

REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL – YORK, NEBRASKA
September 17, 2026
5:30 PM

A meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of York, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 5:30 o'clock p.m. in the Council Chambers.

The Mayor announced that the Open Meetings Act is available for review on the documents table in Council Chambers.

Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the York News Times on August 28, 2026, the City's designated method for giving notice, a copy of the proof of publication being attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all members of the City Council and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to these minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in advance notice to the Mayor and City Council for this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Mayor: Barry Redfern: Present. Councilmembers: Doreen Lopez: Present, Jeff McGregor: Present, Tony North: Present, Jeff Pieper: Present, Stephen Postier: Present, Jennifer Sheppard: Present, Scott Van Esch: Present, Jerry Wilkinson: Present. The following City Officials were present: City Administrator Dr. Sue Crawford, City Attorney Charles Campbell, Police Chief Ed Tjaden, Building Inspector Gregg Heiden, Parks and Recreation Director Cheree Folts, Treasure Pellie Thomas, Library Director Dr. Holli Duggan and Clerk Amanda Ring.

Public Budget Hearing for the 2026-2027 budget year

The Mayor announced that this is the time and place for a public hearing on the proposed 2026-2027 budget. Dr. Crawford reviewed the budget process over the last six months. She highlighted the City's Comprehensive Plan priorities. Those priorities were community character, transportation, parks, housing and neighborhoods, economic development, energy conservation and public facilities/infrastructure. She then shared how items in the budget aligned with those priorities. Value-Based Budgeting was also reviewed with the city's core values being expressed through the budget requests. Tax supported revenues and expenditures were reviewed. Enterprise funds were explained, and major improvements budgeted for these funds were shared. The landfill has a \$6 million capital project, the wastewater department is increasing maintenance levels and stormwater management, and the water/wastewater are working to increase the distribution system. Dr. Crawford explained the levy authority allowed by the state and how the city's levy rate is less than half of what is allowable. The levy request for this year is \$0.23. Property taxes are 6% of the city's revenues. Sales tax makes up 17% of the revenue. There are increases to water rates, sewer rates and landfill rates. Dr. Crawford thanked Pellie and Terri for all their hard work on the budget and the budget presentation. There was no other public comment.

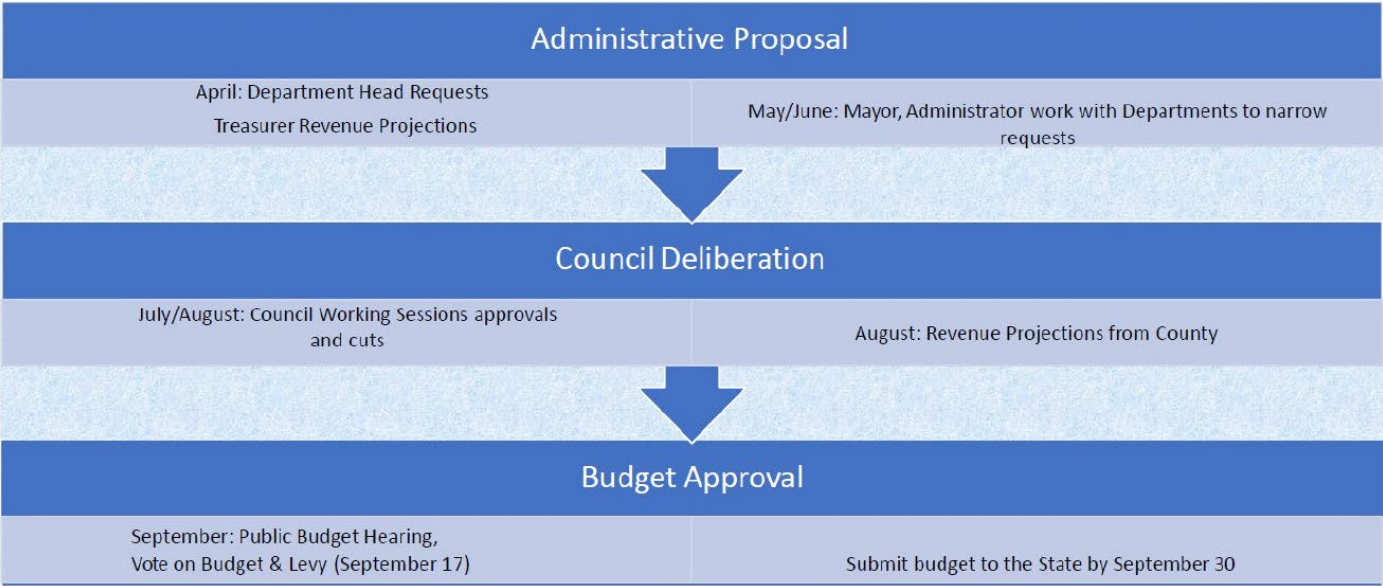
2026-27
York City Budget
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Budget Process



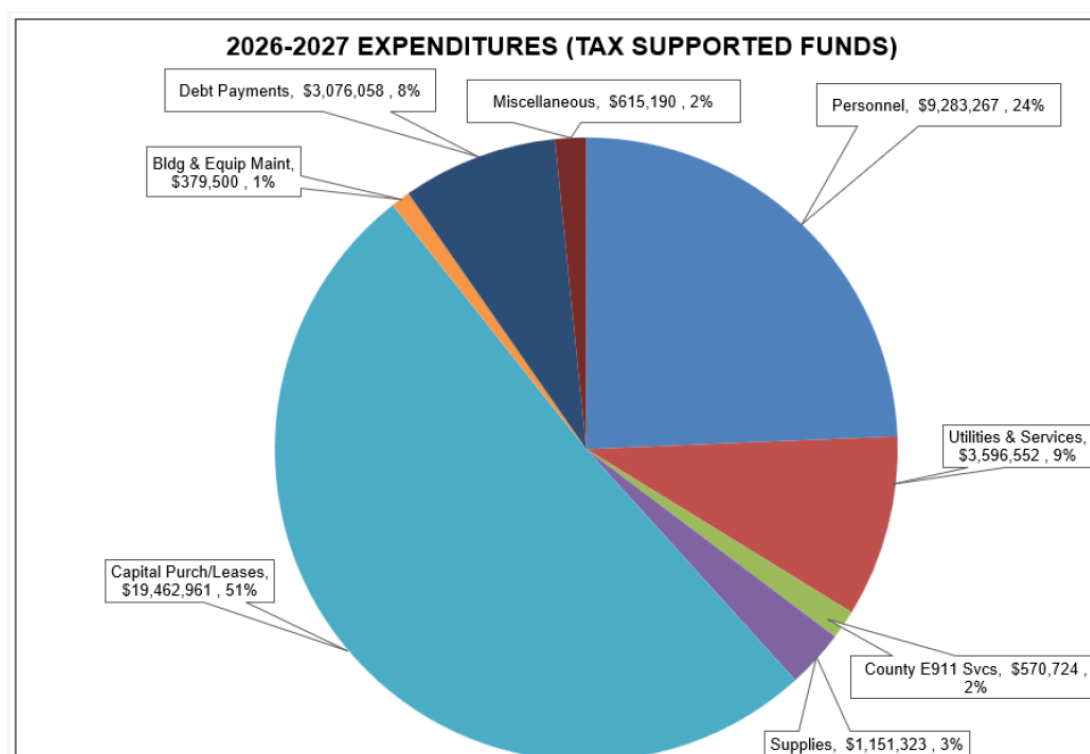
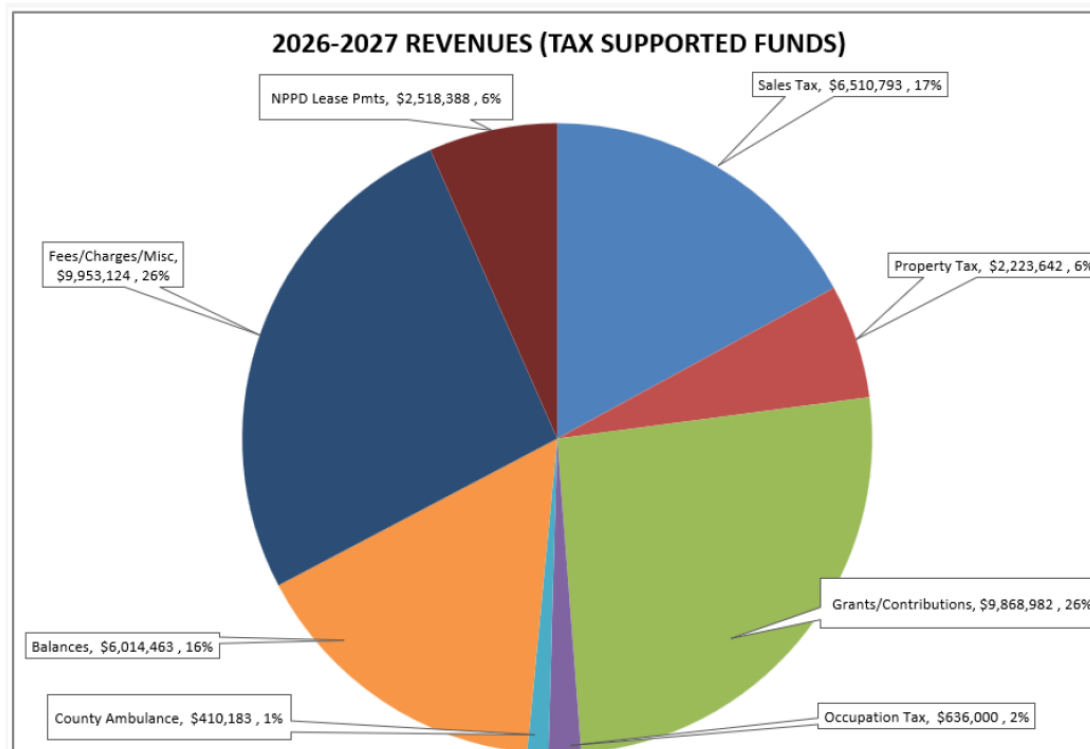
Comprehensive Plan Priorities

Community Character	Improve Gateways/Expand Green Spaces	Tower Crossing/Downtown
Transportation	Safe and Efficient Transportation for all users	Tower Crossing Investments
	Connect destinations with pedestrian/bicycle facilities	Project Access York
Parks	Complete Project Access York	Project Access York
	Expand Parks as new development occurs	Tower Crossing Investments
Housing & Neighborhoods	Build partnerships to create affordable housing	YCDC Contract & Programs
	Target housing to the strategic interstate location	Tower Crossing Investments
Economic Development	Maintain development ready sites	NW Industrial Park/Tower Crossing
	Leverage branding and messaging/Partnerships	YCDC /YVB/Chamber/Marketing
	Strengthen Workforce education partnerships	SECC Workforce Center
Energy Conservation	Continued use of renewable energy to stabilize costs	
Public Facilities/Infrastructure	Maintain facilities/infrastructure in good state of repair	Airport \$9M and Landfill \$6M
	Other Maintenance/Improvements	\$2.25M – reserve/hotel tax



Value-Based Budgeting

INTEGRITY	Audit; Safety improvements
EXCELLENCE	Digitalization improvements; Staff training
RESPONSIBILITY	Wage Study Updates; Facility Maintenance
COLLABORATION	Creative District/YCDC/Chamber/Adopt a Pet/York Transportation
GROWTH	Economic Development/Staff training
POSITIVITY	Marketing/Social Media



Enterprise Funds

Enterprise Services – Must be paid with fees

Fee studies per service to determine fees needed for operations and necessary capital projects. Fee increases in Landfill and Wastewater. No fee increase in Water.

Major Improvements:

Landfill \$6M capital project

Wastewater	Increase maintenance levels
	Increase stormwater management
	De-watering investment

Water/Wastewater Increase distribution system



Municipality Levy Authority

- Municipality levy limit \$\$.45
 - Allowable for interlocal agreements \$.05
 - Total Municipality Levy Authority \$.50
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- Additional taxes may be levied for bond debt
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- Current Levy Request \$0.23



Property Tax Levy Information

- Home Owner Example:
- Total property tax levy for City of York: \$0.23 per \$100 of property valuation.
 - Levy remains flat. Tax asking amount increases 2% as valuation increased 2%.
 - Per Assessor: Real growth = 4.19% and Inflation allowance = 5.26%
 - Asking is \$99,700 below what is allowed by state based on real growth and inflation.

Example: Property value \$250,000
 City property tax \$575 per year/ **\$48 per month**

Police/Fire/Parks/Streets/Library/HCC/Zoning/Nuisance/Staff

2025-26: City’s portion only 15.6% of property tax load

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York 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 17th day of September 2026, at 5:30 P.M., at 100 E 4th St, York, NE 68467 - Council Chambers 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	\$ 50,579,168.00
2025-2026 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 49,752,466.00
2026-2027 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 77,186,625.00
2026-2027 Necessary Cash Reserve	\$ 28,562,584.96
2026-2027 Total Resources Available	\$ 105,749,209.96
Total 2026-2027 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	\$ 2,072,366.61
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	\$ 109,343.53

Breakdown of Property Tax:	
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	\$ 2,072,366.61
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 17th day of September 2026 immediately following the budget hearing, at 100 E 4th St, York, NE 68467 - Council Chambers 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	56,369,722.00	77,186,625.00	37%
Property Tax Request	\$ 2,026,404.71	\$ 2,072,366.61	2%
Valuation	881,045,528	901,028,963	2%
Tax Rate	0.230000	0.230000	0%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.224899		

Major Capital Investments in 2026-2027

Increase in operating budget from 2025 to 2026	20,816,903
Airport runway project	9,300,000
Northwest Industrial Park and Tower Crossing	6,285,000
YASWA - partial closure Phase 5 & construction Phase 7	6,000,000
Total major capital projects 2026	21,585,000

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor adjourned the meeting, the time being 5:43 p.m.

Amanda Ring, City Clerk

Barry Redfern, Mayor