

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

September 9, 2026

The City Council of the City of David City, Nebraska, met in open public session at 6:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the City Office, 490 E Street, David City, Nebraska. The public had been advised of the meeting by posting in four places (City Office, U.S. Post Office, Butler County Courthouse, and Hruska Public Library). Notice of the public hearing was published in the Banner-Press on September 3, 2026. The Mayor and members of the City Council acknowledged advance notice of the meeting by signing the Agenda which is a part of these minutes. The advance notice to the public, Mayor, and Council members conveyed the availability of the agenda, which was kept continuously current in the office of the City Clerk and was available for public inspection on the City's website. No new items were added to the agenda during the twenty-four hours immediately prior to the opening of the Council meeting.

Present for the meeting were: Mayor Jessica Miller, Council Members Jeremy Abel, Jim Angell, Rick Holland, Keith Marvin, Bruce Meysenburg, Kevin Woita, City Administrator Intern Raiko Martinez, Account Clerk Elizabeth Parker, City Clerk-Treasurer Lori Matchett, Police Sergeant Tristan Hilger, and Police Officer Jackson Winkler. City Administrator Alan Zavodny was absent. City Attorney David Levy attended via Zoom.

Also present were Marlene Hein, Beth Klosterman, Lanny Cooper, Ethan Joy of JEO Consulting Group, Electric Plant Supervisor John Smaus, and Water Operator Daniel Sobota.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Jessica Miller informed the public of the "Open Meetings Act" posted on the west wall of the meeting room and asked those present to silence their cell phones. Mayor Miller read the speaking guidelines for the City Council Meeting. She also reminded the public that anyone wishing to speak before the Council must state their name and address for the record.

Mayor Miller declared the public hearing open at 6:32 p.m.

City Administrator Intern Raiko Martinez presented the proposed budget and provided comparisons with the two previous fiscal years. For FY 2024-2025, the City's tax levy was 0.50 with a tax request of \$1,144,152.40. For FY 2025-2026, the levy was 0.474 with a tax request of \$1,143,883.97. The proposed FY 2026-2027 budget lowers the levy to 0.462037, with a tax request of \$1,273,713.12. Estimated disbursements and transfers were approximately \$24.308 million for FY 2025-2026, compared with proposed disbursements and transfers of \$34,820,525 for FY 2026-2027. It was stated that the proposed budget presentation fulfilled the provisions of LB 148.

Council discussed the reduction in the City's levy despite growth in property valuations. Real growth was reported at approximately 9.35%, with inflation at 5.26%. Council and staff emphasized that budgeted expenditures represented spending authority and projections and do not necessarily mean that all budgeted funds will be spent during the fiscal year.



During public comment, Beth Klosterman requested that the City make budget information and supporting documentation for City Council agenda items more accessible to the public. Staff explained that agendas and supporting materials, including budget information, ordinances, and project information, are available electronically through the City's agenda system, Sparq, and that copies of agenda materials are also available at Council meetings. Staff offered to assist residents with accessing the electronic information.

Council discussed additional ways to improve communication with residents, particularly those who may not regularly use the City's website, social media, or other electronic resources. Suggestions included providing additional information through mailed City communications and using future Mayor/City Administrator updates to inform residents where they can access City Council agendas, supporting documents, budget information, and public records. Council emphasized the importance of continuing to improve public awareness of and access to City information.

Mayor Jessica Miller declared the public hearing closed at 6:45 p.m.

Council Member Jim Angell made a motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Council Member Keith Marvin seconded the motion. The motion carried. Jeremy Abel: Yea, Jim Angell: Yea, Rick Holland: Yea, Keith Marvin: Yea, Bruce Meysenburg: Yea, Kevin Woita: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES September 9, 2026

I, Lori Matchett, duly qualified and acting City Clerk for the City of David City, Nebraska, do hereby certify with regard to all proceedings of September 9, 2026; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that the minutes of the meeting of the City Council of the City of David City, Nebraska, were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided with advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Lori Matchett, City Clerk