

# Nebraska Municipal Clerks Newsletter

August 2020

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Linda Jensen, MMC, City Clerk/Treasurer, City of Central City  
NMCA President*

### **Natural Beauty**

*The sky is lit by the sun  
but soon the day will be done.*

*The evening is drawing near  
and the sun will soon disappear*

*But before the sun decides to call it a night  
and drop completely out of sight*

*A sunset will unfold  
A beautiful sight to behold.*

*The sunset has done its duty  
by painting the sky with its natural beauty.*

**Ellen Freeman-Wakefield** has been steering up sessions, via Zoom, that you can attend to earn points toward your CMC/MMC. She has sessions in August, October and November. In September, there is a special three-session series in collaboration with Wisconsin - Green Bay, Eastern Illinois, Rutgers Clerk's Institute. In November, Christy Abraham from the League will present an Open Meetings session. The topics will be determined for August and October. Watch for details on the University of Nebraska-Omaha (UNO) website.



*Photo submitted by Linda Jensen, City Clerk/Treasurer,  
City of Central City.*

### **SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2021 NEBRASKA CLERKS INSTITUTE AND ACADEMY**

Institute Dates:

Sunday, March 14, 2021 - Friday, March 19, 2021

Institute Registration Fee:

Early Bird: \$393 (Oct. 19 – Feb. 8, 2021)

After Feb. 8, 2021: \$443

Academy Dates:

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 – Friday, March 19, 2021

Academy Registration Fee:

Early Bird: \$223 (Oct. 19 – Feb. 8, 2021)

After Feb. 8, 2021: \$273

Location:

Ramada Midtown

2503 S Locust

Grand Island, NE 68800

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**For questions**, please contact Ellen Freeman-Wakefield at [efreemanwakefield@unomaha.edu](mailto:efreemanwakefield@unomaha.edu).

**We will have forms** for the scholarships to attend the Clerk's Institute and Academy. Watch for details in future newsletters.

**In order to receive a scholarship**, you must have your dues paid to NMCA. Make sure you pay your dues after Oct 1. We will have the dues forms published in upcoming newsletters.

**What a treat** to be able to sit and enjoy my granddaughter's softball game. I look up when the ball diamond lights come on and notice flags waving in the soft summer breeze. An awesome Nebraska sunset presents a backdrop for the picture. The clouds threatened rain, but the ball game will go on. I hope you are enjoying your summer. I have seen some beautiful sunsets this summer. I hope you have too.



*Photo submitted by Linda Jensen, City Clerk/Treasurer, City of Central City.*

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## Nebraska Hall of Fame: Willa Cather

**Willa Cather** (1873-1947), was a Pulitzer Prize-winning author.

**"The history** of every country begins in the heart of a man or a woman" (from Cather's book *O Pioneers!*). She lived in Red Cloud and was inducted into the Nebraska Hall of Fame in 1962.

*Source – Nebraska Blue Book*



## Notable facts about Nebraska

Notable facts about Nebraska include:

- **The American Institute of Architects** declared Nebraska's State Capitol to be one of the modern architectural wonders of the world.
- **The U.S. Strategic Command**, which manages the nation's nuclear forces in order to deter military attacks on the United States, has its headquarters at Offutt Air Force Base near Bellevue.
- **Nebraska has the western hemisphere's** largest area of sandhill grasslands, one of the most productive cattle-raising areas in the United States.
- **Nebraska was the home** or birthplace of Fred Astaire, Marlon Brando, William Jennings Bryan, Warren Buffett, Johnny Carson, Willa Cather, Dick Cavett, William "Buffalo Bill" Cody, Edward J. Flanagan, Henry Fonda, Gerald Ford, John Neihardt, George Norris, Alexander Payne, John J. Pershing, Mari Sandoz, Malcolm X and Darryl F. Zanuck.



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- **Many pioneer and cattle trails** crossed Nebraska, with people using such landmarks as Scotts Bluff (now a national monument) and Chimney Rock, both in western Nebraska. Chimney Rock was the landmark mentioned most frequently in journal entries by travelers on the Oregon Trail.

*Source – Nebraska Blue Book*

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dee Arias ..... Louisville ..... Sept. 1  
 Anita Simpson ..... Guide Rock ..... Sept. 3  
 Jamie Schneider ..... Bridgeport ..... Sept. 3  
 Jennifer Jung ..... Diller ..... Sept. 4  
 Lisa Wolf ..... Pleasant Dale ..... Sept. 4  
 Kathleen Sina ..... Ashland ..... Sept. 6  
 Melinda Ferree ..... Wilcox ..... Sept. 6  
 Kathie Carlstrom ... Polk ..... Sept. 7  
 Melissa Johnson ..... Waterloo ..... Sept. 9  
 Vicki Miller ..... Elgin ..... Sept. 14  
 Hope Staten ..... Waverly ..... Sept. 14  
 Shirley Schuman ..... Crookston ..... Sept. 20  
 Marlene Yeager ..... Broadwater ..... Sept. 22  
 Andrew Devine ..... Albion ..... Sept. 23  
 Kimberly Jacobitz ... Hastings ..... Sept. 24



Lauren Brandt ..... Kearney ..... Sept. 25  
 Brenda Wheeler ..... Blair ..... Sept. 26  
 Sherry Heskett ..... Auburn ..... Sept. 30  
 Lanett Conroy ..... Callaway ..... Sept. 30  
 Courtney Retzlaff ..... Plainview ..... Sept. 30

# Municipal Legal Calendar

## (All statute citations to Revised Statutes of Nebraska)

### SEPTEMBER 2020

#### CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS

Within 10 days following meeting or before next meeting (whichever is sooner) ..... Clerk to have minutes available for public inspection. (84-1413)

Within 15 days of Passage..... Clerk publishes ordinances passed. (16-405)

Within 30 days of Council meeting ..... Clerk publishes official proceedings of meeting, including claims. (19-1102)

On or before September 1 ..... City Council determines final allocation of levy authority for its subdivisions (77-3443)

On or before September 20..... File adopted annual or biennial budget statement with County Clerk and State Auditor's Office. (13-508)  
File information on tradenames and interlocal agreements with State Auditor's Office (13-513)

Within 20 days after end of month..... Treasurer files monthly financial report. (16-318)

Last Day..... End of Fiscal Year (16-701)

\* \* ..... Clerk must prepare agenda prior to next Council meeting. (84-1411)

No later than 90 days after end of fiscal year..... Report on collection and use of occupation taxes (18-1208)

#### CITIES OF THE SECOND CLASS

Within 10 days following meeting or before next meeting (whichever is sooner) ..... Clerk to have minutes available for public inspection. (84-1413)

Within 15 days of Passage..... Clerk publishes ordinances passed. (17-613)

Within 30 days following Council meeting ..... Clerk publishes official proceedings of meeting, including claims. (19-1102)

On or before September 1 ..... City Council determines final allocation of levy authority for its subdivisions (77-3443)

On or before September 20..... File adopted annual or biennial budget statement with County Clerk and State Auditor's Office. (13-508)  
File information on tradenames and interlocal agreements with State Auditor's Office (13-513)

Within 20 days after end of month..... Treasurer files monthly financial report. (17-606)

Last Day..... End of Fiscal Year (17-701)

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#### VILLAGES

Within 10 days following meeting or before next meeting (whichever is sooner) ..... Clerk to have minutes available for public inspection. (84-1413)

Within 15 days of Passage..... Clerk publishes ordinances passed. (17-613)

Within 30 days following Trustees' meeting..... Clerk publishes official proceedings of meeting, including claims.(19-1102)

On or before September 1 ..... Village Board determines final allocation of levy authority for its subdivisions (77-3443)

On or before September 20..... File adopted annual or biennial budget statement with County Clerk and State Auditor's Office. (13-508)  
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