

Agenda Packet

**BRIDGEPORT MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL BUDGET HEARING**

**Thursday, September 10, 2026
5:00 p.m.**

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**NOTICE OF BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Budget Public Hearing of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2026, at the Prairie Winds Community Center, 428 Main Street, Bridgeport, Nebraska, which will be open to the public.

The Mayor and City Council reserve the right to adjourn to executive session as per Section 84-1401 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes.

An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available at the office of the City Clerk, 809 Main Street, Bridgeport, 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 (308) 262-1623 no later than 8:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

Doretta J. Huck, City Clerk/Treasurer

BRIDGEPORT MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING MEETING AGENDA

Prairie Winds Community Center – 428 Main Street

Western Trails Room

September 10, 2026 – 5:00 PM

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

1. Pledge of Allegiance / Prayer
2. Announcement of Open Meetings Act
In accordance with Section 84-1412 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, a current copy of the open meetings act is posted at the back of the Council Chambers for the review of the public. Additional copies of the act are also available for the public, along with copies of the agenda, and one copy of all reproducible written material to be discussed at the meeting by the door.
3. Roll Call
4. Public Correspondence
5. Recognition of Visitors / Comments from Public
Any member of the public who wishes to address the Council on an item that is not on the agenda may do so at this time. The Council will be unable to comment on any item discussed during this section. The Council may direct that the item be put on a future agenda. Any member of the public who wishes to comment will be given a 3-minute time limit and must begin by stating their first and last name.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. Conduct a Public Hearing regarding the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and the Final Tax Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. See Attachment A

Close Hearing

7. Discussion / Action regarding the approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget

III. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

8. **ORDINANCE NO. 1038**: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FROM THE FUNDS AND REVENUES OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA SUCH SUMS OF MONEY AS HAVE BEEN DEEMED NECESSARY TO DEFRAY ALL NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2026 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2027, AND LEVYING TAXES FOR SUCH CITY AND FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR FOR CERTAIN OBJECTS AND PURPOSES FOR WHICH SUCH APPROPRIATIONS ARE MADE AND THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATE FOR EACH OBJECT AND PURPOSE AND PROVIDING FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE COUNTY CLERK OF MORRILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AND PRESCRIBING THE TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

See Attachment B

9. **RESOLUTION 2026-12:** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST FOR THE 2026-2027 BUDGET YEAR.

See Attachment C

IV. ADJOURNMENT

<u>Modifications from Published Agenda</u>
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*All attachments are available online at
www.bridgeportne.gov*

City of Bridgeport
IN
Morrill 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 10 day of September 2026, at 5:00 o'clock P.M., at Prairie Winds Community Center, 426 Main 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	\$ 6,724,323.05
2025-2026 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 7,152,330.00
2026-2027 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 8,926,465.65
2026-2027 Necessary Cash Reserve	\$ 784,730.64
2026-2027 Total Resources Available	\$ 9,711,196.29
Total 2026-2027 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	\$ 417,070.70
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	\$ 22,780.22

Breakdown of Property Tax:

Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	\$ 417,070.70
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 10 day of September 2026, at 5:15 o'clock P.M., at Prairie Winds Community Center, 426 Main 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	9,414,200.00	8,926,465.65	-5%
Property Tax Request	\$ 417,114.85	\$ 417,070.70	0%
Valuation	136,706,767	132,201,245	-3%
Tax Rate	0.305116	0.315482	3%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.315515		

ORDINANCE NO. 1038

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FROM THE FUNDS AND REVENUES OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA SUCH SUMS OF MONEY AS HAVE BEEN DEEMED NECESSARY TO DEFRAY ALL NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2026 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2027, AND LEVYING TAXES FOR SUCH CITY AND FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR FOR CERTAIN OBJECTS AND PURPOSES FOR WHICH SUCH APPROPRIATIONS ARE MADE AND THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATIONS ARE MADE AND THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATE FOR EACH OBJECT AND PURPOSE AND PROVIDING FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE COUNTY CLERK OF MORRILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AND PRESCRIBING THE TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA.

Section 1: That there be and there hereby is appropriated out of the funds and revenue of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, the following sums of money deemed necessary to defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027; and there is hereby levied on each one dollar of actual value of the taxable property within the corporate limits of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, for said fiscal year, as shown by the assessment roll for such fiscal year, the amounts set out; the objects for purposes for which such expenditures are to be made, the amount of appropriated, including the amounts due upon legal and valid outstanding bonds against said City and all special assessments and other tax authorized by law are as follows:

City of Bridgeport \$8,926,465.65

A copy of the budget document shall be forwarded as provided by law to the Auditor of Public Accounts, State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska, and to the County Clerk of Morrill County, Nebraska, for use by the levying authority.

Section 2: There is hereby appropriated to the respective funds of said City such sums as shall be paid to the County Treasurer of Morrill County, Nebraska, during the ensuring year for taxes and previous fiscal years for such respective funds and there is also appropriated all occupational taxes collected for and during the fiscal year; also unexpected funds in the hands of the City Treasurer at the beginning of the present fiscal year hereby appropriated to be used to defray the expenses or obligations of the City chargeable against said City funds.

Section 3: That this ordinance shall be known as the Annual Appropriation Bill and shall be in full force and effect from and after the passage, approval and publication according to law.

Section 4: Repeal of Previous Ordinances. Any other ordinance or code section passed and approved prior to passage, approval, and publication or posting of this ordinance and in conflict with its provisions is repealed.

Section 5: Effective Date; Publication authorized in pamphlet form. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, and publication or posting as required by law.

Section 6: Severability. If any portion or provision of this ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such portion or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this ordinance, the intention being that the same are severable.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026.

Gail Beyer, Mayor

ATTEST

Doretta J. Huck, City Clerk/Treasurer

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST FOR THE 2026-2027 BUDGET YEAR.

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the property tax request for the prior year shall be the property tax request for the current year for purposes of the levy set by the County Board of Equalization unless the Governing Body of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request at a different amount; and

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

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Bridgeport that the property tax request for the current year be a different amount than the property tax request for the prior year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, by a majority vote, resolves that:

1. The 2026-2027 property tax request be set at \$417,070.70
2. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before September 30, 2026.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026.

ATTEST:

GAIL BEYER
MAYOR

DORETTA J. HUCK
CITY CLERK/TREASURER