

CITY OF TILDEN
City Council Proceedings
October 13, 2026

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Tilden met in regular session on Tuesday, October 13, 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 Halle Hart, Allen Miller, Darrell Wyatt, Leo Botsford, Carla Loop, Al Smidt.

(4) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(5) MAYOR'S OPEN DISCUSSION – Mayor Nelson recognized the late Miriam Taylor for her dedication and support toward the community and would like to acknowledge the family for the donation of a flag pole and bench to be placed at Sunrise Park campground. Nelson also thanked Councilmember Al Smidt for the work and time he has done in moving and installing fencing near the Richie Ashburn baseball field and splash pad.

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

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

(8) RESOLUTION 2026-10-1 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TILDEN, NEBRASKA, NAMING THE NEW BALLFIELD ON THE NORTH SIDE OF TILDEN “BOYD BATENHORST FIELD”. Motion made by Miller, seconded by Wyatt to approve the resolution. RCV: Yes – Wyatt, Miller, Hart, Botsford, Loop, Smidt. No – None. Approved.

(9) RESOLUTION 2026-10-2 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TILDEN, NEBRASKA, ESTABLISHING A RESTRICTED SPECIAL FUND TO ACCEPT CITIZEN CONTRIBUTIONS FOR A COMMEMORATIVE SIGN AND BASEBALL MATERIALS AT THE BOYD BATENHORST FIELD; MANDATING THE SEGREGATION OF SAID FUNDS FROM THE CITY GENERAL FUND; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO ISSUE TAX SUBSTANTIATION RECEIPTS TO DONORS. Motion made by Botsford, seconded by Hart to approve the resolution. RCV: Yes – Botsford, Loop, Smidt, Wyatt, Miller, Hart. No – None. Approved.

(10) ORDINANCE 564 – AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF ELECTRIC BICYCLES AND ELECTRIC SCOOTERS; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND PUBLICATION. A lengthy discussion was held between the public, police enforcement, and Council. The committee will review the ordinance to edit items and discuss safety training classes. Tabled until November meeting.

(11) BASEBALL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS – Motion made by Hart, seconded by Miller to approve the bid by Rutjens Construction in the amount of \$452,537.25 with a start date of November 1, 2026 and a completion date of September 1, 2027. RCV: Yes – Botsford, Loop, Smidt, Miller, Hart. No – Wyatt. Approved.

(12) ALLEY PAVING – Motion made by Loop, seconded by Miller to approve the bid by Rutjens Construction in the amount of \$125,905 with a start date of April 1, 2027 and a completion date of August 1, 2027. RCV: Yes – Wyatt, Miller, Hart, Botsford, Loop, Smidt. No – None. Approved.

(13) MADISON STREET DRAINAGE – Motion made by Miller, seconded by Hart to approve the bid by Rutjens Construction in the amount of \$67,947 with a start date of November 1, 2026 and a completion date of June 1, 2027. RCV: Yes – Smidt, Loop, Botsford, Wyatt, Miller, Hart. No – None. Approved.

(14) FLOWER GARDEN – Kyle Schumacher with Nebraska Game and Parks presented a design for planting prairie grasses and flowers at Horseshoe Bend Park with the help of Pheasants Forever, Monarch Joint Venture and Elkhorn Valley Schools. Motion made by Miller, seconded by Wyatt to allow project to go forward. RCV: Yes – Hart, Miller, Wyatt, Smidt, Loop, Botsford. No – None. Approved.

(15) GAME AND PARKS LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION – Resolution 2026-10-3 – A resolution of the City Council of the City of Tilden, Nebraska, authorizing application for federal assistance from the land and water conservation fund for Tilden community ballfield project. Motion made by Botsford, seconded by Wyatt to approve the resolution. RCV: Yes – Hart, Miller, Wyatt, Botsford, Loop, Smidt. No – None. Approved.

(16) PARK & REC MASTER PLAN – Tabled until November meeting.

(17) FIRE INTERLOCAL – Rural Fire District and their attorney Kyle Petersen were present to give a counteroffer on the proposed interlocal agreement. The base fee paid to the Rural Fire each year for their fire/rescue support per year will be based on the local option sales tax budgeted per year until the fire hall bond is paid off. Also, the money market account balance will be split between the City and Rural Fire District. Motion made by Botsford, seconded by Hart to send changes to Rembolt Luedke attorney to have the interlocal rewritten and sent back for final signatures. RCV: Yes – Smidt, Loop, Botsford, Wyatt, Miller, Hart. No – None. Approved.

(18) WEEDING LIST – Motion made by Botsford, seconded by Miller to approve the list. RCV: Yes – Botsford, Loop, Smidt, Wyatt, Miller, Hart. No – None. Approved.

With no further business to come before the council, Miller made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Botsford. Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Shawna Moore, Clerk

Tom Nelson, Mayor