

Hickman Arts Council Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 16, 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 July 24, 2025, Arts Council Meeting Minutes
4. Presentations - None
5. Unfinished Business
 - 5.A. Makers Market 2025 Planning
 - 5.B. Holiday Lights Parade Discussion
6. New Business
 - 6.A. 2025 Trick or Treat on the Trail Wagon Contest
 - 6.B. City Christmas Tree for Annual Lighting
 - 6.C. 2026 Hickman Hay Days Contribution
7. Arts Council Comments and Correspondence
8. Meeting Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE HICKMAN CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD July 24, 2025

Ben Lueders, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM on July 24, 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, Jane Stutheit and Devin Petrzilka were all present for roll call. Gina Boe was absent.

Minutes

Motion by Folkerts and a second by Stutheit to approve the April 17, 2025, Arts Council Meeting Minutes. The following Arts Council Members voted "YEA": Lueders, Petrzilka, Folkerts, Stutheit. The following Arts Council Members voted "Nay": None. Motion passed: 4-0.

Presentations – None

Unfinished Business

Linda Varejcka of the American Legion Auxiliary joined the Art Council in a discussion about their Memorial Day Flag Project. Mrs. Varejcka has had this dream for many years and would like to work with the Arts Council to make it happen. She also thought the American Legion would be willing to donate to the project. The Council shared that they were thinking the Arts Council would pay for the brackets and charge \$100 per flag and then \$50 to carry it over to the following year. Nate Walenta did the initial research on the project and has all the documentation. Chair Lueders will get that information from him prior to the next meeting.

Chair Lueders reported that 23 vendors had already registered for the Makers Market and there were 500 people interested in the Facebook event. It will be from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The Council discussed having food and drink trucks, possibly Glacial Till and snacks inside. They would like to have advertising for the Holiday Lights Parade during the Makers Market. Stutheit volunteered to look into food vendors and Folkerts volunteered to look into coffee vendors. The Reading Centre has volunteered to do a kids' area again.

The Arts Council discussed the Farmers Market. Chair Lueders reported that someone would need to cover the Market on August 21st. They discussed inviting school aged inspiring artists to be featured guests at the market. Motion by Folkerts and a second by Stutheit to invite school-aged inspiring artists to be featured as guests at the Farmers Market to encourage entrepreneurial spirit. The following Arts Council Members voted "YEA": Lueders, Petrzilka, Folkerts, Stutheit. The following Arts Council Members voted "Nay": None. Motion passed: 4-0. The City Clerk suggested that a representative of the Arts Council report to the City Council on their activities and how they are going. Petrzilka volunteered to report at the August 12, 2025, City Council Meeting.

The Council discussed the Holiday Lights Parade. They would like to have it in conjunction with a holiday tree lighting which could be decorated with hand-crafted ornaments. This will be discussed further at the October meeting.

New Business

Contributing to Hickman Hay Days was on the agenda for discussion. With Hay Days being the following weekend, it was too late to plan and implement a contribution. This will need to be discussed earlier in the year next year.

Arts Council Comments and Correspondence

Chair Lueders reported that due to scheduling conflicts, Nate Walenta submitted his resignation from the Arts Council.

Meeting Adjournment

Motion by Folkerts and a second by Petrzilka to adjourn at 8:30p.m. The following Arts Council Members voted "YEA": Lueders, Petrzilka, Folkerts, Stutheit. The following Arts Council Members voted "Nay": None. Motion passed: 4-0.

Ben Lueders, Chair
Hickman Art Council

Michele Lincoln, CMC
City Clerk