

AGENDA OF JOINT PUBLIC MEETING

Public notice is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-1633 and 77-1634, that a representative of the following political subdivisions will meet on the 22nd day of September 2025 at 7:00 p.m., at the Harvest Hall at the Seward County Fairgrounds, 500 N 14th St., Seward, NE, for the purpose of conducting a joint public hearing to obtain public input on property tax increases proposed by the subdivisions as listed below. Said meeting is open to the public. Accommodations for the disabled are available upon request.

Agenda

1. Opening and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Announcements by the Seward County Clerk
3. Presentation of each political subdivision’s intent to increase its property tax request by a percentage greater than the “allowable growth percentage” as defined in § 77-1633.

Organizations represented are:

- a. City of Milford, property tax requested: \$ 869,298.00
 - b. Seward County, property tax requested: \$ 10,923,481.00
4. Public Input – The County Clerk may limit the time for speaking depending on the number of those wishing to offer comments
 5. Adjournment

Seward County
Joint Public Hearing Report

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-1633, a joint public hearing was held on September 22, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. at the Harvest Hall, Seward County Fairgrounds, 500 N. 14th, Seward, NE 68434

Notice of the Joint Public Hearing was provided by:

1. Postcard mailed to all affected property taxpayers by the County Assessor on September 7, 2025.
2. Publication in the Seward Independent and Milford Times September 17, 2025.
3. Notice posted on the home page of the County's website on Sept. 11, 2025 (date notice posted to website)

The following political subdivision representatives were present at the hearing and gave a brief presentation on their political subdivision's intent to increase their property tax request by more than the allowable growth percentage and the effect of such request on their budget.

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Political Subdivision Represented:</u>
Patrick Kelley	City of Milford
Misty Ahmic	Seward County
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Additionally, the following individuals spoke at the joint public hearing and provided their input on the proposed property tax requests.

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Address:</u>	<u>Organization Represented:</u> <i>(if applicable)</i>
James Dickerson	Milford, NE	_____
Pat Herrold	Seward, NE	_____
Jeffrey H Adler	Utica, NE	_____
Denise Kobza	Seward, NE	_____
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Note: Address requirement may be waived to protect the security of the individual

After all members of the public present were given a reasonable amount of time to provide their input on the proposed property tax requests, the hearing was closed.

Signed,

Seward County Clerk (or designee)

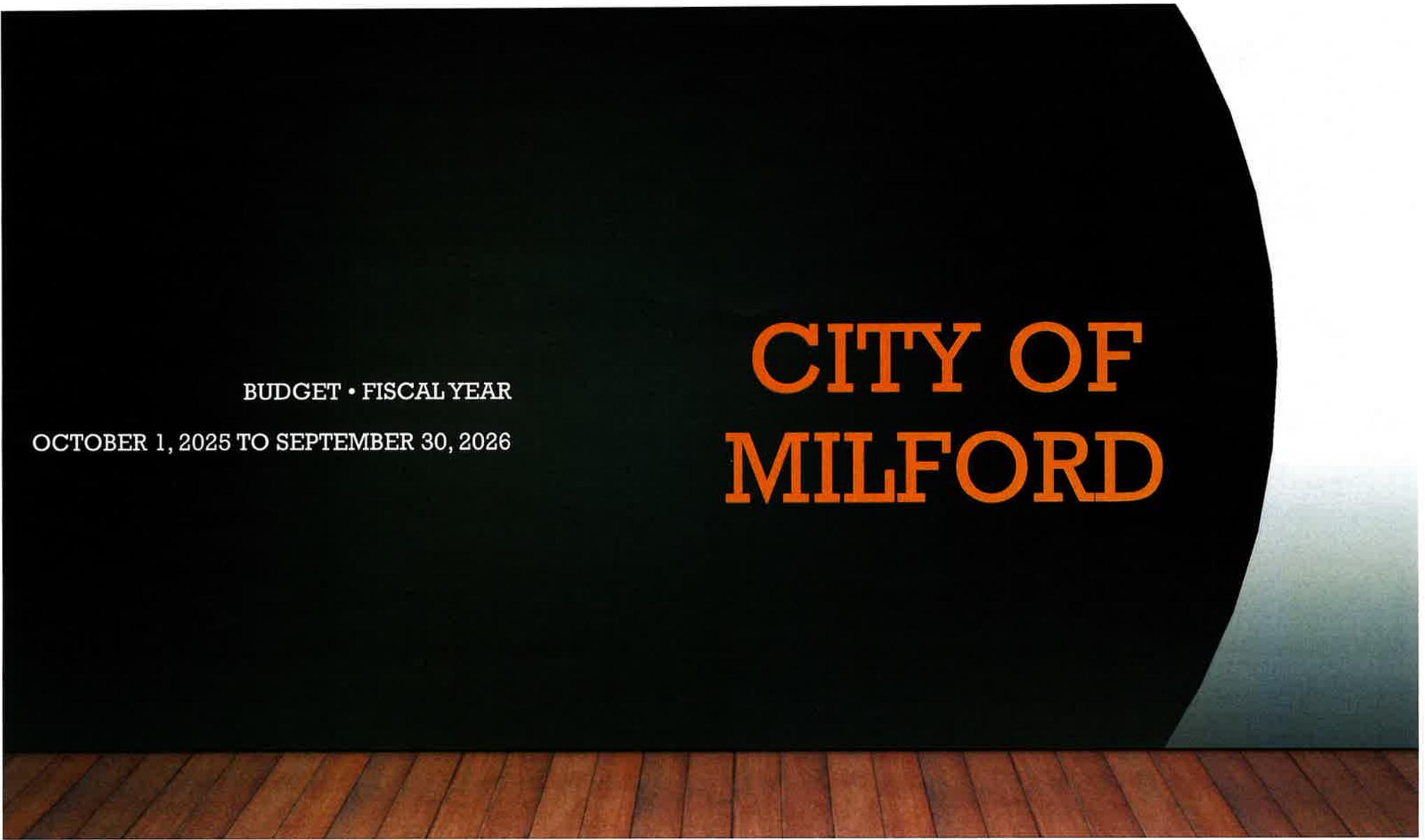


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BUDGET • FISCAL YEAR

OCTOBER 1, 2025 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

CITY OF MILFORD



- 2025-2026 Property Tax Request
 - \$842,744.00
- 2024 Assessed Valuation: \$161,920,085
- 2025 Assessed Valuation: \$170,924,535
 - The Total Assessed Value of Property differs from last year's Total Assessed Value by 6% (+9,004,450)
- 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 \$.454630 per \$100 of Assessed Value.
- The City of Milford proposes to adopt a Property Tax Request that will change its Tax Rate to \$.493050 per \$100 of Assessed Value.

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Seward 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 24 day of September 2025, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., at Milford City Hall 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.

2023-2024 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 6,340,295.00
2024-2025 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 4,544,788.00
2025-2026 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 10,390,330.00
2025-2026 Necessary Cash Reserve	\$ 2,647,538.00
2025-2026 Total Resources Available	\$ 13,037,868.00
Total 2025-2026 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	\$ 842,744.00
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	\$ 26,554.19

Breakdown of Property Tax:

Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	\$ 774,744.00
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	\$ 68,000.00

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 24 day of September 2025, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., at Milford City Hall for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2024	2025	Change
Operating Budget	8,329,720.00	10,390,330.00	25%
Property Tax Request	\$ 777,073.80	\$ 842,744.00	8%
Valuation	161,920,085	170,924,535	6%
Tax Rate	0.479912	0.493050	3%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.454630		

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- Based on the Proposed Property Tax Request and changes in other revenue, the Total Operating Budget of the City of Milford will exceed last year's by 24.7%.

	2024-2025	2025-2026	Increase/Decrease	
			Amount	Percent
Operating	\$ 2,670,505	\$ 3,048,468	\$ 377,963	14.2%
Other*	\$ 5,659,215	\$ 7,341,862	\$ 1,682,647	29.7%
Total Operating Budget	\$ 8,329,720	\$ 10,390,330	\$ 2,060,610	24.7%

*Other includes Utilities, Debt service, Capital projects, TIF distributions, Special reserves and Transfers

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Tax Levy History

Fiscal Year	Tax Request	% Change	Certified Valuation	% Change	Tax Rate Levied	% Change
2015/2016	\$ 538,532	0.60%	\$ 92,617,635	0.68%	0.581457	-0.07%
2016/2017	\$ 539,239	0.13%	\$ 98,342,256	6.18%	0.548329	-5.70%
2017/2018	\$ 544,592	0.99%	\$ 99,164,809	0.84%	0.549179	0.16%
2018/2019	\$ 524,998	-3.60%	\$ 102,477,595	3.34%	0.512305	-6.71%
2019/2020	\$ 550,450	4.85%	\$ 107,463,839	4.87%	0.512219	-0.02%
2020/2021	\$ 558,530	1.47%	\$ 109,048,117	1.47%	0.512187	-0.01%
2021/2022	\$ 600,950	7.59%	\$ 117,403,824	7.66%	0.511866	-0.06%
2022/2023	\$ 621,923	3.49%	\$ 128,968,021	9.85%	0.482230	-5.79%
2023/2024	\$ 726,235	16.77%	\$ 150,654,932	16.82%	0.482052	-0.04%
2024/2025	\$ 777,074	7.00%	\$ 161,920,085	7.48%	0.479912	-0.44%
2025/2026	\$ 842,744	8.45%	\$ 170,924,535	5.56%	0.493050	2.74%

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