

**City of Arapahoe, Nebraska – Public Hearings
September 8, 2026 – 7:00pm
EMCC Council Room**

The Public Hearing for the Community Redevelopment Authority Budget 2026-2027 opened at 7:00pm and closed at 7:04pm.

The Special Hearing for the City of Arapahoe Final Tax Request 2026-2027 opened at 7:05pm and closed at 7:09pm.

The Public Hearing for the City of Arapahoe Budget 2026-2027 opened at 7:10pm and closed at 7:14pm.



**City of Arapahoe, Nebraska
Minutes of CRA Meeting
September 8, 2026
7:15pm**

The Arapahoe Community Redevelopment Authority of the City of Arapahoe, Nebraska met in regular session at the EMCC Council Room at 7:15pm on the 8th day of September 2026.

Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice, a copy of the proof of publication being on file in the City Clerk's office.

ROLL CALL

Attending: Middagh, Kreutzer, Polston, tenBensel, Carpenter

Chairman Middagh presided over the meeting. The location of the posted Open Meetings Act was stated.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of 2026-2027 CRA Budget and Property Tax request of \$10,000

Moved by Carpenter, seconded by Kreutzer, to approve the 2026-2027 CRA Budget and Property Tax request of \$10,000.

Roll Call: Ayes: Kreutzer, Polston, tenBensel, Carpenter, Middagh
Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:17pm.

Dixie Sickels, City Clerk



**City of Arapahoe, Nebraska
Minutes of City Council Meeting
September 8, 2026
7:30pm**

The City Council of the City of Arapahoe, Nebraska met in regular session at the EMCC Council Room at 7:30pm on the 8th day of September 2026.

Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice, a copy of the proof of publication being on file in the City Clerk's office.

Mayor Koller presided over the meeting. The location of the posted Open Meetings Act was stated.

ROLL CALL

Attending: Middagh, Kreutzer, Paulsen, Polston, tenBensel, Carpenter

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meetings 8/18/26
- b. Building Permit
 - i. #17 Sander, Brad - shed

Moved by Paulsen, seconded by Carpenter, that the items listed under the consent agenda be approved, accepted, and/or ratified as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Paulsen, tenBensel, Polston, Middagh, Carpenter, Kreutzer
Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION/REPORTS

City Superintendent: Armor coating to start this month on streets that the thumpers were already repaired. Pricing and quotes are being gathered to repair items on list from Senior Center.

City Clerk/Treasurer: End of Month reports were submitted in council packets.

Committee Reports: Golf: Golf Course Maintenance submitted equipment requests to be looked at for next year's budget period. Rates for next year will be reviewed. Park: School is approved to host Homecoming bonfire in the parking lot at the baseball field as long as no pallets are burned, only cardboard. Theatre: After September 14th, the theatre will be closed to complete renovations. Plans are that all will be completed by Thanksgiving.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Claims for the period 8/19 to 9/8

Moved by Kreutzer, seconded by Middagh, to approve the claims and payroll for the period 8/19 to 9/8.

Roll Call: Ayes: tenBensel, Polston, Middagh, Carpenter, Kreutzer, Paulsen
Abstain: Middagh #104397 for \$560.28; Paulsen #104395 for \$324.00
Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Conflict of Interest Claim

Moved by Middagh, seconded by Kreutzer, to approve claim #104386 for \$37.70 to First Central Bank.

Roll Call: Ayes: Carpenter, Middagh, Kreutzer, tenBensel, Paulsen

Abstain: Polston

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Business Rehab Grant for Crawford Repair

Moved by tenBensel, seconded by Polston, to request that the grant application be sent back through committee for re-evaluation.

Roll Call: Ayes: Paulsen, Carpenter, Middagh, tenBensel, Polston, Kreutzer

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 2026-14 Approval of Airport Authority Budget 2026-2027

Mayor Koller introduced Resolution 2026-14 Approving the Airport Authority Budget 2026-2027.

Moved by Middagh, seconded by Kreutzer, to approve Resolution 2026-14 Authorization of Airport Authority Budget 2026-2027.

Roll Call: Ayes: Polston, Middagh, Carpenter, tenBensel, Paulsen, Kreutzer

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 2026-14 – Passed and Adopted – approving to Authorize the Airport Authority Budget 2026-2027.

Incorporated into the Minute Record by Reference

Ordinance 2026-04 Authorization of City Budget 2026-2027

Moved by Middagh, seconded by Carpenter, to suspend the three readings of Ordinance 2026-04 Authorization of City Budget 2026-2027.

Roll Call: Ayes: Kreutzer, Paulsen, Carpenter, Middagh, tenBensel, Polston

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Middagh to recommend the passage of Ordinance 2026-04 Authorization of City Budget 2026-2027. Ordinance as follows:

ORDINANCE 2026-04

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR THE CITY OF ARAPAHOE. TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARAPAHOE, NEBRASKA;

SECTION 1. That after complying with all procedures required by law, the budget presented and set forth in the budget statement is hereby approved as the Annual Appropriation Bill for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027. All sums of money contained in the budget statement are hereby appropriated for the necessary expenses and liabilities of the City of Arapahoe. A copy of the budget document shall be forwarded as provided by law to the Auditor of Public Accounts, State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska, and the County Clerk of Furnas County, Nebraska, for use by the levying authority.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval and publication or posting as required by law.

Passed and adopted this 8th day of September, 2026.

John E Koller, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dixie Sickels, City Clerk

Councilman Kreutzer seconded the motion to pass Ordinance 2026-04 Authorization of City Budget 2026-2027.

Roll Call: Ayes: tenBensel, Paulsen, Carpenter, Polston, Middagh, Kreutzer

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 2026-15 2026-2027 Property Tax Request

Mayor Koller introduced Resolution 2026-15 Authorization of 2026-2027 Property Tax Request.

Moved by Polston, seconded by Carpenter, to approve 2026-15 Authorization of 2026-2027 Property Tax Request.

Roll Call: Ayes: Polston, Kreutzer, Paulsen, Carpenter, Middagh, tenBensel

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 2026-15 – Passed and Adopted – approving to Authorize 2026-2027 Property Tax Request.
Incorporated into the Minute Record by Reference

Ordinance 2026-05 Authorization of CRA Budget 2026-2027

Moved by Middagh, seconded by tenBensel, to suspend the three readings of Ordinance 2026-04 Authorization of CRA Budget 2026-2027.

Roll Call: Ayes: Carpenter, Middagh, tenBensel, Polston, Kreutzer, Paulsen:

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Middagh to recommend the passage of Ordinance 2026-05 Authorization of CRA Budget 2026-2027. Ordinance as follows:

ORDINANCE 2026-05

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARAPAHOE, NEBRASKA;

SECTION 1. That after complying with all procedures required by law, the budget presented and set forth in the budget statement is hereby approved as the Annual Appropriation Bill for the fiscal year

beginning October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027. All sums of money contained in the budget statement are hereby appropriated for the necessary expenses and liabilities of the Community Redevelopment Authority. A copy of the budget document shall be forwarded as provided by law to the Auditor of Public Accounts, State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska, and the County Clerk of Furnas County, Nebraska, for use by the levying authority.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval and publication or posting as required by law.

Passed and adopted this 8th day of September, 2026.

John E Koller, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dixie Sickels, City Clerk

Councilman Carpenter seconded the motion to pass Ordinance 2026-05 Authorization of CRA Budget 2026-2027.

Roll Call: Ayes: Kreutzer, tenBensel, Paulsen, Carpenter, Polston, Middagh

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

No discussions.

Moved by Paulsen, seconded by Kreutzer, to enter into closed session for the protection of public interest with respect to possible litigation.

Roll Call: Ayes: Middagh, Carpenter, Kreutzer, tenBensel, Paulsen, Polston

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Immediately prior to closed session, Mayor Koller restated the limitation of the subject matter of the closed session as: for the protection of public interest with respect to possible litigation.

Closed session began at 8:09pm.

Closed session ended at 8:35pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular City Council meeting is September 22, 2026 at 7:30pm in the EMCC Council Room. There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:36pm.

Dixie Sickels, City Clerk

City Claims approved as follows: (*Abbreviations for this legal are: AmPay, Ambulance Pay; Ex, Expenses; Fe, Fees; Fu, Fuel; Re, Reimbursement; Se, Services; Su, Supplies*) Payroll 8-24-26, Ex 18845.02; Payroll 9-7-26, Ex 14708.36; AFLAC, Ex 281.78; AG Valley, Fu 2101.37; ATC, Se 982.80; American Ag Lab, Se 28.25; American Red Cross, Ex 646.00; L Bahe, Re 46.40; Black Hills Energy, Se 492.70; CAMAS Publishing, Ex 242.48; Charles Schwab, Ex 861.31; Chesterman, Ex 85.00; Crawford Repair, Ex 10000.00; Credit Management, Ex 41.34; D&N, Ex 1375.27; Debit Card-Clubhouse, Su 15.49; Debit Card-Golf Course, Su 280.41; Debit Card-Meeting Meal, Ex 25.00; EFTPS, Ex 4629.43, Ex 3807.42; Eakes, Su 73.48; FYR-TEK, Ex 513.50; First Central Bank, Ex 37.70; Furnas County Treasurer, Se 6240.30; HSA Accounts, Ex 305.00; Hemelstrand's, Su 161.70; Hometown Leasing, Fe 247.21; D Koller, Re 31.90; MBSMS Law, Se 471.40; Medica, Ex 11555.24; Midwest Turf, Ex 245.19; NE State Firefighters Assoc, Fe 660.00; NE Dept of Rev-waste/recycle, Ex 50.00; NE Dept of Rev-sales tax, Ex 13370.78; NE Dept of Rev-payroll taxes, Ex 1402.75; NE Public Health Environmental Lab, Se 216.00; NE Rural Water Assoc, Ex 240.00; PLIC, Ex 1455.41; Paulsen, Su 342.00; J Paulsen, Re 324.00; Protex Central, Ex 428.00; RAKA, Ex 6496.64; S&W, Su 560.28; D Sickels, Re 58.00; South Central Sanitation, Ex 14103.00; Square, Se 180.00; G Stevens, Re 325.28; Straight Flush, Se 180.00; TVPPD, Se 4044.78; Van Diest, Su 2462.75; Verizon, Se 91.61; Vestis, Se 195.80; Wagner's Supermarket, Su 128.07; Water & Light, Ex 7418.65; Williamson Builders, Ex 9549.17; **Total 143661.41. August Receipts:** General, 286899.23; S&A, 29048.86; Golf, 26429.72; Park, 281272.00; Fire, 1724.36; Medical, 350.00; Cemetery, 873.00; CRA, 199.77; Local Sales Tax, 50869.23; Electric, 213236.19; Water, 26075.08; Sewer, 9956.27; **Total August Receipts 926983.71.**