

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LEXINGTON, NEBRASKA
September 22, 2026**

A Regular Meeting of the Lexington City Council was held Tuesday, September 22, 2026, in Lexington, Nebraska at 5:30 p.m. Members of the Council present were John Fagot, John Salem, Dora Vivas, Jared Jacob, and Jeremy Roberts. City Officials present were City Manager Joe Pepplitsch, Finance Director Derek Haines and City Clerk Bill Brecks. The press was represented by the Lexington Clipper-Herald

NOTICE: Notice of the meeting was given in advance, thereof by publication in the September 12th, 2026, edition of the Lexington Clipper-Herald, the designated method for giving notice, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these Minutes. Notice of this 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 was communicated in advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this Meeting. The proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. All items presented and discussed on the agenda were available for public inspection.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Fagot. Fagot informed the public that the Open Meetings Act is posted in the Meeting Room at the Lexington City Hall, 406 E. 7th Street, Lexington, Nebraska.

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING 9/8/2026: Minutes of the Regular meeting held September 8, 2026, were presented. Moved by Vivas, seconded by Salem, to approve the minutes as presented. Roll call. Voting “aye” were Jacob, Roberts, Salem, Vivas, Fagot. Motion carried.

MINUTES – BUDGET HEARING 9/8/2026: Minutes of the Budget Hearing held September 8, 2026, were presented. Moved by Roberts, seconded by Jacob, to approve the minutes as presented. Roll call. Voting “aye” were Salem, Jacob, Vivas, Roberts, Fagot. Motion carried.

CLAIMS & BILLS: Claims and Bills in the amount of \$2,711,167.32 were presented for Council’s consideration and approval. Upon review of the Claims and Bills as listed, moved by Salem, seconded by Vivas, to approve the Claims and Bills as listed, and authorize funding allocations. Roll call. Voting “aye” were Vivas, Jacob, Roberts, Salem, Fagot. Motion carried.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
September 22, 2026**

4Imprint	Uniform Expense	320.44
Abdullah, Yussuf Ismail	Utility Overpayment	133.12
AFLAC	Premiums	1,639.30
Amazon Capital Services	Books, Supplies	1,175.68

B & H Services	Cleaning Service	7,281.00
Bauer Built	Tire Repair, Tires	6,213.38
Beverly Bogle Louthan PC	Professional Fees	1,500.00
Bound Tree Medical	Supplies	486.41
Cash-Wa Distributing	Food & Supplies	2,528.78
Center Point Inc	Books	200.16
City of Lexington- Operating	Analysis Fees	5,223.50
Community Development Agency	TIF Payments	294,707.71
Davis Energy	Fuel	8,381.98
Delta Dental of Nebraska	Premiums	4,596.56
DRL Investments	Abatements	500.00
Dutton-Lainson Co	Meter Sockets	159.41
Electrical Engineering & Equipment	LED Relays	556.74
Elkins, Ivy	Electric Rebate	96.09
Folker-Jennsen	Electric Rebate	300.00
FRAE	Service Call	275.00
Fyr-Tek	Parts	102.00
GB Auto Service	Repairs	422.80
Health Claims	Claims	1,695.09
Heartland Chevrolet	Parts	803.30
Hiland Dairy	Food	216.54
Holbein, Dahlas	Fueling & Maintenance	1,500.00
Hydro Optimization & Automation	Service Call	1,013.00
Jones Plumbing	Parts	290.37
Keller, Kristie	Electric Rebate	1,050.00
Kohl, Patrick J	Repairs	150.00
Lawson	Tools	607.43
Lexcares	Budget Funds	1,000.00
Lexington Area Solid Waste	Special Waste Disposal	1,661.52
Lexington Chamber of Commerce	Membership	4,525.00
Lexington City Payroll Account		
	Payroll Wages	195,815.72
	Social Security Employer Portion / FICA Med	14,563.71
	Union Bank & Trust Employer Portion / Pension	6,408.00
	Union Bank & Trust Police Pension	5,318.68
	ICMA City Manager Pension	942.31
Lexington Health Fund	Self-Funding	56,399.90
Lexington Public Schools	Annual Refund	4,370.00
LEXUS	Utilities	45,051.06
Madison Energy	Solar Power Purchase	61,333.57

Mead Lumber	Supplies	87.98
Mendoza, Maria	Electric Rebate	850.00
Midwest Labs	Supplies	41.00
Mobotrex	Service Call	1,400.00
National League of Cities	Membership	1,859.00
Nebraska Interactive	TLR Interactive	18.00
Nebraska Machine	Repairs	6,704.38
Nebraska Public Power District	Power Purchase	958,859.68
	O & M	146,712.38
Norton, Jennifer	Electric Rebate	1,200.00
Odeys	Field Paint	1,832.10
One Billing Solutions	Billing Fees	2,125.62
O'Neill Wood Resources	Tree Grinding	33,502.50
Orozco, Jose	Electric Rebate	1,200.00
Paulsen Inc	Limestone	893.75
Platte Valley Auto Mart	Service, Repairs	2,162.74
Polydyne Inc	Polymer	24,150.00
PPG Paints	Paint	622.75
Prado, Ramon	Electric Rebate	8,400.00
S & R Diamond LLC	Solar Carport Purchase	181,200.00
S & R Inc	Supplies	174.98
S & W Auto	Parts	23.51
Sankey, Donna	Electric Rebate	1,650.00
Standard Insurance Company	Life Insurance Premiums	1,015.29
State of NE / Public Health Lab	Water Testing	427.00
State of Nebraska (Cornhusker Industries)	Bookcase (3)	3,267.00
Stewart, Jason	Lawn Care	210.00
TASC	Administration Fees	175.62
Titan Machinery	Parts, Repairs	4,132.99
TNEMEC Company	Paint	720.12
Vak, Joseph	Animal Care	899.25
Vermeer HP	Repairs	3,238.25
W W Grainger	Supplies	458.16
Weathercraft	Roof Repairs	569.00
YMCA of the Prairie	Fitness Memberships	1,700.00
Business Card		
Amazon	Supplies	1,980.98
Bass Pro	Hip Waders	983.91
BP	Fuel	49.15
Canva	Software	14.99
FJ.com	Supplies	342.40

Hurco	Valve Turning Machine	66.35
Microsoft	Software	12.25
R.U.B.	Travel Meals	49.30
Red Cross	Training Materials	159.02
Smokin Oak	Travel Meals	33.84
Tennis Warehouse	Tennis Balls	941.51
UI.com	Parts	58.80
Veterans Affairs	Claim Overpayment	125.64
Walmart	Supplies	499.88
Zoom	Software	159.90
Cengage Learning	Books	28.80
Central Community College	EMT Training	2,470.00
City of Lexington	Utility Franchise Fees	86,305.28
Community Development Agency	Occupation Tax	24,311.52
Credit Services of Logan	Fees	45.02
Dan's Sanitation	Fees	41,539.82
Eakes Inc	Supplies	79.72
Edgewater Insurance	Premiums	338,495.00
Health Claims	Claims	61,117.95
J & A Traffic	Cones	984.00
Logue Engineering	Professional Services	1,650.00
Mead Lumber	Supplies	23.74
National Telephone Message Corp	Promotional Supplies	226.00
Nebraska Machinery	Parts	112.86
Newsbank	Subscription	398.00
Nippon Sanso	Medical Supplies	117.84
S & R Inc	Supplies	587.54
Stout, Robby B	Cement, Brick Work	11,327.00
Verizon Communications	Cellular Service	710.86
VSP / Vision Service Plan	Vision Premium	1,160.14
TOTAL CLAIMS:		2,711,167.32

FINANCIAL REPORT: Moved by Roberts, seconded by Vivas, to accept the financial report for August 2026 as presented. Roll call. Voting “aye” were Vivas, Jacob, Salem, Roberts, Fagot. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

AUDIT REPORT: Pepplitsch discussed the Audit Report and submittal to the State. Following discussion, moved by Salem, seconded by Vivas, to approve the final audit report for FY 2025 and to authorize the submission of the report to the state as required. Roll call. Voting “aye” were Roberts, Jacob, Salem, Vivas, Fagot. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: Resolution No. 2026-15 was presented. Following discussion, moved by Roberts, seconded by Jacob, to approve Resolution No. 2026-15. Roll call. Voting “aye” were Vivas, Roberts, Jacob, Salem, Fagot. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-15

**A RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027**

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of the City of Lexington passes by a majority vote a resolution 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 Lexington resolves that:

1. The 2026-2027 property tax request be set at \$1,992,944.42.
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year’s total assessed value by 9.23%.
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 \$0.29207 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. The City of Lexington proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.308942 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the City of Lexington will increase last year’s budget by .82 percent.
6. A copy of this resolution shall be certified and forwarded to the Dawson County Clerk on or before October 15, 2026.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of September 2026.

ORDINANCE: Ordinance No. 2489 entitled “**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027. TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR PUBLICATION IN ELECTRONIC FORM.**” was presented. Moved by Salem, seconded by Vivas, to suspend the rules regarding the reading of an ordinance on three separate occasions. Roll call. Voting “aye” were Salem, Jacob, Vivas, Roberts, Fagot. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2489 was presented on final reading. Moved by Salem, seconded by Roberts, to approve Ordinance No. 2489 on final reading. Voting “aye” were Salem, Vivas, Jacob, Roberts, Fagot. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: Resolution No. 2026-16 was presented. Following discussion, moved by Roberts, seconded by Vivas, to approve Resolution No. 2026-16. Roll call. Voting “aye” were Salem, Vivas, Jacob, Roberts, Fagot. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-16

SIGNING OF THE MUNICIPAL ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE FORM 2026

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 or Village Board Chairperson and shall include the resolution of the governing body of the municipality authorizing the signing of the certification.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor of Lexington is hereby authorized to sign the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance.

Adopted the 22nd day of September, 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Salem, seconded by Roberts, to enter executive session at 5:39 p.m. to discuss contractual negotiations. Roll call. Voting “aye” were Roberts, Salem, Jacob, Vivas, Fagot. Motion carried.

Moved by Roberts, seconded by Vivas, to return to open session at 6:05 p.m. Roll call. Voting “aye” were Salem, Roberts, Vivas, Jacob, Fagot. Motion carried.

ROUNDTABLE: None

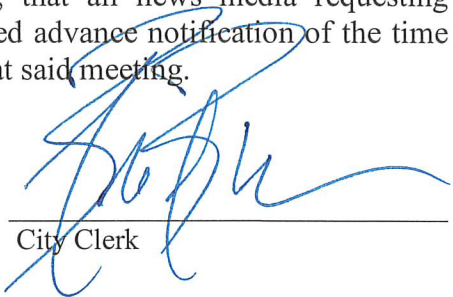
ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, Fagot declared the meeting adjourned at 6:06.

John Fagot, Mayor

I, the undersigned City Clerk for the City of Lexington, Nebraska, hereby certify 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 during regular business hours prior to said meeting; that the Minutes of the Mayor and

Council of the City of Lexington, Nebraska, from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted 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 meeting of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.





City Clerk