



City Council Regular Meeting

Minutes

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Tuesday, July 7, 2026

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Call to Order

Mayor Mary B. Berndt called the council meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the council chambers at Omro City Hall.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Scott Jorgenson gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Mayor and Council Present: Mayor Mary B. Berndt, Council Members Peggy Williams, Amanda Zick (via Zoom), Scott Jorgenson, Justin Schmick, and Darin Treleven. David J. Wiese was absent.

Staff Present: Interim City Administrator Sam Mingo, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Barbara J. Van Clarke, Police Chief Cory Andersen.

Public/Others Present: Jess Wildes, Kaija Snyder, Kacy Chalfant, Natasha Rach, Lauren Seif, Tony Daley

Approval of Agenda

Prior to approval, Mayor Berndt announced that the scheduled presentation by the Omro Men's Softball Association had been removed from the agenda because the presenters were unavailable. The presentation will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

Motion by Justin Schmick, second by Darin Treleven, to approve the amended agenda.

RESULT: Motion Carried Unanimously

MOVER: Justin Schmick

SECONDER: Darin Treleven

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

Public Comments

The following individuals addressed the Common Council:

Natasha Rach, 765 E. Scott Street, expressed concerns regarding the Town of Omros' recently proposed Future Land Use Plan, including potential solar developments and a possible data center. She encouraged greater public transparency and requested careful review of potential impacts on infrastructure, utilities, environmental resources, property values, water usage,

and overall quality of life before any major projects proceed in the City of Omro.

Kaci Chalfant, 837 S. Webster Avenue, asked questions regarding pool maintenance expenditures, specifically duplicate payments for pool maintenance services, and inquired about costs associated with researching video recording of Common Council meetings.

Lauren Seif, 336 E. Ontario Street, complimented the City on the success of the Fourth of July celebration and thanked elected officials and volunteers for their participation. She also expressed support for recording Council meetings while raising concerns about requiring speakers to publicly state their home addresses if meetings are posted online.

Tony Daley, 120 E. Main Street, commented that the Fourth of July celebration was successful but shared concerns expressed by residents regarding fireworks and loud explosions continuing into the early morning hours.

No action was taken on public comments.

**Omro Area Softball
Association (OASA)
Presentation - Gary Herring
Adoption of Minutes**

Item was removed from agenda for discussion.

City Council Meeting -
06.16.2026

**Motion by Justin Schmick, second by Peggy Williams to
approve the 06/16/2026 Council Meeting Minutes as presented.**

RESULT:	Motion Carried Unanimously
MOVER:	Justin Schmick
SECONDER:	Peggy Williams
AYES:	5
NAYS:	0

Special Council
Meeting - 06.23.2026

**Motion by Justin Schmick, second by Scott Jorgenson to approve
the 06/23/2026 Special Council Meeting Minutes as presented.**

RESULT:	Motion Carried Unanimously
MOVER:	Justin Schmick
SECONDER:	Scott Jorgenson
AYES:	5
NAYS:	0

**Appointment and
Confirmation of
Committee / Board
Members**

The City Clerk presented the following appointments for Common Council confirmation:

- Lauren Seif – Zoning Board of Appeals
- Roberta Wenzel – Zoning Board of Appeals
- Darin Treleven – Public Safety Liaison
- Peggy Williams – Parks Committee. The Clerk advised that the Oaths of Office would be administered following adjournment.

Appointment of
Lauren E. Seif to
Zoning Board of
Appeals

Motion by Justin Schmick, second by Darin Treleven, to approve the appointments as presented.

RESULT: Motion Carried Unanimously
MOVER: Justin Schmick
SECONDER: Darin Treleven
AYES: 5
NAYS: 0

Appointment of Darin
Treleven as Public
Safety Liaison

Motion by Justin Schmick, second by Darin Treleven, to approve the appointments as presented.

RESULT: Motion Carried Unanimously
MOVER: Justin Schmick
SECONDER: Darin Treleven
AYES: 5
NAYS: 0

Appointment of Peggy
Williams as Parks
Committee Liaison

Motion by Justin Schmick, second by Darin Treleven, to approve the appointments as presented.

RESULT: Motion Carried Unanimously
MOVER: Justin Schmick
SECONDER: Darin Treleven
AYES: 5
NAYS: 0

Appointment of
Roberta Wenzel to the
Zoning Board of
Appeals

Motion by Justin Schmick, second by Darin Treleven, to approve the appointments as presented.

RESULT: Motion Carried Unanimously
MOVER: Justin Schmick
SECONDER: Darin Treleven
AYES: 5
NAYS: 0

Resolutions

RES: 260707-1
Expenditures

The Common Council reviewed claims and expenditures. Discussion included: chemical and laboratory supply expenditures, pool maintenance contracts, Dollar General purchases for miscellaneous pool supplies, payment to Crane Engineering for completion of the North Clarifier Rehabilitation Project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Staff explained that two utility employees were sharing pool maintenance responsibilities under newly executed contracts, replacing the previous single contractor, and clarified that retroactive payments covered the beginning of the pool season. Staff also confirmed that the North Clarifier Rehabilitation Project had been completed successfully with no change orders.

Motion by Justin Schmick, second by Scott Jorgensen, to adopt RES: 260707-1 Expenditures as presented.

RESULT: Motion Carried Unanimously
MOVER: Justin Schmick
SECONDER: Scott Jorgenson
AYES: 5
NAYS: 0

Administration

Discussion and
Possible Action on
Video Recording and
Records Storage of
Council Meetings

Staff reported that research continues regarding options for recording and archiving Common Council meetings. Three vendors have been contacted to obtain quotations for camera equipment and related hardware. Staff also reported receiving pricing for integration of video services with the City's Agenda and Meeting Management System (AMMS).

The Common Council discussed: equipment and software costs,

long-term public records retention requirements, utilizing YouTube or other hosting platforms instead of in-house software program, researching how comparable municipalities provide meeting recordings, waiting until the new City Administrator begins employment before making a decision.

Motion by Justin Schmick, second by Peggy Williams, to table the discussion until a future meeting.

RESULT:	Motion Carried Unanimously
MOVER:	Justin Schmick
SECONDER:	Peggy Williams
AYES:	5
NAYS:	0

Meeting Calendar

Meeting Schedule

The next council meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

Adjourn

Motion by Darin Treleven, second by Justin Schmick to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 PM.

RESULT:	Motion Carried Unanimously
MOVER:	Darin Treleven
SECONDER:	Justin Schmick
AYES:	5
NAYS:	0

[Respectfully Submitted by,



Barbara Van Clarke, WCPC, MMC
Clerk/Deputy Treasurer