hoggins  
Jeanne Hoggins, City Clerk

Patrick L. Kelley  
Patrick L. Kelley, Mayor



**ORDINANCE NO. 992 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MILFORD, NEBRASKA, RENAMING A PORTION OF SOUTH WALNUT STREET TO BE KNOWN AS “TRADES CITY DRIVE.” (See attached)**

A motion was made by Bauer and seconded by Freeman to approve Ordinance No. 992. A motion was made by Bauer and seconded by Parks to suspend the rules to waive the three readings. Roll call vote: Bauer yes, Parks yes, DeLong absent, Freeman yes. Motion carried.

Roll call vote on the original motion: Bauer yes, Freeman yes, DeLong absent, Parks yes. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Parks and seconded by Freeman to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Parks yes, Freeman yes, Bauer yes, DeLong absent. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

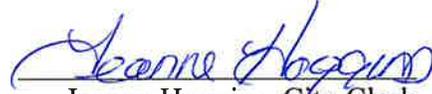
Jeanne Hoggins  
Jeanne Hoggins, City Clerk

Patrick L. Kelley  
Patrick L. Kelley, Mayor

**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Milford, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council on February 3, 2026 that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all

reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

  
Jeanne Hoggins, City Clerk





**ORDINANCE NO. 992**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MILFORD, NEBRASKA, RENAMING A PORTION OF SOUTH WALNUT STREET TO BE KNOWN AS "TRADES CITY DRIVE."**

WHEREAS, Milford City Code § 8-301 provides that the City Council may rename any street within the corporate limits of the City of Milford, Nebraska (the "City") by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Community College of Milford, Nebraska, has requested to change the name of that portion of South Walnut Street lying south of Highway 6 to be known as "Trades City Drive," and the City is amenable to such name change subject to approval of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the portion of South Walnut Street to be renamed as further stated herein is located within the City's corporate limits.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILFORD, SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AS FOLLOWS:**

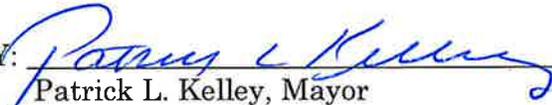
Section 1: That portion of South Walnut Street lying south of Highway 6 shall be renamed as "Trades City Drive." A map designating that portion of South Walnut Street to be renamed as "Trades City Drive" pursuant to this ordinance is attached hereto for reference.

Section 2: All corresponding street signs and City maps related to that portion of South Walnut Street lying south of Highway 6 to be renamed as "Trades City Drive" pursuant to this ordinance shall be updated and renamed accordingly.

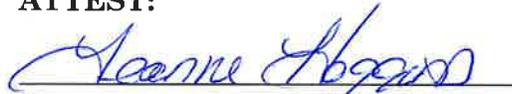
Section 3: That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law and shall be published in pamphlet form.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 3RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026.**

**CITY OF MILFORD,  
SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

BY:   
Patrick L. Kelley, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Jeanne Hoggins, City Clerk

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**Re-Appointments:**

**Emergency Management Director (3-year term)**

**Wayne Stohlmann – 1/3/26 thru 1/3/29, Director**

**Jeremy Dinges – 1/3/26 thru 1/3/29, Asst Director**

**Board of Adjustments (3-year term)**

**Mike Howe – 1/1/26 thru 1/1/29**

**Dean Bruha – 1/1/26 thru 1/1/29**

**Ron Troyer – 2/15/26 thru 2/15/29**

**Kevin Wingard – 1/3/26 thru 1/3/29**

**Housing Authority (3-year term)**

**Jolene Pohlman – 12/31/25 thru 12/31/28**

**Christine Schwindt – 12/31/25 thru 12/31/28**

**Swimming Pool Board (3-year term)**

**Whitney Parks – 2/15/26 thru 2/15/29**

**Recreation Board (3-year term)**

**Chlancey Dittmer – 2/15/26 thru 2/15/29**

**Citizen Advisory Review Committee (2-year term)**

**Isabella Peterson – 6/6/25 thru 6/6/27**

**Library Board (4-year term)**

**Chris McGonigle – 2/1/26 thru 2/1/30**

**Nancy Jantze – 4/3/26 thru 4/3/30**



## MONTHLY REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY 3, 2026, MEETING

### **BAUER**

January Fire Calls: 3 total - 2 false alarms, 1 CO2 alarm activation

Fire Dept: Wayne Stohlman reported the new siren head is in and installation will take place February 12, 2026.

### **PARKS**

Parks - No update

Rec - No update

Cemetery - No update

SSCSWMA - Had a meeting last Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup>,

They want everyone on that board to go back to their council and talk to them about trying to change the bylaws.

### **TESELLE:**

#### **Water:**

Water testing.

Working with JEO water main replacement. Will be discussed at the council meeting.

Well field with # 5 and #6 is out of service. Discussed with Dustin and JEO. Will be looking at replacement with one well in this location.

#### **Sewer:**

Tree pile burned.

Vally View Lift Station cleaning and service.

Cleaning packets add weekly.

Jet and equipment service started.

#### **Parks:**

Limb, trash picks and raking done multiple times.

South Park started on limbs. Work on finishing when it dries.

Christmas Decorations taken down.

Mower service and clean up started.

Snow cleanup done twice.

#### **Streets:**

Tree limb pic ups done.

Christmas decorations taken down.

Highway signage application was turned in redesign has been turned in. Still waiting.

Streets swept once. Sweeper hydraulic line repaired and replaced.

Barricade repairs and replacements finished.

Snow cleanup and sanding done multiple times.

New Storge set up and tree and wraps all hung and moved in. Few other items moved in as well.

Tree removed on E Street. Unsafe after NPPD trimming weight issues and diseased.

#### **Pool:**

Main pool motor and pump rebuild approved.

#### **Cemetery:**

Columbarium snow cleaned up twice.

We take the recycling trailer in twice a week. If not. People stack items on the ground. The trailer will need new axials. One has broken and had to be welded for now. Have discussed with Dainton and SSCSW about replacement. Be discussing more soon.

**HOGGINS:** \*Sales tax received for the month of November 2025 in the amount of \$24,341.76. \*NPPD lease payment for December 2025 received in the amount of \$18,685.82. \*JEO Project Status Report through 1/29/26. \*Gaming Account balance as of 2/3/26, \$30,235.15. \*State of NE Hwy Allocation received in the amount of \$25,822.85. \*Utilizing Edmunds GovTech for Finance, Payroll and Accounts Payables. \*Training continues with Edmunds Gov Tech in February for Utility Billing. \*4<sup>th</sup> Qtr. 2025 Franchise Fee collected from ALLO Fiber in the amount of \$616.03. \*Annual Occupation Tax received from Windstream in the amount of \$600.00.

1. Page 1 at the top where it lists partner agencies, remove Bee (they sent in a formal letter removing themselves).
2. **Article IV Section 4.02(a):** Add a reference of a liaison member from Waste Management (G&P).
3. **Article IV Section 4.02(e)-:**
  - a. **Option 1 (what they proposed):** Each member of the Board of Directors shall have the right to cast one vote as a representative of their Jurisdictional Area on actions of the Board of Directors. The "County Jurisdictional Area" shall include all unincorporated areas of Seward County and Saline County, respectively. If a member provides written notice they no longer want to participate, their jurisdictional vote shall be given to the respective county.
  - b. **Option 2:** Each member of the Board of Directors representing a City of the First Class or County shall have the right to cast two votes as a representative of their Jurisdictional Area on actions of the Board of Directors. Each member of the Board of Directors representing a City of the Second Class or Village shall have the right to cast one vote as a representative of their Jurisdictional area on actions of the Board of Directors. The "County Jurisdictional Area" shall include all unincorporated areas of Seward County and Saline County, respectively. If a City of the Second Class or Village no longer wants to be a member, their jurisdictional vote shall be given to the respective county.
4. **Article IV Section 4.02(f):** A quorum of the Board shall consist of the majority of votes of all member representatives appointed to the Board as assigned in 4.02(e) above. No action of the Board of Directors shall be taken unless a majority of the vote is present as a quorum.
5. **Article VII Section 7.02(a):** Just a question here – do we need the withdraw to be certified mail with return receipt? It is not required but would ensure notice.
6. **Article VII 8.04: *Third Sentence*** In voting on any amendment, each Participant shall have their designated vote. If two thirds (2/3) of the votes of the governing body of such Participant approve the amendment, as evidenced by resolution of the governing body of such Participant, such amendment will be effective 30 days after approval by the Board of Directors.

