2025-2026
STATE OF NEBRASKA
CITY/VILLAGE BUDGET FORM

City of Battle Creek

TO THE COUNTY BOARD AND COUNTY CLERK OF
Madison County

This budget is for the Period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026

Upon Filing, The Entity Certifies the Information Submitted on this Form to be Correct:

The following **PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAX** is requested for the ensuing year:

407,031.10	Property Taxes for Non-Bond Purposes
	Principal and Interest on Bonds
407,031.10	**Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required**

100,862,194.00	**Total Certified Valuation (All Counties)**

*(Certification of Valuation(s) from County Assessor **MUST** be attached)*

County Clerk's Use ONLY

Projected Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness as of October 1, 2025
(As of the Beginning of the Budget Year)

Principal	4,765,000.00
Interest	833,127.50
Total Bonded Indebtedness	5,598,127.50

Report of Joint Public Agency & Interlocal Agreements

Was this Subdivision involved in any Interlocal Agreements or Joint Public Agencies for the reporting period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025?

[X] YES [ ] NO

*If **YES**, Please submit Interlocal Agreement Report by September 30th.*

Report of Trade Names, Corporate Names & Business Names

Did the Subdivision operate under a separate Trade Name, Corporate Name, or other Business Name during the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025?

[X] YES [ ] NO

*If **YES**, Please submit Trade Name Report by September 30th.*

APA Contact Information

Auditor of Public Accounts
PO Box 98917
Lincoln, NE 68509

Telephone: (402) 471-2111 **FAX:** (402) 471-3301

Website: auditors.nebraska.gov

Questions - E-Mail: Jeff.Schreier@nebraska.gov

Submission Information

Budget Due by 9-30-2025

Submit budget to:

1. Auditor of Public Accounts -Electronically on Website or Mail
2. County Board (SEC. 13-508), C/O County Clerk

City of Battle Creek in Madison County

Line No.	Beginning Balances, Receipts, & Transfers	Actual 2023 - 2024 (Column 1)	Actual/Estimated 2024 - 2025 (Column 2)	**Adopted Budget 2025 - 2026** (Column 3)
1	Net Cash Balance	1,599,618.16	1,887,479.10	2,510,243.20
2	Investments			
3	County Treasurer's Balance	53,695.56	105,658.31	
4	Beginning Balance Proprietary Function Funds **(Only If Page 6 is Used)**			-
5	**Subtotal of Beginning Balances** (Lines 1 thru 4)	**1,653,313.72**	**1,993,137.41**	**2,510,243.20**
6	Personal and Real Property Taxes **(Columns 1 and 2 - See Preparation Guidelines)**	425,374.43	446,893.76	403,001.09
7	Federal Receipts			
8	State Receipts: Motor Vehicle Pro-Rate	250.30	1,037.31	693.27
9				
10	State Receipts: Highway Allocation and Incentives	172,065.27	175,062.84	176,077.42
11	State Receipts: Motor Vehicle Fee	12,300.86	11,666.76	10,354.89
12	State Receipts: State Aid			
13	State Receipts: Municipal Equalization Aid	61,199.04	83,855.35	108,126.03
14	State Receipts: Other			
15	State Receipts: Property Tax Credit			
16	Local Receipts: Nameplate Capacity Tax			
17	Local Receipts: Motor Vehicle Tax			
18	Local Receipts: Local Option Sales Tax	273,929.46	277,368.03	268,656.91
19	Local Receipts: In Lieu of Tax			
20	Local Receipts: Other	7,706,077.05	7,684,378.71	7,737,874.73
21	Transfers In of Surplus Fees			
22	Transfers In Other Than Surplus Fees	1,282,784.36		
23	Proprietary Function Funds **(Only if Page 6 is Used)**			-
24	**Total Resources Available** (Lines 5 thru 23)	**11,587,294.49**	**10,673,400.17**	**11,215,027.54**
25	**Total Disbursements & Transfers** (Line 22, Pg 3, 4 & 5)	**9,594,157.08**	**8,163,156.97**	**9,020,847.40**
26	**Balance Forward/Cash Reserve** (Line 24 MINUS Line 25)	**1,993,137.41**	**2,510,243.20**	**2,194,180.14**
27	Cash Reserve Percentage			24%

PROPERTY TAX RECAP

Tax from Line 6	403,001.09
County Treasurer Commission at 1%	4,030.01
Total Property Tax Requirement	407,031.10

City of Battle Creek in Madison County

To Assist the County For Levy Setting Purposes

The Cover Page identifies the Property Tax Request between Principal & Interest on Bonds and All Other Purposes. If your municipality needs more of a breakdown for levy setting purposes, complete the section below.

Property Tax Request by Fund:		Property Tax Request
General Fund	$	407,031.10
Bond Fund	$	-
_____ Fund		
_____ Fund		
Total Tax Request	** $	407,031.10

** This Amount should agree to the Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required on the Cover Page 1.

Cash Reserve Funds

Statute 13-503 says cash reserve means funds required for the period before revenue would become available for expenditure but shall not include funds held in any special reserve fund. If the cash reserve on Page 2 exceeds 50%, you can list below funds being held in a special reserve fund.

Special Reserve Fund Name	Amount
Total Special Reserve Funds	$ -
Total Cash Reserve	$ 2,194,180.14
Remaining Cash Reserve	$ 2,194,180.14
Remaining Cash Reserve %	24%

Documentation of Transfers of Surplus Fees:

(Only complete if Transfers of Surplus Fees Were Budgeted)

Please explain where the monies will be transferred from, where the monies will be transferred to, and the reason for the transfer.

Transfer From: _____ Transfer To: _____

Amount:

Reason:

Transfer From: _____ Transfer To: _____

Amount: _____

Reason:

Transfer From: _____ Transfer To: _____

Amount:

Reason:

City of Battle Creek in Madison County

Line No.	2025-2026 ADOPTED BUDGET Disbursements & Transfers	Operating Expenses (A)	Capital Improvements (B)	Other Capital Outlay (C)	Debt Service (D)	Other (E)	Transfers Out (F)	TOTAL
1	Governmental:							
2	General Government	96,000.00						96,000.00
3	Public Safety - Police	247,483.00						247,483.00
3a	Public Safety - Fire	66,901.00						66,901.00
4	Public Safety - Other	60,390.00						60,390.00
5	Public Works - Streets	500,000.00						500,000.00
6	Public Works - Other							-
7	Public Health and Social Services							-
8	Culture and Recreation	328,500.00						328,500.00
9	Community Development	20,684.00						20,684.00
10	Miscellaneous							-
11	Business-Type Activities:							
12	Airport							-
13	Nursing Home	5,516,534.40			264,355.00			5,780,889.40
14	Hospital							-
15	Electric Utility	1,100,000.00						1,100,000.00
16	Solid Waste	90,000.00						90,000.00
17	Transportation							-
18	Wastewater	186,500.00			113,500.00			300,000.00
19	Water	316,500.00			113,500.00			430,000.00
20	Other							-
21	Proprietary Function Funds **(Page 6)**					-		-
22	**Total Disbursements & Transfers (Lns 2 thru 21)**	8,529,492.40	-	-	491,355.00	-	-	9,020,847.40

(A) **Operating Expenses** should include Personal Services, Operating Expenses, Supplies and Materials, and Equipment Rental.
(B) **Capital Improvements** should include acquisition of real property or acquisition, construction, or extension of any improvements on real property.
(C) **Other Capital Outlay** should include other items to be inventoried (i.e. equipment, vehicles, etc.).
(D) **Debt Service** should include Bond Principal and Interest Payments, Payments to Retirement Interest-Free Loans from NDA (Airports) and other debt payments.
(E) **Other** should include Judgments, and Proprietary Function Funds if a separate budget is filed.
(F) **Transfers** should include Transfers and Transfers of Surplus Fees

City of Battle Creek in Madison County

Line No.	2024-2025 ACTUAL/ESTIMATED Disbursements & Transfers	Operating Expenses (A)	Capital Improvements (B)	Other Capital Outlay (C)	Debt Service (D)	Other (E)	Transfers Out (F)	TOTAL
1	Governmental:							
2	General Government	64,649.03						64,649.03
3	Public Safety - Police	247,483.19						247,483.19
3a	Public Safety - Fire	66,901.58						66,901.58
4	Public Safety - Other	60,390.19						60,390.19
5	Public Works - Streets	240,061.56						240,061.56
6	Public Works - Other							-
7	Public Health and Social Services							-
8	Culture and Recreation	297,980.42						297,980.42
9	Community Development	20,376.95						20,376.95
10	Miscellaneous							-
11	Business-Type Activities:							
12	Airport							-
13	Nursing Home	5,163,795.77			262,205.00			5,426,000.77
14	Hospital							-
15	Electric Utility	937,049.18						937,049.18
16	Solid Waste	88,425.25						88,425.25
17	Transportation							-
18	Wastewater	273,758.29			113,500.00			387,258.29
19	Water	213,080.56			113,500.00			326,580.56
20	Other							-
21	Proprietary Function Funds							-
22	**Total Disbursements & Transfers** (Ln 2 thru 21)	7,673,951.97	-	-	489,205.00	-	-	8,163,156.97

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City of Battle Creek in Madison County

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1	Governmental:							
2	General Government	81,386.62					571,819.00	653,205.62
3	Public Safety - Police	176,538.85						176,538.85
3a	Public Safety - Fire	80,960.64					17,687.00	98,647.64
4	Public Safety - Other	59,680.59						59,680.59
5	Public Works - Streets	567,826.86						567,826.86
6	Public Works - Other							-
7	Public Health and Social Services							-
8	Culture and Recreation	339,844.28						339,844.28
9	Community Development	10,162.81						10,162.81
10	Miscellaneous							-
11	Business-Type Activities:							
12	Airport							-
13	Nursing Home	5,394,279.39					439,433.36	5,833,712.75
14	Hospital							-
15	Electric Utility	1,039,418.23					152,033.00	1,191,451.23
16	Solid Waste	88,279.50					18,960.00	107,239.50
17	Transportation							-
18	Wastewater	124,968.69			64,141.00		82,852.00	271,961.69
19	Water	217,967.26			65,918.00			283,885.26
20	Other							-
21	Proprietary Function Funds							-
22	**Total Disbursements & Transfers** (Ln 2 thru 21)	8,181,313.72	-	-	130,059.00	-	1,282,784.36	9,594,157.08

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City of Battle Creek in Madison County

2025-2026 SUMMARY OF PROPRIETARY FUNCTION FUNDS

NOTE: COMPLETE THIS PAGE ONLY IF A SEPARATE PROPRIETARY FUNCTION FUND BUDGET IS FILED WITH THE CLERK OF THE MUNICIPALITY.

THIS SPACE FOR USE OF PROPRIETARY FUNCTION FUNDS ONLY

Funds (List)	Beginning Balance	Total Budget of Receipts	Total Budget of Disbursements	Cash Reserve
				-
				-
				-
				-
				-
				-
				-
				-
				-
				-
				-
				-
				-
				-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-
	(Forward to Page 2, Line 4)	(Forward to Page 2, Line 23)	(Forward to Page 3, Line 21)	

NOTE: State Statute Section 13-504 requires a uniform summary of the proposed budget statement including each proprietary function fund included in a separate proprietary budget statement prepared pursuant to the Municipal Proprietary Function Act. Proprietary function shall mean a water supply or distribution utility, a waste-water collection or treatment utility, an electric generation, transmission, or distribution utility, a gas supply, transmission, or distribution utility, an integrated solid waste management collection, disposal, or handling utility, or a hospital or a nursing home owned by a municipality.

CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION

ENTITY OFFICIAL ADDRESS

If no official address, please provide address where correspondence should be sent

NAME	**City of Battle Creek**
ADDRESS	**102 S. 2nd St., P.O. Box 280**
CITY & ZIP CODE	**Battle Creek, NE 68715**
TELEPHONE	**(402) 675-2165**
WEBSITE	**battlecreekne.com**

	BOARD CHAIRPERSON	CLERK/TREASURER/SUPERINTENDENT/OTHER	PREPARER
NAME	Heath J. Mettler	Michael D. Fleer	Michael D. Fleer
TITLE /FIRM NAME	Mayor	City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer	City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer
TELEPHONE	(402) 640-3804	(402) 675-2165	(402) 675-2165
EMAIL ADDRESS	hjmettler@gmail.com	admin@cityofbattlecreekne.com	admin@cityofbattlecreekne.com

For Questions on this form, who should we contact (please √ one): Contact will be via email if supplied.

- [ ] Board Chairperson
- [XXX] Clerk / Treasurer / Superintendent / Other
- [ ] Preparer

City of Battle Creek

2025-2026 PROPERTY TAX REQUEST AUTHORITY COMPUTATION FORM

Calculation of Preliminary Property Tax Request Authority

2024-2025 Total Property Tax Request (1) $ 395,542.18
(from prior year budget - Cover Page submitted to the State Auditor)

Less: Prior Year Exceptions Utilized
(Will all be zero for 2025-2026 budget because first year of new cap)

Approved Bonds *(prior year line 16)*	(2)	-
Emergency Response *(prior year line 17)*	(3)	-
Public Safety Services *(prior year line 18)*	(4)	-
County Attorneys *(prior year line 19)*	(5)	-
County Public Defenders *(prior year line 20)*	(6)	-
Response to Public Safety Threat *(prior year line 21)*	(7)	-
Public Safety Interlocal Agreements *(prior year line 22)*	(8)	-
Voter Approved Increase *(prior year line 23)*	(9)	-
Unused authority used in the prior year *(prior year line 24)*	(10)	-
TOTAL Prior Year Exceptions Utilized (total line 2 thru 10)	**(11)**	**-**

Preliminary Property Tax Request Authority (line 1 - line 11) (12) **395,542.18**

Allowed Increases to Preliminary Property Tax Request Authority

2024 Property Taxes Levied (per Taxes Levied Reports from Department of Revenue) 395,538.34
See instructions below for where to find this amount (13)

Growth Percentage per County Assessor

8,366,050.00 (2025 Growth Value) / 90,996,645.00 (2024 Total Valuation) = 9.19% (14a)

36,365.01 Increase due to Growth (14)
(Line 14 equals Line 13 minus line 2 & 3, multiplied by line 14a)

Inflation Percentage 5.17% (15a)
(Line 15 equals Line 13 minus line 2 & 3, multiplied by line 15a)

20,449.33 Increase due to Inflation (15)

Allowable Exceptions Utilized (§ 13-3404)

2025-2026 Property Taxes Budgeted For:

Approved Bonds *(Cannot exceed property tax request for principal & interest on bonds on cover page (page 1))*	(16)	
Response to a declared emergency in the prior year & certified to the Auditor *(Must agree to total on Schedule 2)*	(17)	-
Public Safety Services, as defined in §13-320 *(Must agree to total on Schedule 3)*	(18)	-
County Attorneys	(19)	-
County Public Defenders	(20)	-
Support of service relating to an imminent & significant threat to public safety that was not previously provided by the political subdivision & is the subject of an agreement or modification of an existing agreement executed after 8/21/2024	(21)	-
Support of an interlocal agreement relating to public safety	(22)	-
Voter approved increase pursuant to § 13-3405 *(MUST attach sample ballot language and certified election results)*	(23)	-
Prior Year's Unused Property Tax Request Authority used this year *(Cannot exceed amount on Supporting Schedule 1, line 1)*	(24)	-

Total Exceptions Utilized *(Total lines 16 thru 24)* (25) -

2025-2026 Total Property Tax Request Authority *(Total lines 12, 14, 15, 25)* (26) **452,356.52**

2025-2026 ACTUAL Property Tax Request *(from Cover Page - Page 1)* (27) 407,031.10

Unused Property Tax Request Authority Created for Future Years *(To Schedule 1, line 3)* (28) **45,325.42**
(Line 26 - Line 27, MUST be greater than or equal to $0.00)

City of Battle Creek

2025-2026 PROPERTY TAX REQUEST AUTHORITY SUPPORTING SCHEDULES

Schedule 1 - Calculation of Unused Property Tax Request Authority Carryforward

	Line No.	
Converted 2024-2025 Unused Restricted Funds Authority *(See instructions below for how to determine this amount)*	(1)	$ 19,776.92
Less: Amount used this year *(from Computation Form, line 24) (cannot exceed line 1)*	(2)	-
Add: Unused Authority created this year *(from Computation Form, line 28)*	(3)	45,325.42
Total Unused Property Tax Request Authority available for future years ***(cannot be less than $0.00)***	(4)	65,102.34

Schedule 2 - DECLARED EMERGENCY EXCEPTION CERTIFICATION

If using a declared emergency response exception on the Property Tax Request Authority Computation Form, line 17, the following must be completed. Additionally, supporting documentation for the emergency declaration must be attached to the budget submission if the emergency was declared by the principal executive of the local government.

Description of Emergency (Column A)	Date of Emergency Declaration (Column B)	Emergency Declared by Who? (Column C)	Amount Used as Exception (Column D)
			$ -
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
Total Emergency Response Exception *(must agree to Computation Form, line 17)*			-

Schedule 3 - DESCRIPTION OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES EXCEPTION

If using a public safety services exception on the Property Tax Request Authority Computation Form, line 18, the following must be completed:

Description of Public Safety Services Exception (Column A)	Amount Used as Exception (Column B)
	$ -
	-
	-
	-
	-
	-
	-
	-
	-
	-
Total Public Safety Exception *(must agree to Computation Form, line 18)*	-

Municipality Levy Limit Form

City of Battle Creek in Madison County

Municipality Levy

Personal and Real Property Tax Request	(1)		407,031.10	
Judgments (Not Paid by Liability Insurance)	(2)	0.00		
Pre-Existing Lease - Purchase Contracts-7/98	(3)	0.00		
Bonded Indebtedness	(4)	0.00		
Interest Free Financing (Public Airports)	(5)	0.00		
Benefits Paid Under Firefighter Cancer Benefits Act	(6)	0.00		
Total Levy Exemptions	(7)		0.00	
Tax Request Subject to Levy Limit	(8)		407,031.10	
Valuation	(9)		100,862,194	
Municipality Levy Subject to Levy Authority	(10)		0.403552	
Levy Authority Allocated to Others-				
Airport Authority	(11)		0.000000	
Community Redevelopment Authority	(12)		0.000000	
Transit Authority	(13)		0.000000	
Off Street Parking District Valuation	(14)			
Off Street Parking District Levy (Statute 77-3443(2))	(15)	0.000000	0.000000	
Other	(16)		0.000000	
Total Levy for Compliance Purposes	(17)		0.403552	(A)

Levy Authority

Municipality Levy Limit	(18		0.450000	
Municipality property taxes designated for interlocal agreements	(19)		0.000000	
Total Municipality Levy Authority	(20)		0.450000	(B)
Voter Approved Levy Override	(21)		0.000000	(C)

Note: (A) must be less than the greater of (B) or (C) to be in compliance with the Statutes

This Form is to be completed to ensure compliance with the levy limits established in State Statute Section 77-3442. The levy limit applicable to municipalities is 45 cents plus 5 cents for interlocal agreements.

State Statute Section 86-416 allows for a special tax to fund Public Safety Communication projects, the tax has the same status as bonded indebtedness. State Statute 72-2301 through 72-2308 allows bonds to be issued for Public Facilities Construction Projects. Amounts should be included as Bonded Indebtedness on Line 7 above.

A municipality may exceed the limits in State Statute Section 77-3442 by completing the requirements of State Statute Section 77-3444 (Election or Townhall Meeting). **If an amount is entered on Line 21, a sample ballot and election results MUST be submitted with budget. If voter approved override was completed at a Townhall Meeting, minutes of that meeting, and a list of registered voters in the municipality must be submitted.** Please refer to the statutes to ensure all requirements are met.

City of Battle Creek in Madison County

2025-2026 ALLOWABLE GROWTH PERCENTAGE COMPUTATION FORM

YES

☐ **This budget is for a VILLAGE; therefore the allowable growth provisions of the Property Tax Request Act DO NOT apply.**

CALCULATION OF ALLOWABLE GROWTH PERCENTAGE

Prior Year Total Property Tax Request (1) 395,542.18
*(Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required from **prior year** budget - Cover Page)*

Base Limitation Percentage Increase (2%) 2.00 % (2)

Real Growth Percentage Increase

836,605.00 (2025 Growth Value per Assessor) / 90,996,645.00 (Prior Year Total Property Valuation per Assessor) = 0.92 % (3)

Total Allowable Growth Percentage Increase (Line 2 + Line 3) (4) 2.92 %

Allowable Dollar Amount of Increase to Property Tax Request (Line 1 x Line 4) (5) 11,549.83

TOTAL PROPERTY TAX REQUEST (Line 1 + Line 5) (6) **407,092.01**
(Without needing to attend Joint Public Hearing, or be included on postcard notification)

ACTUAL PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

2025-2026 ACTUAL Total Property Tax Request (7) 407,031.10
(Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required from Cover Page)

Property Tax Request is within allowable growth percentage. Political subdivision is NOT required to complete postcard notification requirements, or participate in the joint public hearing.

If line (7) is **greater than** line (6), your political subdivision **is required** to participate in the joint public hearing, and complete the postcard notification requirements of §77-1633. You must provide your information to the County Assessor electronically by September 4th. You are not required to hold the Special Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request outlined in §77-1632. The joint public hearing is completed in lieu of this hearing.

If line (7) is **less than** line (6), your political subdivision **is not required** to participate in the joint public hearing, or complete the postcard notification requirements of §77-1633. You are required to hold the Special Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request outlined in §77-1632.

City of Battle Creek
IN
Madison 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 8 day of September 2025, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., at Battle Creek City 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.

2023-2024 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	$	9,594,157.08
2024-2025 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	$	8,163,156.97
2025-2026 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	$	9,020,847.40
2025-2026 Necessary Cash Reserve	$	2,194,180.14
2025-2026 Total Resources Available	$	11,215,027.54
Total 2025-2026 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	$	407,031.10
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	$	65,102.34

Breakdown of Property Tax:

Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	$	407,031.10
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 8 day of September 2025, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., at Battle Creek City Council Chambers 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	8,831,108.60	9,020,847.40	2%
Property Tax Request	$ 395,542.18	$ 407,031.10	3%
Valuation	90,996,645	100,862,194	11%
Tax Rate	0.434678	0.403552	-7%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.392161		

REPORT OF TRADE NAMES, CORPORATE NAMES, BUSINESS NAMES

REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

City of Battle Creek	Madison County
SUBDIVISION NAME	COUNTY

List all Trade Names, Corporate Names and Business Names under which the political subdivision conducted business.

Battle Creek Municipal Light & Power

Community Pride Care Center

REPORT OF JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

City of Battle Creek — SUBDIVISION NAME

MadisonCounty — COUNTY

Parties to Agreement (Column 1)	Agreement Period (Column 2)	Description (Column 3)
City of Battle Creek, City of Madison and Madison County	October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026	Economic Development for all three entities

CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE FOR COUNTIES AND CITIES

TAX YEAR 2025

{certification required on or before August 20th of each year}

To: BATTLE CREEK CITY GENERAL

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF MADISON COUNTY, NE

Name of Political Subdivision	Subdivision Type	Growth Value *	Total Taxable Value	Prior Year Total Property Valuation	Growth Percentage b
BC CITY GENERAL	City	$836,605	$100,862,194	$90,996,645	0.91938%

* Growth Value is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-3402 and § 77-1631 which includes (I) improvements to real property as a result of new construction and additions to existing buildings, (ii) any other improvements to real property which increase the value of such property, (iii) annexation of real property by the political subdivision, and (iv) a change in the use of real property, (v) any increase in personal property valuation over the prior year, and (vi) the accumulated excess valuation over the redevelopment project valuation described in section 18-2147 of the Community Redevelopment Law for redevelopment projects within the political subdivision in the year immediately after the division of taxes for such redevelopment project has ended. Note: Growth Value and Real Growth Value mean the same when referring to the Property Tax Growth Limitation Act and the Property Tax Request Act. b) Growth Percentage is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-1631 and is equal to the political subdivision's Growth Value divided by the political subdivision's total property valuation from the prior year.

I , Jeff Hackerott, Madison County, NE County Assessor, hereby certify that the valuation listed herein is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the true and accurate taxable valuation for the current year, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-509 and § 13-518.

(signature of county assessor)

08/18/2025
(date)

CC: County Clerk, Madison County, NE County

CC: County Clerk where district is headquartered, if different county, Madison County, NE County

Note to Political Subdivision: A copy of the Certification of Value must be attached to the budget document.

Guideline form provided by Nebraska Dept. of Revenue Property Assessment Division (July 2025)

CITY OF BATTLE CREEK, NEBRASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-004R

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that Governing Body of the City of Battle Creek passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance 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, in consideration of the foregoing recitals, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Battle Creek, Nebraska hereby adopts the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Battle Creek, Nebraska, that:

1. **The 2025-2026 property tax request be set at:**
   General Fund: $407,031.10
   Bond Fund: $0.00

2. **The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 10.84 percent.**

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 $0.392161 per $100 of assessed value.**

4. **The City of Battle Creek proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be $0.403552 per $100 of assessed value.**

5. **Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the City of Battle Creek will increase (or decrease) last year's budget by 3.26 percent.**

6. **A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the Madison County Clerk on or before October 15, 2025.**

A motion was made by Council member Kraft and seconded by Council member Barry to adopt Resolution 2025-004R. Voting yes were Bomar, Barry, and Kraft. Council member Hrabanek was absent from this meeting. Voting no were none.

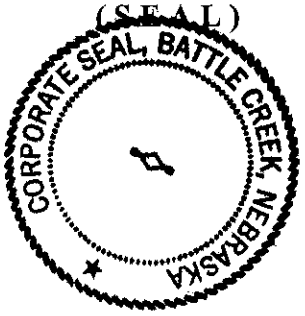
PASSED AND APPROVED this 8th day of September, 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

(S E A L)



Proof Of Publication

The State of Nebraska, }
Madison County, } ss.

Mary Stahl, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that he is the Editor of The Battle Creek Enterprise, a legal newspaper of general circulation in said county, and that a Notice entitled,

Notice of Hearing rBuget Summary a Final Tax Request

a true copy of which, as printed in said paper, is hereto attached and made a part hereof, was published in said paper 1 consecutive weeks commencing on the 3 day of September 2025, and ending on the 3 day of September 2025, that said newspaper was published weekly in the City of Battle Creek within said county for more than 52 consecutive weeks immediately prior to the commencement of the publication of said notice and every week consecutively since that time; that during all of said times said newspaper had a bona fide circulation of more than 300 copies weekly and was printed wholly in the English Language and in whole or in part in office maintained by the Publishers at said place of publication. Affiant has personal knowledge of the facts stated herein.

Mary Stahl

Editor - Publisher.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of September 2025.

Terry W Smith

Notary Public.

GENERAL NOTARY - State of Nebraska
TERRY W SMITH
My Comm. Exp. July 5, 2027

City of Battle Creek
IN
Madison 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 t
will meet on the 8 day of September 2025, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., at Battle Creek City Council Chambers for the purpos
support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. Th
available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

2023-2024 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	$
2024-2025 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	$
2025-2026 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	$
2025-2026 Necessary Cash Reserve	$
2025-2026 Total Resources Available	$
Total 2025-2026 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	$
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	$

Breakdown of Property Tax:

Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	$
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	$

NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

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on the 8 day of September 2025, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., at Battle Creek City Council Chambers for the purpose of hear
opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2024	2025
Operating Budget	8,831,108.60	9,118,963.40
Property Tax Request	$ 395,542.18	$ 407,031.10
Valuation	90,996,645	100,862,194
Tax Rate	0.434678	0.403552
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.392161	

September 3, 2025
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City of Battle Creek
IN
Madison County, Nebraska

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2023-2024 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	$	9,594,157.08
2024-2025 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	$	8,163,156.97
2025-2026 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	$	9,118,963.40
2025-2026 Necessary Cash Reserve	$	2,096,064.14
2025-2026 Total Resources Available	$	11,215,027.54
Total 2025-2026 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	$	407,031.10
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	$	65,102.34

Breakdown of Property Tax:

Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	$	407,031.10
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	$	-

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	2024	2025	Change
Operating Budget	8,831,108.60	9,118,963.40	3%
Property Tax Request	$ 395,542.18	$ 407,031.10	3%
Valuation	90,996,645	100,862,194	11%
Tax Rate	0.434678	0.403552	-7%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.392161		

CITY OF BATTLE CREEK, NEBRASKA
102 SOUTH 2ND STREET
BATTLE CREEK, NEBRASKA

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.

A G E N D A

I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
(Note-Open Meetings law)

II. **ROLL CALL**

III. **RECITAL OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

IV. **BUDGET HEARING TO PRESENT 2025-2026 BUDGET AND EITHER AMEND OR APPROVE. DISCUSS AND/OR TAKE ACTION THEREON.**

V. **SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST. DISCUSS AND/OR TAKE ACTION THEREON.**

VI. **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2025-004R: A RESOLUTION THAT THE FINAL LEVY OF THE CITY OF BATTLE CREEK, NEBRASKA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025, BE SET AT $0.403552 PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS OF ACTUAL VALUATION OR A LEVY OF .00403552 AND THAT THE CITY CLERK CERTIFY AND FORWARD A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE MADISON COUNTY CLERK PRIOR TO OCTOBER 15, 2025. DISCUSS AND/OR TAKE ACTION THEREON.**

VII. **CONSENT AGENDA**

a. **Approval of minutes from August 11, 2025 Regular meeting;**
b. **Approval of Treasurer's Report, August, 2025;**
c. **Building Permit Application: Andy Colsden, 302 South Werner Street (oversized garage), Craig Koehler, 502 South Boyer Street (oversized garage);**
d. **Appointment of Utilities Superintendent (Robert Olsufka).**

VIII. **COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC**
(No Formal Action Can Be Taken On Any Items Discussed.)

IX. **REPORTS: DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL THEREOF:**

a. **Police**

b. **Fire/Rescue/Emergency Management**
c. **Library**
d. **Utilities (Electric, Water, Sewer)**
e. **Streets/Parks/Swimming Pool**
f. **Nursing Home**
g. **General Clerk's Report**

X. **CONSIDERATION OF OPTIONS RELATING TO EXTENDING THE EXISTING CONTRACT BETWEEN NPPD AND THE CITY OF BATTLE CREEK FOR WHOLESALE ELECTRIC PURCHASES. DISCUSS AND/OR TAKE ACTION THEREON.**

XI. **CONSIDERATION OF OPTIONS FOR RENEWING THE CONTRACT WITH BUD'S SANITARY SERVICE, LLC, FOR GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICE. DISCUSS AND/OR TAKE ACTION THEREON.**

XII. **CONSIDERATION OF OPTIONS FOR SELECTION CITY LOGO AND SLOGAN FOR THE CITY OF BATTLE CREEK. DISCUSS AND/OR TAKE ACTION THERE ON.**

XIII. **CONSIDERATION OF OPTIONS FOR PURCHASING A LAZER LOCATING WAND. DISCUSS AND/OR TAKE ACTION THEREON.**

XIV. **CONSIDRATION OF OPTIONS FOR PURCHASING A REPLACEMENT MOWER FOR USE IN THE BATTLE CREEK CITY PARK. DISCUSS AND/OR TAKE ACTION THEREON.**

XV. **CONSIDERATION OF OPTIONS FOR RELOCATING THE EXISTING BRUSH BURN SITE AND INSTALLATION OF FENCING TO SEPARATE THIS SITE FROM THE STREET PRODUCT STORAGE AREA. DISCUSS AND/OR TAKE ACTION THEREON.**

XVI. **CONSIDERATION OF OPTIONS FOR PURCHASING A VEHICLE TO REPLACE THE CURRENT 2001 DODGE RAM 1500 PICK-UP TRUCK. DISCUSS AND/OR TAKE ACTION THEREON.**

XVII. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION FROM THE COMMUNITY PRIDE NURSING HOME BOARD RELATING TO HIRING OF A NEW DIETARY MANAGER. DISCUSS AND/OR TAKE ACTION THEREON.**

XVIII. **CONSIDERATION OF THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE INSTALLATION OF CULVERTS IN THE CITY RIGHT-OF-WAYS. DISCUSS AND/OR TAKE ACTION THEREON.**

XIX. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-002: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BATTLE CREEK, NEBRASKA TO SET THE SALARIES AND BENEFITS OF EMPLOYEES, CERTAIN OFFICERS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS OF SAID CITY; TO PROVIDE WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM. DISCUSS AND/OR TAKE ACTION THEREON.

XX. CONSIDERATION OF OPTIONS FOR PROVIDING PAY ADJUSTMENTS FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES. DISCUSS AND/OR TAKE ACTION THEREON.

XXI. APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF CLAIMS ON FILE.

XXII. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS/ATTORNEY COLLINS

XXIII. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: The Mayor and City Council reserve the right to adjourn into executive session as per Section 84-1410 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes.

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Battle Creek, Nebraska will be held on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 102 South 2nd Street, Battle Creek, Nebraska, which meeting will be open to the attendance of the public.

An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk during normal working hours.

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If auxiliary aids of reasonable accommodations are needed for attendance at a meeting, please call the City Clerk's office, 675-2165. Advance notice of seven days is needed when requesting an interpreter.

Michael D. Fleer
City Clerk

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF MEETING

The undersigned members of the governing body of the City of Battle Creek, Nebraska, hereby acknowledge receipt of advance notice of a meeting of said body and the agenda for such meeting held at 7:00 o'clock p.m. on September 8, 2025.

Dated this 8th day of September, 2025.

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Mayor **Council member**

Council member **Council member**

Council member

CITY OF BATTLE CREEK

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Battle Creek, Nebraska was held at the Battle Creek City Council Chambers, 102 South 2nd Street, Battle Creek, Nebraska, in open and public session at 7:00 o'clock p.m. on September 8, 2024. Present were Mayor Heath J. Mettler as well as Council members John Bomar, Eric Kraft, and Tammi Barry. Others present were City Administrator Michael Fleer, Police Officer Amanda Dunbar, Fire Chief Scott Kudera, Emergency Management Coordinator Cleon Schwede, Library Director Brandon Hemberger, Nursing Home Administrator Shelley McIntosh, Assistant Utilities Superintendent Robert Olsufka, Mr. Darrel Guthard of Bud's Sanitary Service, LLC, Mrs. Sarah Tillman, Mrs. Jean Wickett, Mr. Mel Schaecher, Mr. Andy Colvin, Mr. Roger Protzman of JEO Consulting Group and Mr. Marv Stahl. Notice of the regular meeting was given in advance thereof, by publication in the September 3, 2005, issue of the Battle Creek Enterprise. Notice of the meeting was simultaneously given to the Mayor and all Council members with a copy of their acknowledgment herein contained. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

PROCEEDINGS HAD

Mayor Heath J. Mettler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 o'clock p.m. Mayor Mettler then stated that a copy of the open meetings law was displayed on the south wall of the Council Chambers. Roll call showed the following Council members present: Bomar, Kraft, and Barry. Council member Hrabanek was absent from this meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Mayor Mettler introduced the next item on the agenda which was a Budget Hearing to present 2025-2026 Budget and either amend or approve. City Administrator Fleer reviewed key points on the provided Budget Forms after-which the hearing was officially opened at 7:01 p.m. City Administrator Fleer asked if anyone from the Council had any questions about the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget. No one responded with any questions. City Administrator Fleer asked the audience if anyone had any questions or comments about the Budget as presented. No one came forward to question or comment. City Administrator Fleer called three separate times for anyone to speak either in favor of or in opposition to the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget for the City of Battle Creek. No one came

forward for any of the calls. Council member Bomar made a motion to closed the Budget Hearing to present the 2025-2026 Budget. Council member Barry seconded the motion to close the Budget Hearing. Roll Call: Bomar, yes; Barry, yes; Kraft, yes. Nayes: none. Council member Hrabanek was absent from this meeting. The Budget Hearing was closed at 7:07 p.m.

Mayor Mettler opened the Special Hearing to set the Final Tax Request at 7:07 p.m. City Administrator Fleer reiterated information from the Budget Forms which showed that the Tax Request would require a Levy of .00403552 or $0.403552 per one hundred dollars of actual valuation. This would be a decrease for last year's Levy of .00434678. City Administrator Fleer called three separate times for anyone to speak either in favor of or in opposition to the proposed Final Tax Request. No one came forward for any of the calls. Council member Barry made a motion to closed the Special Hearing to set the Final Tax Request. Council member Bomar seconded the motion to close the Special Hearing. Roll Call: Bomar, yes; Barry, yes; Kraft, yes. Nayes: none. Council member Hrabanek, was absent from this meeting. The Special Hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m.

Mayor Mettler introduced for consideration RESOLUTION NO. 2025-004R: A RESOLUTION THAT THE FINAL LEVY OF THE CITY OF BATTLE CREEK, NEBRASKA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025, BE SET AT $0.403552 PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS OF ACTUAL VALUATION OR A LEVY OF .00403552 AND THAT THE CITY CLERK CERTIFY AND FORWARD A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE MADISON COUNTY CLERK PRIOR TO OCTOBER 15, 2025. Council member Kraft made a motion to approve passage of RESOLUTION NO. 2025-004R. Council member Barry seconded to motion to approve passage of RESOLUTION NO. 2025-004R. Roll Call: Bomar, yes; Barry, yes; Kraft, yes. Nayes: none. Council member Hrabanek was absent from this meeting. Passage of RESOLUTION NO. 2025-004R was approved.

Council member Bomar made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

a. **Approval of minutes from August 11, 2025 Regular meeting;**
b. **Approval of Treasurer's Report, August, 2025;**
c. **Building Permit Applications: Andy Colsden, 302 South Werner Street (oversized garage). Craig Koehler, 502 South Boyer Street (oversized garage);**
d. **Appointment of Utilities Superintendent (Robert Olsufka).**

Council member Barry seconded the motion to approve said Consent Agenda. Roll Call: Bomar, yes; Barry, yes; Kraft, yes. Nayes: none. Council member Hrabanek was absent from this meeting. The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

Mayor Mettler asked for any comments or questions from the public. Mr. Mel Schaecher came forward to ask about any plans to perform repair to potholes in the streets throughout the community. Mr. Schaecher was told this would be

addressed during the Departmental Reports later in the meeting. No one else came forward with any questions, comments or concerns.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Police Officer Amanda N. Dunbar reported that since the last meeting there had been no arrests, thirty-one warnings issued, three traffic accidents, eight assist other agencies, three motorist assists, ten miscellaneous complaints, one funeral traffic, one welfare check and one gas drive-off for a total of fifty-eight contacts during the month. There has been an increase in law enforcement presence during the morning school traffic trying to buckle down on speeders and safety in the crosswalks.

FIRE/RESCUE/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Fire Chief Scott Kudera reported that since the last report, there had been no Fire Calls, no Mutual Aid Calls and seven EMS Calls. The Department will be starting the Junior Fire Patrol classes on September 23rd. Emergency Management Coordinator Cleon Schwede state the siren upgrade work has been completed. Those with the App on their phones are able to set the sirens off without any problems. As dispatch continues to have issues, Emergency Management Coordinator Schwede will continue to keep working to get the issues resolved.

LIBRARY: Library Director Brendan Hemberger reviewed the written report of activities which was included in the agenda packets.

UTILITIES (ELECTRIC, WATER, SEWER): Utilities Superintendent Robert Olsufka commented that not much had been going on with the Electrical Department. For the Water Department, Rutgens Construction should begin the process of moving the water valves for the storage tank on Wednesday, September 10, 2025. A second opinion of cost for the sewer line along Front Street had been received. This was forwarded to Mayor Mettler.

STREETS, PARK, SWIMMING POOL: Superintendent Olsufka further reported that Husker Asphalt is once again in town to perform additional repairs to some of the streets. Repairs on potholes in the streets have been put on hold because of a lack of cold-pack material. The winter-mix will be available on or after September 22nd. Once this material is received, the outside workers will resume patching of potholes. The Swimming Pool is completely closed up and winterized. The repairs to the water line valve for the east restrooms building will not be performed until the Spring.

NURSING HOME: Nursing Home Administrator Shelley McIntosh reported the average census for the month of August, 2025, was 58.5 residents. The current census today is 58 residents. A Dietary Manager has been hired with a payrate to be approved later in this meeting. A lighting project was initially quoted to upgrade all three hallways. The Nursing Home Board to opted to update only one hallway to see if they like it before proceeding with the other two hallways.

GENERAL CLERK'S REPORT: City Administrator Fleer advised the Council that he had nothing to report.

Council member Barry made a motion to accept the Departmental Reports. Council member Kraft seconded the motion to accept the Departmental Reports. Roll Call: Bomar, yes; Barry, yes; Kraft, yes. Nayes: none. Council member Hrabanek was absent from this meeting. The motion carried.

Mayor Mettler introduced for consideration options relating to extending the existing contract between NPPD and the City of Battle Creek for wholesale electric purchases. City Administrator Fleer reminded the Council that Mr. Larry Arens had presented information at the previous meeting about this issue. Council member Bomar made a motion to extend the existing contract between NPPD and the City of Battle Creek for wholesale electric purchases as presented in the agenda packets. Council member Barry seconded the motion to extend the existing contract between NPPD and the City of Battle Creek for wholesale electric purchases. Roll Call: Bomar, yes; Barry, yes; Kraft, yes. Nayes: none. Council member Hrabanek was absent from this meeting. The motion carried.

Mayor Mettler introduced for options for renewing the contract with Bud's Sanitary Service, LLC, for garbage collection service. Mr. Darrel Guthard of Bud's Sanitary Service, LLC, came forward to introduce himself and thank the City of Battle Creek for the opportunity to serve the community in the past and to explain the proposed changes to the new contract. Following this presentation of changes, Council member Bomar made a motion to accept the renewal of the contract with Bud's Sanitary Service, LLC, for garbage collection service. Council member Barry seconded the motion to accept the renewal of the contract with Bud's Sanitary Service, LLC. Roll Call: Bomar, yes; Barry, yes. Nayes: none. Council member Kraft abstained from voting on this issue. Council member Hrabanek was absent from this meeting. Since there was not a true majority vote on this item, Mayor Mettler vote yes to this motion. The motion carried.

Mayor Mettler introduced for consideration options for selection of a City Logo and Slogan for the City of Battle Creek. City Administrator Fleer advised every one present that a poll was set up on the City's Facebook Page with three options for a logo and slogan were to be selected from. Results of the poll were provided to the Council in the Agenda Packets. Council member Bomar made a motion to approve Logo and Slogan Option 2: Battle Creek, Small Town, Big Pride, to be the official City Logo and Slogan. Council member Barry seconded the motion to approve Battle Creek, Small Town, Big Pride to be the official City Logo and Slogan. Roll Call: Bomar, yes; Barry, yes; Kraft, yes. Nayes: none. Council member Hrabanek was absent from this meeting. The motion carried.

Mayor Mettler introduced for consideration options for purchasing a laser locating wand. The quote that was included in the Agenda Packet was not for a laser locating wand. This item was placed on the agenda erroneously. No action was taken.

Mayor Mettler introduced for consideration options for purchasing a replacement mower for use in the Battle Creek City Park. Utilities Superintendent Olsufka provided cost quotes and information on three different brands of mowers. Superintendent Olsufka and Groundskeeper Barry had an opportunity to test drive

one of the mowers recently purchased by the Battle Creek Schools. This was a Hustler model. Both were impressed by the speed and operator comfort provided. Council member Kraft made a motion to purchase a Hustler Super-Z Hyperdrive mower with a 72-inch mowing deck from Reigle Implement for $15,300.00 using Fiscal Year 2024-2025 funds. Council member Barry seconded the motion to purchase a Hustler Super-Z Hyperdrive mower with a 72-inch mowing deck from Reigle Implement for $15,300.00 using Fiscal Year 2024-2025 funds. Roll Call: Bomar, yes; Barry, yes; Kraft, yes. Nayes: none. Council member Hrabanek was absent from this meeting. The motion carried.

Mayor Mettler introduced for consideration options for relocating the existing brush burn site and installation of fencing to separate this site from the street product storage area. Included in the agenda packet was an illustration with proposed changes annotated. Utilities Superintended answered any and all questions the Council had about the relocation. The contentious of the Council was that these proposed changes were normal maintenance and did not require any official action.

Mayor Mettler introduced for consideration options for purchasing a vehicle to replace the current 2001 Dodge Ram 1500 pick-up truck. Utilities Superintendent Olsufka provided a listing of necessary repairs to the current Dodge Ram with estimated expenses for each. Council member Bomar made a motion to allow Utilities Superintendent Olsufka to search for a pre-owned pick-up truck of his liking at a cost not to exceed $29,500.00. Council member Barry seconded the motion to allow Utilities Superintendent Olsufka to search for a pre-owned pick-up truck of his liking at a cost no to exceed $29,500.00. Roll Call: Bomar, yes; Barry, yes; Kraft, yes. Nayes: none. Council member Hrabanek was absent from this meeting. The motion carried.

Mayor Mettler introduced for consideration a recommendation from the Community Pride Nursing Home Board relating to the hiring of a new Dietary Manager. Mayor Mettler informed the Council that a Dietary Manager had been hired and began on Tuesday, September 2, 2025. A recommendation was made to offer her a wage of $27.00 per hour. Council member Kraft made a motion to approve the wage of $27.00 per hour for the newly hired Dietary Manager at the Community Pride Care Center. Council member Barry seconded the motion to approve the wage of $27.00 per hour for the newly hired Dietary Manager. Roll Call: Bomar, yes; Barry, yes; Kraft, yes. Nayes: none. Council member Hrabanek was absent from this meeting. The motion carried.

Mayor Mettler introduced for consideration the feasibility of creating an ordinance to regulate the installation of culverts in the City Right-Of-Ways. City Administrator Fleer claimed that no progress had been accomplished on this issue yet. This item will be kept on the agenda until action is completed or until the issue is voted to be discontinued. No formal action was taken at this meeting.

Mayor Mettler introduced for consideration ORDINANCE NO. 2025-002: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BATTLE CREEK, NEBRASKA TO SET THE SALARIES AND BENEFITS OF EMPLOYEES, CERTAIN OFFICERS AND

ELECTED OFFICIALS OF SAID CITY; TO PROVIDE WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM. City Administrator Fleer explained that this ordinance only sets the range of the wages for the different classification of employees, not the actual wages. The wages are set by a different motion. Council member Kraft made a motion to approve passage of ORDINANCE NO. 2025-002 on First Reading. Council member Barry seconded the motion to approve passage of ORDINANCE NO. 2025-002 on First Reading. Roll Call: Bomar, yes; Barry, yes; Kraft, yes. Nayes: none. Council member Hrabanek was absent from this meeting. Passage of ORDINANCE NO. 2025-002 was approved on First Reading.

Mayor Mettler introduced for consideration options for providing pay adjustments for certain employees. City Administrator Fleer had provided a listing of proposed wage adjustments in the Agenda Packets. Council member Kraft made a motion to approve the wage adjustments as listed. Council member Bomar seconded the motion to approve the wage adjustments as listed. Roll Call: Bomar, yes; Kraft, yes. Nayes: none. Council member Barry abstained from voting on this agenda item. Council member was absent from this meeting. Because a majority vote was not obtained, Mayor Mettler was asked to vote on this item. Mayor Mettler voted in favor of the motion. The wage adjustments were approved as listed.

Mayor Mettler introduced for consideration the approval of Claims On File. Council Barry made a motion to approve payment of not only the Claims On File as listed in the Agenda Packets, but also the claim approved earlier in this meeting. Council member Kraft seconded the motion to approve amended list of Claims On File. Roll Call: Barry, yes; Kraft, yes. Nayes: none. Council member Bomar abstained from voting on this Agenda Item. Council member Hrabanek was absent from this meeting. Not have a clear majority Mayor Mettler was ask to vote on this issue. Mayor Mettler voted in favor of the motion. Payment of Claims On File was approved as amended.

There had not been any Committee meetings to report on and City Attorney Collins denied having any concerns to discuss.

Mayor Mettler adjourned the Regular Council meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Heath J. Mettler
Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael D. Fleer
City Clerk

I, the undersigned City Clerk for the City of Battle Creek, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings had and done by the Mayor and City Council on September 8, 2025; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes 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 meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

Michael D. Fleer
City Clerk

Dated this 19th day of September, 2025.