

CITY OF TILDEN
City Council Proceedings
September 8, 2026

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Tilden met in regular session on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 7:30pm at the Tilden Council Chambers.

(1) Mayor Tom Nelson opened the budget hearing at 7:30 pm and the Clerk recorded the proceedings.

(2) Declaration of open meetings act.

(3) ROLL CALL: Mayor Tom Nelson. Council Members Allen Smidt, Leo Botsford, Darrell Wyatt, Allen Miller, Halle Hart. Absent – Carla Loop.

(4) EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PRIOR YEAR BUDGET AND NEXT FISCAL YEAR BUDGET. The presentation required by LB 148 was completed.

(5) CLOSE THE HEARING. Motion made by Botsford, seconded by Miller to close the budget hearing at 7:31 pm. RCV: Yes – Hart, Miller, Wyatt, Botsford, Smidt. No – None. Absent – Loop. Approved.

(1) CALL THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER.

(2) Declaration of open meetings act.

(3) ROLL CALL: Mayor Tom Nelson. Council Members Halle Hart, Allen Miller, Darrell Wyatt, Leo Botsford, Al Smidt. Carla Loop absent.

(4) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(5) MAYOR’S OPEN DISCUSSION – Mayor Nelson thanked Councilmember Smidt for the work he has done at the City park. Also, congratulations to Will Hatterman for becoming Tilden Community Alliance President.

(6) CONSENT AGENDA – Miller moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Wyatt. RCV: Yes – Smidt, Botsford, Wyatt, Miller, Hart. No – None. Absent – Loop. Approved.

(7) REPORTS BY CITY DEPARTMENTS-Written reports are kept on file in the City office and are available for public viewing.

(8) RESOLUTION 2026-09-1 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TILDEN, NEBRASKA, GRANTING AUTHORITY TO SET THE CITY’S ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX REQUEST AT AN AMOUNT DIFFERENT THAN PREVIOUSLY SET BY THE MADISON AND ANTELOPE COUNTY CLERKS. Motion made by Botsford to approve the resolution and adopt the budget, seconded by Hart. RCV: Yes – Hart, Miller, Wyatt, Botsford, Smidt. No – None. Absent – Loop. Approved.

(9) RESOLUTION 2026-09-2 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TILDEN, NEBRASKA, GRANTING AUTHORITY TO EXCEED THE BUDGET LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2026 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2027, BY AN ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT. Motion made by Miller to approve the resolution, seconded by Hart. RCV: Yes – Smidt, Botsford, Wyatt, Miller, Hart. No – None. Absent – Loop. Approved.

(10) ORDINANCE 563 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND REGULATIONS FOR ESTABLISHED SPEED LIMITS ON U.S. HIGHWAY 275 AND STATE HIGHWAY 45 WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF TILDEN; PROVIDING A TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL GO INTO EFFECT; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION. Motion made by Wyatt to introduce Ordinance 563, waive the three required readings, move for

its passage and provide for proof of publication, seconded by Miller. RCV : Yes – Wyatt, Miller, Hart, Botsford, Smidt. No – None. Absent – Loop. Approved.

(11) OPEN THE 1 & 6 YEAR STREET PLAN HEARING. Motion to open the hearing at 7:45 pm made by Hart, seconded by Wyatt. RCV: Yes – Wyatt, Miller, Hart, Smidt, Botsford. No – None. Absent – Loop. Approved. No changes made. Motion made by Smidt, seconded by Wyatt to close the hearing at 7:46 pm. RCV: Yes – Hart, Miller, Wyatt, Botsford, Smidt. No – None. Absent – Loop. Approved. Motion to approve the plan made by Miller, seconded by Hart. RCV: Yes – Smidt, Botsford, Wyatt, Miller, Hart. No – None. Absent – Loop. Approved.

(12) LIBRARY INTERLOCAL – Motion made by Smidt, seconded by Miller to approve the interlocal agreement between Antelope County and Antelope County Library Association. RCV: Yes – Smidt, Botsford, Wyatt, Miller, Hart. No – None. Absent – Loop. Approved.

(13) NEW 2 U – Pat Decker present to request that New 2 U thrift store be allowed to utilize the former clinic building for their annual Christmas store. Council agreed with the final date of December 24, 2026.

(19) NORTH BALLFIELD – Motion made by Hart, seconded by Miller to move forward with plans and to set the bid letting date for October 8, 2026 at 1:30 pm. RCV: Yes – Smidt, Botsford, Wyatt, Hart, Miller. No – None. Absent – Loop. Approved.

(21) CIVIC CENTER – Motion to move forward with plans presented by Tilden-Meadow Grove Foundation made by Smidt, seconded by Wyatt. RCV: Yes – Smidt, Wyatt, Miller, Hart. No – Botsford. Absent – Loop. Approved.

(14) FIVE RULE RURAL PLANNING – Motion made by Botsford, seconded by Hart to approve the economic development contract renewal in the annual amount of \$38,000. RCV: Yes – Wyatt, Miller, Hart, Botsford, Smidt. No – None. Absent – Loop. Approved.

(15) PARK & REC MASTER PLAN – Bobbi Pettit will bring the draft plan to the October 13th meeting.

(16) GRANT – Motion made by Miller, seconded by Wyatt to approve the signing of the letter of intent for the Game and Parks Land and Water Conservation grant requesting \$600,000 with a 50% match from the city toward ballfield improvements. RCV: Yes – Hart, Miller, Wyatt, Botsford, Smidt. No – None. Absent – Loop. Approved.

(17) DTR – Motion made by Smidt, seconded by Miller to approve the application from Quick Serve for commercial façade improvements. RCV: Yes – Smidt, Botsford, Wyatt, Miller, Hart. No – None. Absent – Loop. Approved.

(18) SEWER IMPROVEMENTS – Motion made by Smidt, seconded by Miller to approve the bid from Rutjen's Construction in the amount of \$195,530 and include the extra \$19,530 to pave the intersection of 5th Street and California Street back to concrete. RCV: Yes – Smidt, Botsford, Hart, Miller, Wyatt. No – None. Absent – Loop. Approved.

(20) ALLEY IMPROVEMENTS – Motion made by Miller, seconded by Hart to allow for advertising for bids and setting the bid letting date for October 8, 2026 at 2:00 pm. RCV: Yes – Hart, Miller, Wyatt, Botsford, Smidt. No – None. Absent – Loop. Approved.

(22) MIDWEST COATINGS – Tabled.

(23) SANDBLASTING – Tabled.

(24) FIRE – Motion made by Miller, seconded by Wyatt to approve \$80,917 in 2 new sirens and \$1,662 in software. RCV: Yes – Hart, Miller, Wyatt, Smidt, Botsford. No – None. Absent – Loop. Approved.

(25) CULVERTS & INLETS – Motion made by Hart, seconded by Wyatt to advertise for work to be done from North Street to the sports complex and set bid letting date for October 8, 2026 at 2:15 pm. RCV: Yes – Smidt, Botsford, Wyatt, Hart. No – None. Abstain – Miller, Absent – Loop. Approved.

(26) ASCHOFF - Motion made by Miller, seconded by Hart to allow curb and gutter to be placed along the South side of North Street on the block containing the convenience store. RCV: Yes - Hart, Miller, Wyatt, Botsford, Smidt. No – None. Absent – Loop. Approved.

(27) EMPLOYEE WAGES – Motion made by Miller, seconded by Wyatt to approve a 3% raise. RCV: Yes – Wyatt, Miller, Hart. Botsford. No – Smidt. Absent – Loop. Approved.

With no further business to come before the council, Botsford made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Wyatt. Meeting was adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Shawna Moore, Clerk

Tom Nelson, Mayor