

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-13

COUNCIL MEMBER PAULSEN INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blair, Nebraska (the “City”) as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor and City Council find and determine as follows:

(a) The City previously approved at an election a sales and use tax in the aggregate amount of one and one-half percent (1 ½%) (the “**Existing Sales Tax**”) upon the same transactions within the City on which the State of Nebraska is authorized to impose a tax pursuant to the Local Option Revenue Act (Sections 77-27,142 to 77-27,148, inclusive, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended, the “**Local Option Act**”), and the City currently is authorized pursuant to the Local Option Act, based upon the favorable vote of the qualified electors of the City, to impose such Existing Sales Tax upon the same transactions within the City on which the State of Nebraska is authorized to impose a tax;

(b) The City is authorized to impose an additional one-half percent (½%) sales tax (the “**Additional Sales Tax**”) for (i) voter-approved infrastructure projects related to the City’s economic development program (the “**Economic Development Project**”) and (ii) public infrastructure projects in and for the City as specified in Section 77-27,142(2)(b)(ii), including the acquisition, construction or improvement of public facilities, public parks, transportation and utility infrastructure, and road improvements, such as the South Bypass and future North Bypass (the “**Public Infrastructure Project**”; the Economic Development Project and the Public Infrastructure Project, collectively, the “**Project**”);

(c) The Public Infrastructure Project is hereby found to meet the statutory requirements of a public infrastructure project as defined in Section 77-27,142(2), so long as certain statutory requirements related to an interlocal agreement are satisfied;

(d) Pursuant to Section 77-27,142(3) and the Nebraska Interlocal Cooperation Act, Sections 13-801 et seq. (the “**Interlocal Cooperation Act**”), the City and Washington County, which is a political subdivision of the county in which the City is located, expect to enter into an interlocal agreement (the “**Interlocal Agreement**”) pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act creating a separate legal or administrative entity relating to a portion of the Public Infrastructure Project;

(e) The question of imposing a sales and use tax has not been submitted to and rejected by the electors within the past twenty-three months, pursuant to Section 77-27,142.03(2); and

(f) At the Primary Election to be held in the City on the 14th day of May, 2024, it is appropriate and necessary to submit to the qualified electors of the City a proposition to impose the Additional Sales Tax.

Section 2. By Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City, it is hereby ordered that at the statewide primary election to be held on May 14, 2024, there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of this City the following proposition:

“Shall the Governing Body of The City of Blair, in the State of Nebraska, impose an additional sales and use tax of one-half of one percent (½%), resulting in an aggregate sales and use tax of two percent (2%), upon the same transactions within such City of Blair on which the State of Nebraska is authorized to impose a tax, for (i) voter-approved infrastructure projects related to the City’s economic development program, and (ii) public infrastructure projects as specified in Section 77-27,142(2)(b)(ii), Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended, including the following:

The acquisition, construction or improvement of public facilities, public parks, transportation and utility infrastructure, and road improvements, such as the South Bypass and future North Bypass, with a portion of the foregoing public infrastructure projects to be completed pursuant to an interlocal agreement entered into with the County of Washington for the long-term development of unified governance of public infrastructure projects, and which may include paying principal and interest on bonds issued to pay such costs.

The additional sales and use tax shall remain in effect for a period of ten years from the time of its first going into effect or, if bonds are issued to pay the costs of said voter-approved infrastructure projects related to the City’s economic development program and public infrastructure projects and the additional sales and use tax is pledged for payment of such bonds, upon payment of such bonds and any refunding bonds.”

The ballots to be voted on and cast at such election shall have printed thereon the foregoing proposition, with the words “FOR said additional sales and use tax” and “AGAINST said additional sales and use tax” following said proposition. Immediately after such language, the ballots to be voted on and cast at such election shall have printed thereon the following:

If a majority of the votes cast upon such question shall be in favor of said additional sales and use tax, then the governing body of such incorporated municipality shall be empowered as provided by sections 77-27,142 and shall forthwith proceed to impose the additional one-half percent (½%) sales and use tax pursuant to the Local Option Revenue Act. If a majority of those voting on the question shall be opposed to said additional sales and use tax, then the governing body of the incorporated municipality shall not impose the additional sales and use tax.

Electors voting in favor of said proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words “FOR said additional sales and use tax” following said proposition, and electors voting against said proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words “AGAINST said additional sales and use tax” following said proposition.

Section 3. Notice of said election shall be given to the qualified electors of said City by publication one time not more than thirty (30) days nor less than ten (10) days prior to such election and a copy of the sample ballot shall be published one time not more than fifteen (15) days nor less than two (2) days prior to the election, such notice and sample ballot to be published in a newspaper printed and of primary circulation in said City, and the City Clerk of the City shall be and hereby is directed to cause such notice and sample ballot to be published.

Section 4. The City Clerk of the City shall be and hereby is authorized and directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Clerk of Washington County, Nebraska, as Election Commissioner, who shall designate the polling places, appoint the election officials and otherwise conduct the election as provided by law. The City does hereby agree to reimburse said County Clerk for the expenses of conducting the election.

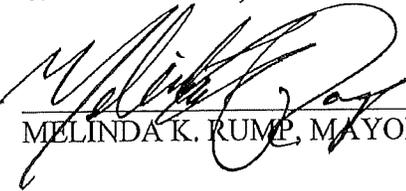
Section 5. The forms of the ballots and forms of notices of said bond elections shall be substantially in the forms submitted to this meeting (with any changes as may be necessary or advisable based on information provided by the Election Commissioner or bond counsel), copies of which forms shall be made a part of the minutes. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed, in conjunction with the County Clerk conducting the election, to do all things and take all action appropriate or necessary in order to cause said proposition to be submitted to the qualified electors of the City as above provided.

Section 6. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

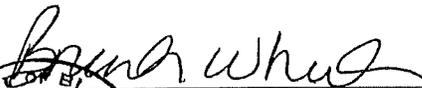
COUNCIL MEMBER FERRARI MOVED THAT THE RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED AS READ, WHICH SAID MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HAFFER. UPON ROLL CALL, COUNCIL MEMBERS FERRARI, WILLIS, WOLFF, ANDERSEN, PAULSEN AND HAFFER VOTING "AYE" AND COUNCIL MEMBERS NONE VOTING "NAY", THE MAYOR DECLARED THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024.

CITY OF BLAIR, NEBRASKA

BY:


MELINDA K. RUMP, MAYOR

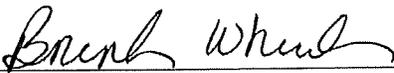
ATTEST:


BRENDA WHEELER, CITY CLERK



STATE OF NEBRASKA)
) ss:
WASHINGTON COUNTY)

BRENDA WHEELER, hereby certifies that she is the duly appointed, qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Blair, Nebraska, and that the above and foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of said City, held on the 13th day of February, 2024.



BRENDA WHEELER, CITY CLERK

NOTICE OF ELECTION
CITY OF BLAIR, NEBRASKA

Public Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the City of Blair, Nebraska, that at the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of said City the following proposition:

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If a majority of the votes cast upon such question shall be in favor of said additional sales and use tax, then the governing body of such incorporated municipality shall be empowered as provided by sections 77-27,142 and shall forthwith proceed to impose the additional one-half percent (½%) sales and use tax pursuant to the Local Option Revenue Act. If a majority of those voting on the question shall be opposed to said additional sales and use tax, then the governing body of the incorporated municipality shall not impose the additional sales and use tax.

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The polling places on said date of election will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will continue to be open until 8:00 p.m. of the same day. The polling places will be the same as the regular polling places for the primary election to be held on said date.

Qualified electors wishing to vote early, as permitted by law, may request a ballot for early voting from the Election Commissioner of Washington County, at P.O. Box 466, Blair, Nebraska.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF SAID CITY.

/s/
City Clerk

/s/
Mayor

(SAMPLE BALLOT)
(OFFICIAL BALLOT)
(OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR EARLY VOTING)
PRIMARY ELECTION
CITY OF BLAIR, NEBRASKA
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024

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