

Aurora, Nebraska
September 23, 2025

A meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Aurora, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 7:30 p.m. on September 23, 2025 at the City Hall. Present were Councilors: Paul Lackore, Wayne Roblee, Daniel Bartling, Mark Dunn, Dick Phillips and Esther Bergen. Mayor Marlin Seeman conducted the meeting. City Officials present were City Administrator Adam Darbro, City Attorney Ross Luzum, Chief of Police Paul Graham, Public Works Director Jeremy Cattau and Clerk/Treasurer Barbra Mikkelsen.

Notice of said meeting was given by publication in the Aurora News Register on September 7, 2025. Notice of meeting was simultaneously given to the Mayor and all members of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to these minutes. Availability of the agenda of this meeting was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Mayor Seeman stated "AS PERSCRIBED BY LAW A COPY OF THE NEBRASKA OPEN MEETINGS ACT IS POSTED BY THE DOUBLE DOORS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS."

MINUTES:

Councilor Dunn moved to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2025 meeting. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Roblee, Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Bergen and Lackore. Nay: None. The motion carried.

PETITIONS, COMPLAINTS, COMMUNICATIONS:

7:30 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Seeman opened the duly advertised public hearing to receive public comments on the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan. He asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in favor of the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan. Mayor Seeman then asked if there was anyone who wished to speak in opposition to the plan. There being no one else present to speak in favor of or in opposition to the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan Mayor Seeman declared the public hearing closed.

Councilor Lackore moved to adopt Resolution 25-10 for the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Bergen, Lackore and Roblee. Nay: None. The motion carried and the following resolution was declared passed and adopted.

RESOLUTION 25-10

The following resolution was introduced by Councilor Lackore, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilor Dunn,

“WHEREAS, the City Street Superintendent has prepared and presented a One Year and Six Year Plan for Street Improvement Program for the City of Aurora, and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on the 23rd day of September, 2025 to present this plan and there were no objections to said plan;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Mayor and City Council of the City of Aurora, Nebraska that the plans and data as furnished are hereby in all things accepted and adopted.”

Upon roll call vote as follows:

<u>Councilor Phillips</u>	<u>AYE</u>
<u>Councilor Bergen</u>	<u>AYE</u>
<u>Councilor Lackore</u>	<u>AYE</u>
<u>Councilor Roblee</u>	<u>AYE</u>
<u>Councilor Bartling</u>	<u>AYE</u>
<u>Councilor Dunn</u>	<u>AYE</u>

Marlene Heeman
Mayor

ATTEST: Barbara Milheben
Clerk



Councilor Phillips moved to adopt Resolution 25-11 authorizing the Mayor to sign the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance Form to comply with new legislation. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Dunn, Phillips, Bergen, Lackore, Roblee and Bartling. Nay: None. The motion carried and the following resolution was declared passed and adopted.

RESOLUTION 25-11

WHEREAS: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2115, 39-2119, 39-2120, 39-2121, and 39-2520(2), requires an annual certification of program compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards: and

WHEREAS: State of Nebraska Statute, section 39-2120 also requires that the annual certification of program compliance by each municipality shall be signed by the Mayor and shall include a copy of a resolution of the governing body of the municipality authorizing the signing of the certification form.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of Aurora, Nebraska is hereby authorized to sign the attached Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance form.

Adopted this 23rd day of September, 2025 at Aurora, Nebraska.

City Councilors:

Councilor Dick Phillips

Councilor Mark Dunn

Councilor Esther Bergen

Councilor Daniel Bartling

Councilor Paul Lackore

Councilor Wayne Roblee



ATTEST: Baibry M. Milhelsen
Clerk

7:30 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Seeman opened the duly advertised public hearing to receive public comments on setting City of Aurora Tax Levy for FY 2025-2026 at .379810 per one hundred dollars valuation (\$2,121,178.78) for General, at .078028 (\$435,773.35) for Bonds. The Mayor asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in favor of the proposal and there was no one. The Mayor then asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition to the proposal and there was no one. There being no one present to speak in favor of or opposition to the proposal the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

City Attorney Luzum read Ordinance No. 1225 by its title: AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT, INCLUDING THE PAY PLAN, PENSION PLANS AND VEBA PLAN, TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilor Phillips moved to bring Ordinance 1225 before the council and to suspend the statutory three reading rule for consideration of this ordinance. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Phillips Bergen, Lackore, Roblee, Bartling and Dunn. Nay: None. The motion having been concurred in by three fourths majority of all members elected to the Council passed and said statutory three reading rule was suspended.

Councilor Dunn moved for final adoption of Ordinance No. 1225. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. The Mayor then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1225 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Councilors voted Aye: Bergen, Lackore, Roblee, Bartling, Dunn and Phillips. Nay: None.

The passage and adoption of said Ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members elected to the Council was by the Mayor declared passed and adopted and the Mayor in the presence of the Council signed and approved said Ordinance and the Clerk attested the passage and approval of same and affixed her signature thereto. Said Ordinance shall be preserved and kept in a separate and distinct volume known as the Ordinance Record of the City of Aurora, Nebraska and same be incorporated herein by reference.

Councilor Lackore moved to adopt Resolution 25-12 setting City of Aurora Tax Levy for FY 2025-2026. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lackore, Roblee, Bartling, Dunn, Phillips and Bergen. Nay: None. The motion carried and the following resolution was declared passed and adopted.

RESOLUTION 25.12

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of the City of Aurora passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the City of Aurora, resolves that:

1. The FY 2025-2026 property tax request be set at:

General Fund: \$2,121,178.78
Bond Fund: \$ 435,773.35

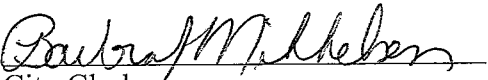
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 8.03 percent.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$.429463 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. The City of Aurora proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$.457838 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the City of Aurora will increase last year's by 11.09 percent.
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2025.

Passed and adopted this 23rd day of September, 2025.


Mayor



ATTEST:


City Clerk

Andrew Wilshusen of JEO Consulting Group spoke on Payment No. 10 to Mid-Nebraska Land Developers for 1st Street Improvement Project. He stated the City's share of this pay application is \$115,609.75. Councilor Lackore moved to approve Payment No. 10 to Mid-Nebraska Land Developers for 1st Street Improvement Project with the City's share being \$115,609.75. Councilor Roblee seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Roblee, Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Bergen and Lackore. Nay: None. The motion carried.

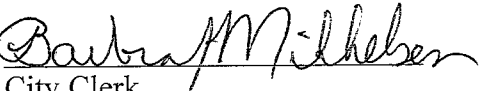
MISCELLANEOUS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Having completed all items on the agenda, and there being no further business to conduct, Mayor Seeman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:47p.m.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

