



CITY OF FREMONT NEBRASKA

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 27, 2026 - 6:30 PM

City Council Chambers 400 East Military, Fremont NE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Sookram called the Regular City Council Meeting to order and stated that a copy of the open meeting law is posted continually for public inspection located near the entrance door by the agendas.

ROLL CALL Roll call showed Councilmembers Ganem, Lathrop, Vaughan, Marsh, Jensen, Peterson, Horner, Von Behren present. 8 Members present.

MAYOR COMMENTS: *There will be no discussion from the Council or the public regarding comments made by the Mayor. Should anyone have questions regarding the comments, please contact the Mayor after the meeting*

- 1. Motion to adopt current agenda for the January 27, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting** Motion made by Jensen, seconded by Horner to amend the agenda to remove item 15. Voting Yea: Jensen, Ganem, Vaughan, Lathrop, Marsh, Horner, Peterson, Von Behren. Motion carried 8-0. Motion made by Jensen, seconded by Vaughan to approve the January 27, 2026 Regular City Council meeting agenda as amended. Voting Yea: Jensen, Ganem, Vaughan, Lathrop, Marsh, Horner, Peterson, Von Behren. Motion carried 8-0.

CONSENT AGENDA: *All items in the consent agenda 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 Council Member or Staff so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately. Motion made by Vaughan, seconded by Horner to approve Consent Agenda items 2, 3, 5, 10-14, 16, 17. Voting Yea: Jensen, Ganem, Vaughan, Lathrop, Marsh, Horner, Peterson, Von Behren. Motion carried 8-0.*

- 2. Dispense with and approve January 13, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes and January 15, 2026 Special City Council Meeting Minutes**
- 3. Motion to approve January 14, 2026 through January 27, 2026 claims and authorize checks to be drawn on the proper accounts**
- 4. Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Letter of Support for the Fremont Housing Agency** Motion made by Horner, seconded by Peterson to amend the Letter of Support to add language to reflect the designated "Elderly Status" for the Stanton Tower. Voting Yea: Jensen, Ganem, Vaughan, Lathrop, Marsh, Horner, Peterson, Von Behren. Motion carried 8-0. Motion made by Horner, seconded by Vaughan to authorize the Mayor to sign the

amended Letter of Support for the Fremont Housing Agency. Voting Yea: Jensen, Ganem, Vaughan, Lathrop, Marsh, Horner, Peterson, Von Behren. Motion carried 8-0.

5. **Motion to Receive 2025 Annual Highlights**
6. **Motion to Receive FY 2025 Financial Report for the Department of Utilities** Motion made by Jensen, seconded by Ganem to Receive FY 2025 Financial Report for the Department of Utilities. Voting Yea: Jensen, Ganem, Vaughan, Lathrop, Marsh, Horner, Peterson, Von Behren. Motion carried 8-0.
7. **Motion to Receive FY 2025 Financial Report for the City of Fremont** Motion made by Ganem, seconded by Lathrop to Receive FY 2025 Financial Report for the City of Fremont. Voting Yea: Jensen, Ganem, Vaughan, Lathrop, Marsh, Horner, Peterson, Von Behren. Motion carried 8-0.
8. **Motion to Receive the Keene Memorial Library Board 2024-2025 Annual Report** Motion made by Jensen, seconded by Ganem to Receive the Keene Memorial Library Board 2024-2025 Annual Report. Voting Yea: Jensen, Ganem, Vaughan, Lathrop, Marsh, Horner, Peterson, Von Behren. Motion carried 8-0.
9. **Motion to Receive the Annual Report from MainStreet of Fremont** Motion made by Horner, seconded by Ganem to Receive the Annual Report from MainStreet of Fremont Voting Yea: Jensen, Ganem, Vaughan, Lathrop, Marsh, Horner, Peterson, Von Behren. Motion carried 8-0.
10. **Resolution 2026-019 authorizing the License Agreement for Electric Supply Line Across Railway with BNSF Railroad in the amount of \$4,406**
11. **Resolution 2026-020 authorizing staff to issue a purchase order to GEA Mechanical for repair of the WWTP centrifuge primary assembly in the amount of \$73,061.51**
12. **Resolution 2026-021 for the purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and additional facepieces in the amount of \$329,333, with \$250,909.09 funded by the Assistance to Firefighters Grant**
13. **Resolution 2026-022 authorizing a 3-year Technical Support Service Agreement with IDS for LDW Power Plant Control Systems in the amount of \$100,000 per year**
14. **Resolution 2026-024 awarding the Land Auction Contract to Farmers National Company for an amount of 5% of the gross sale price**
- ~~15. **Resolution 2026-026 authorizing the Mayor to sign the transferred private hangar land lease to Brett Griess for P4** (this item was removed per the motion of Council).~~
16. **Resolution 2026-027 authorizing the Mayor to sign the Subaward Agreement #24-11-317 Amendment #2 for the EDA Tourism Grant Award**
17. **Resolution 2026-029 authorizing the Mayor to sign the contract with Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. for North Downtown Streetscape Revitalization project in the amount of \$400,000**
18. **Resolution 2026-030 authorizing the Mayor to sign a Cooperation Agreement for parcel 270139527 with RES Group** Motion made by Jensen, seconded by Horner

authorizing the Mayor to sign a Cooperation Agreement for parcel 270139527 with RES Group. Voting Yea: Jensen, Ganem, Vaughan, Lathrop, Marsh, Horner, Peterson, Von Behren. Motion carried 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS: *Requires individual associated action*

19. **Resolution 2026-025 amending the contract with Sampson Construction, increasing the Guaranteed Maximum Price from Bid Package #1 at \$6,351,688 to Bid Package #2 at \$13,344,437 for a total cost of \$19,996,125 for the Fremont Police Headquarters and Fremont/Dodge County 911 Center** Motion made by Vaughan, seconded by Horner amending the contract with Sampson Construction, increasing the Guaranteed Maximum Price from Bid Package #1 at \$6,351,688 to Bid Package #2 at \$13,344,437 for a total cost of \$19,996,125 for the Fremont Police Headquarters and Fremont/Dodge County 911 Center. Voting Yea: Jensen, Ganem, Vaughan, Lathrop, Marsh, Horner, Peterson, Von Behren. Motion carried 8-0.

ADJOURNMENT Motion made by Horner, seconded by Jensen to adjourn; time: 7:43 PM. Voting Yea: Jensen, Ganem, Vaughan, Lathrop, Marsh, Horner, Peterson, Von Behren. Motion carried 8-0.

Agenda posted at the Municipal Building on January 21, 2026 and online at www.fremontne.gov. Agenda distributed to the Mayor and City Council on January 21, 2026. This meeting is preceded by publicized notice in the Fremont Tribune on the last Thursday of the preceding month and the agenda, including any notice of study session or public hearing, is displayed in the Municipal Building and is open to the public. The official current copy is available at City Hall, 400 East Military, City Clerk's Office. The City Council reserves the right to go into Executive Session at any time. A copy of the Open Meeting Law is posted in the City Council Chambers for review by the public. The City of Fremont reserves the right to adjust the order of items on the agenda.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED AS THE OFFICIAL COPY OF THE FREMONT, NEBRASKA Regular City Council Meeting Minutes for January 27, 2026.

Michael Chatterson, City Clerk

Dev Sookram, Mayor