

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

August 5, 2026

The City Council of the City of David City, Nebraska, met in open public session at 6:00 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). 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 President Bruce Meysenburg, Council Members Rick Holland, Jeremy Abel, Jim Angell, City Administrator Alan Zavodny, City Administrator Intern Raiko Martinez, and City Clerk-Treasurer Lori Matchett. Council Member Keith Marvin was absent.

Also present for the meeting were: Electric Supervisor Patrick Hoeft, Power Plant Supervisor John Smaus, Electric Foreman Nathan Blomenberg, and Water Operator Daniel Svoboda, Assistant Police Chief Devin Betzen, Nick and Marlene Hein.

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 meeting. She also reminded the public that if they speak tonight before the Council, they must state their name and address for the record.

Council Member Kevin Woita arrived at the meeting at 6:01 p.m. and joined the Council.

Budget Workshop Summary

The City Council reviewed proposed budgets for the Water, Sewer, Electric, Power Plant, Police, Sales Tax, General, Building Permits, Street, Swimming Pool, Park, Recreation, Library, Schwab House, Auditorium, Airport, Social Security, Donations, Capital Improvements, Community Development Block Grant, TIF, and Service Deposit funds.

Water: Council reviewed proposed changes to contract labor, materials, equipment and vehicles, system improvements, and engineering services. Contract labor was increased to accommodate anticipated testing and service expenses. The equipment/vehicle capital improvement amount was reduced to \$50,000 as a contingency for unexpected replacement needs. Discussion was held regarding future water service and development near A Street and annexed properties, including the need to adequately size infrastructure for potential future development. Council agreed, for budgeting purposes, to restore the capital improvement system amount to \$4 million and engineering services to \$1 million. Council also discussed potential bonding and the use of sales tax funds for major water infrastructure projects.

Sewer: Council discussed sewer improvements necessary to serve the airport area and potential development near A Street, including possible lift stations. Lagoon capacity and the need for dredging were also discussed. Staff reported the lagoons are approximately ten feet deep with sludge currently reaching approximately eight feet. Council discussed the availability of State Revolving Fund (SRF) financing and the cash-flow challenges associated with reimbursement timing. The capital improvement system budget was increased to provide approximately \$3 million for dredging, and engineering services were restored to \$500,000. Major sewer projects may require bonding and/or SRF financing.

Electric: Council reviewed anticipated increases in purchased power costs and substantial additional electrical demand associated with new commercial/industrial development. NPPD costs were discussed, including anticipated annual increases, while WAPA costs were expected to remain generally unchanged due to continuing drought-related factors. Additional transformer needs and future system improvements were discussed. Engineering services were increased to \$100,000. Future purchases, including a bucket truck and equipment for pole work, will be presented to Council for authorization.

Power Plant: Approximately \$400,000 was budgeted for capital needs, including potential repairs to Engine No. 2. A repair estimate of approximately \$262,000 was presented. Staff reported the engine currently generates approximately \$50,000 annually in capacity payments. Council requested additional information regarding repair versus replacement/upgrade options and return on investment. The matter will be placed on a future agenda for Council consideration. Funding for an additional employee was included in the proposed budget.

Police Department: No significant budget changes were proposed other than account-name adjustments. Council discussed vehicle expenses, overtime, part-time staffing, fuel costs, and maintaining adequate 24-hour coverage.

Sales Tax: Staff explained that park/recreation and water-system expenses funded through sales tax must be recorded within the respective departmental budgets, followed by internal transfers from the Sales Tax Fund. Approximately \$300,000 was allocated between Park and Recreation.

General/Building Permits: Council discussed the employment classification, compensation, retirement benefits, and historical authorization associated with a part-time building inspection position. Staff will research prior Council minutes, personnel policies, and applicable employment requirements before further consideration.

Swimming Pool: Approximately \$200,000 was budgeted for repairs and maintenance. Council discussed potential boiler/heater repairs, electrical issues, deteriorating fiberglass surfaces, replacement of ropes/buoys, painting, and updated signage. Additional estimates are being obtained.

Parks and Recreation: Council discussed RV rental revenue, potential track-use fees, spraying and mowing, employee applicator licensing, and future park improvements. Staff indicated the City may discontinue contracted spraying and perform more of the work internally. Funding for Veterans Memorial Park was included. Recreation capital improvements for land and buildings were increased by \$150,000 to approximately \$316,150.

Auditorium: No changes were made to the proposed budget. Potential future expenditures for tables and electrical wiring were noted and will be presented to Council before funds are spent.

Airport: Staff reviewed anticipated grant funding and runway project expenses. Federal and state grant participation was reported at approximately \$850,000, with approximately \$738,000 in project expenses anticipated during the fiscal year.

Community Development Block Grant: Approximately \$150,000 was budgeted for anticipated project expenditures.

No changes were proposed for the Library, Social Security, Donations, TIF, or Service Deposit budgets, and other departmental budgets remained substantially as presented.

Council Member Jim Angell made a motion to approve the budgets as presented to the City Council with the necessary adjustments made to discussed items. Council Member Rick Holland seconded the motion. The motion carried. Jeremy Abel: Yea, Jim Angell: Yea, Rick Holland: Yea, Keith Marvin: Absent, Bruce Meysenburg: Yea, Kevin Woita: Yea. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Council Member Rick Holland made a motion to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Council Member Bruce Meysenburg seconded the motion. The motion carried. Jeremy Abel: Yea, Jim Angell: Yea, Rick Holland: Yea, Keith Marvin: Absent, Bruce Meysenburg: Yea, Kevin Woita: Yea. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES

August 5, 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 August 5, 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