



**CITY OF SEWARD
City Council
Hearing Meeting
Agenda**

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

7:00 PM

Municipal Building Council Chambers

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the City Council of the City of Seward, Nebraska will be held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, in the Council Chambers, 142 N 7th Street, Seward, Nebraska in which the meeting will be open to the public. The Mayor and City Council reserve the right to adjourn into Closed Session as per Section 84-1410 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes. An Agenda for such meeting, kept continually current, is available at the Office of the City Clerk, 537 Main Street, Seward, Nebraska, during normal business hours. Individuals requiring physical or sensory accommodations, who desire to attend or participate, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 402.643.2928 no later than 3:30 PM on the Friday preceding the Council Meeting. City financial claims and related invoices will be available for Council member review, audit, and voluntary signatures at the meeting location beginning 30 minutes prior to the scheduled meeting time.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DISCLOSURE OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT & OTHER NOTIFICATIONS

This is an Open Meeting of the Seward Nebraska Governing Body. The City of Seward abides by the Nebraska Open Meetings Act in conducting business. A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is displayed on the north wall of this meeting room facility as required. Disclosure of meeting recording processes is posted in the Meeting Room. Any citizen may address the Council regarding items included on the meeting agenda and are asked to complete and hand-in a Speaker Card to the Clerk. Presenters shall approach the podium, state their name & address for the Clerk's record and are asked to limit remarks to five minutes. All remarks shall be directed to the Mayor who shall determine by whom any appropriate response shall be made. The City of Seward reserves the right to adjust the order of items on this Agenda if necessary and may elect to take action on any of the items listed.

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public Hearing - 7:00 PM - Notice of Hearing and Budget Summary for the Purpose of Hearing Support, Opposition, Criticism, Suggestions or Observations of Taxpayers Relating to the Proposed Budget for the City of Seward for Fiscal Year 2027 - City Administrator Butcher & Finance Director Golden

City of Seward
IN
Seward County, Nebraska

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 15th day of September 2026, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., at Municipal Building, 142 N. 7th Street for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

2024-2025 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 39,585,057.00
2025-2026 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 35,345,601.00
2026-2027 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 70,524,688.00
2026-2027 Necessary Cash Reserve	\$ 11,117,353.00
2026-2027 Total Resources Available	\$ 81,642,041.00
Total 2026-2027 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	\$ 2,328,445.43
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	\$ 116,552.85

Breakdown of Property Tax:

Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	\$ 2,328,445.43
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	\$ -

NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 15th day of September 2026, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., at Municipal Building, 142 N. 7th Street for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2025	2026	Change
Operating Budget	65,331,176.00	70,524,688.00	8%
Property Tax Request	\$ 2,261,794.91	\$ 2,328,445.43	3%
Valuation	759,491,080	793,121,246	4%
Tax Rate	0.297803	0.293580	-1%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.285176		

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of the City of Seward 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 Seward resolves that:

1. The 2026-2027 property tax request be set at:

General Fund: \$ 2,328,445.43

Bond Fund: \$ -

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 4.43 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 0.285176 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. The City of Seward proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.29358 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 Seward will increase (or decrease) last year's budget by 7.95 percent.
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2026.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to adopt Resolution # _____.

Voting yes were:

Voting no were:

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2026

2. Public Hearing - 7:00 PM - Notice of Special Hearing for the Purpose of Hearing Support, Opposition, Criticism, Suggestions or Observations from Taxpayers Relating to Setting the Final Tax Request for Fiscal Year 2027 - City Administrator Butcher & Finance Director Golden

MOTION TO ADJOURN

I, Derek Bargmann, the duly appointed qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Seward, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing Notice of Meeting and Agenda for such meeting has been posted in the following places: Seward City Hall, Seward Memorial Library, and CityofSewardNE.gov

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and affixed the seal of the City.

Derek Bargmann, City Clerk

Date