

Aurora, Nebraska
September 22, 2026

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 22, 2026 at the City Hall. Present were Councilors: Paul Lackore, Todd Jensen, Daniel Bartling, 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 16, 2026. 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 Lackore moved to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2026 meeting. Councilor Bergen seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Jensen, Bartling, Phillips, Bergen and Lackore. Nay: None. The motion carried.

PETITIONS, COMPLAINTS, COMMUNICATIONS:

Councilor Lackore moved to approve the Mayor's appointment of Carl Smith Council Member Ward 3. Councilor Jensen seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Phillips, Bergen, Lackore and Jensen. Nay: None. The motion carried.

City Attorney Luzum administered the oath of office to the newly appointed official, Carl Smith as Councilor Ward 3.

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. Andrew Wilshusen with JEO Consulting and City Street Superintendent discussed 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 and there was no one. 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 26-12 for the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Smith, Phillips, Bergen, Lackore, Jensen and Bartling. Nay: None. The motion carried and the following resolution was declared passed and adopted.

RESOLUTION 26-12

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

“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 22nd day of September, 2026 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 Jensen</u>	<u>AYE</u>
<u>Councilor Bartling</u>	<u>AYE</u>
<u>Councilor Smith</u>	<u>AYE</u>

Marlen Heeman
Mayor

ATTEST: Barbra Milheben
Clerk



Andrew Wilshusen with JEO Consulting and City Street Superintendent explained Resolution 26-13 authorizing the Mayor to sign the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance Form to comply with legislation. Councilor Phillips moved to approve Resolution 26-13. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Phillips, Bergen, Lackore, Jensen, Bartling and Smith. Nay: None. The motion carried and the following resolution was declared passed and adopted.

RESOLUTION 26-13

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.

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 22nd day of September, 2026 at Aurora, Nebraska.

City Councilors:

Councilor Esther Bergen
Councilor Dick Phillips
Councilor Carl Smith
Councilor Daniel Bartling
Councilor Todd Jensen
Councilor Paul Lackore

ATTEST: Barbara Miller
Clerk



Andrew Wilshusen with JEO Consulting presented the plans and specifications for the Aurora West Main Project on 14 Road. Councilor Lackore moved to approve the plans and specifications for the Aurora Water Main Project on 14 Road and authorize advertising for bids. Councilor Jensen seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bergen, Lackore, Jensen, Bartling, Smith and Phillips. Nay: None. The motion carried.

7:35 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Seeman opened the duly advertised public hearing to receive public comments on setting City of Aurora Tax Levy FY 2026-2027 at .378663 per one hundred dollars valuation (\$2,438,766.43 for General, at .065057 (\$419,000) for Bonds. The Mayor asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in favor of the proposal. City Administrator Darbro presented some levy options. The Mayor then asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition to the proposal. A lengthy discussion was held regarding how much property tax should be requested by the city. There being no one else present to speak in favor of or opposition to the proposal the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

City Attorney Luzum read Ordinance No. 1241 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 Bergen moved to bring Ordinance 1241 before the council and to suspend the statutory three reading rule for consideration of this ordinance and to request property taxes in the amount of \$2,195,400 for general and \$419,000 for bonds. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Phillips, Bergen, Lackore, Jensen, Bartling and Smith. 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 Lackore moved for final adoption of Ordinance No. 1241. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. The Mayor then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1241 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Councilors voted Aye: Bergen, Lackore, Jensen, Bartling, Smith 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 26-14 setting City of Aurora Tax Levy for FY 2026-2027. Councilor Jensen seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Jensen, Bartling, Smith, Phillips, Bergen and Lackore. Nay: None. The motion carried and the following resolution was declared passed and adopted.

RESOLUTION 26-14

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 2026-2027 property tax request be set at:

General Fund: \$2,195,400.00

Bond Fund: \$ 419,000.00

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 9.41 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 \$.397014 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 0.405934 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 decrease last year's by -36.15 percent.
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2026.

Passed and adopted this 22nd day of September 2026.


Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk



Councilor Lackore moved to approve an Administrative Subdivision for the property located at: Lots 6-9, Block 14, South Addition, City of Aurora, Hamilton County, Nebraska. Councilor Jensen seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Smith, Phillips, Bergen, Lackore and Jensen. 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 9:01p.m.

Marlene Seeman
Mayor

ATTEST:

Baibara Milheben
City Clerk

