

Hickman Arts Council Regular Meeting  
Thursday, July 24, 2025 6:30 PM

Hickman Community Center, Room 128A

1. Call to Order
  - 1.A. Participant Sign-In Sheet Available and Disclosure of Meeting Recording Process Notice Posted
  - 1.B. This is an Open Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hickman Arts Council. The Hickman Arts Council abides by the Nebraska Open Meetings Act in conducting business. A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is on display in this meeting room as required by Nebraska State Law. Notice of meeting and copies of this agenda have been publicly posted prior to the meeting at the Hickman City Hall, Hickman U.S. Post Office and U-Stop Market.
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of April 17, 2025, Arts Council Meeting Minutes
4. Presentations
5. Unfinished Business
  - 5.A. Memorial Day/Veterans Flags Project Discussion
  - 5.B. Makers Market 2025 Planning
  - 5.C. Farmers Market Discussion
  - 5.D. Holiday Lights Parade Discussion
6. New Business
  - 6.A. Hickman Hay Days Contribution
7. Arts Council Comments and Correspondence
  - 7.A. Nate Walenta resignation
8. Meeting Adjournment

## **MINUTES OF THE HICKMAN CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD April 17, 2025**

Ben Lueders, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM on April 17, 2025 and referenced the meeting recording process, optional sign in sheet, and open meeting law posting. Prior notice of the meeting was distributed and posted at Hickman City Hall, Hickman U.S. Post Office and U-Stop Market.

### **Roll Call**

Ben Lueders, Jennifer Folkerts, Nate Walenta, and Devin Petrzilka were all present for roll call. Jane Stutheit and Gina Boe were absent.

### **Minutes**

Motion by Walenta and a second by Petrzilka to approve the March 6, 2025, Arts Council Special Meeting Minutes. The following Arts Council Members voted "YEA": Lueders, Walenta, Petrzilka, and Folkerts. The following Arts Council Members voted "Nay": None. Motion passed: 4-0.

### **Presentations – None**

### **Unfinished Business**

Chair Lueders reported there were 22 vendors interested in the Farmers Market. Ten of the nineteen have paid the vendor fee. The Council reviewed the site plan. Musician Nick Lytle is scheduled to play the May 1st market. He would like \$75 but may be interested in trading for a vendor booth. They discussed having a bubble machine which Walenta cautioned to ensure that it was far enough away from merchandise that could be marked if the bubbles landed on it. A face painter has been lined up to work May 1st. Lueders will forward the names and payment amounts needed to the City Clerk so checks can be issued. Walenta volunteered to check into having signs made. The City Clerk said she would confirm the sign regulations and ask the Public Works Department to assist in putting the signs out.

The Council briefly discussed the selling of custom flags for Memorial Day. The City has 33 poles to hang flags on and a new project of 9 additional poles to the downtown area. The Council agreed to hold off on this project until Veteran's Day. Motion by Walenta and a second by Petrzilka to table memorial flags until more light poles are available. The following Arts Council Members voted "YEA": Lueders, Walenta, Petrzilka, and Folkerts. The following Arts Council Members voted "Nay": None. Motion passed: 4-0.

### **New Business**

The Council discussed dates for the Makers Market. Motion by Walenta and a second by Folkert to have the Makers Market November 15th. Folkerts volunteered to make an event for advertising.

The City Clerk shared a little bit about Creative Districts through the Nebraska Arts Council. With the extensive 40-page application and not having a specific project for the \$10,000 grant they thought it was too much for right now but will keep it in mind.

## **Arts Council Comments and Correspondence – None**

### **Meeting Adjournment**

Motion by Walenta and a second by Folkert to adjourn 7:56 pm. The following Arts Council Members voted "YEA": Lueders, Walenta, Petrzilka, and Folkerts. The following Arts Council Members voted "Nay": None. Motion passed: 4-0.

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Ben Lueders, Chair  
Hickman Art Council

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Michele Lincoln, CMC  
City Clerk

## City Clerk

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**From:** Nate Walenta <nemesisboxing@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 21, 2025 6:27 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Arts council resignation

Good evening,  
I have accepted a full time position on second shift. This does not allow time to participate in Arts Council activities, therefore I have to resign my position to make room for someone who can be active.

Thank you,  
Nate Walenta  
402-890-4836  
Sent from my iPhone