

## SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Cozad, Dawson County, Nebraska was convened in an open and public session at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 2026, in the Council Chambers of the City Office Building at 215 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is available in the Council Chambers.

Present for the meeting were: City Attorney Jennifer Rowling, Mayor Marcus Kloepping, City Administrator Mike Morgan, City Clerk Brandi Kloepping, Councilmembers Jordan Curtice, Jennifer Howerter, Pat Worthman, David Hernandez.

Also present: Chief Nick Reynolds, Commissioner Jimmy Weinmaster, Commissioner Chris White, Commissioner Troy Franzen, Library Director Laurie Yocom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publishing in the Cozad Local. Advance notice and a copy of the agenda was given to members of the City Council. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

Mayor Kloepping opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Howerter moved, Worthman seconded, to open the public hearing at 5:31 p.m. to consider the 2026-2027 budget. Roll call vote: Yea – Curtice, Hernandez, Worthman, Howerter. No – None.

Administrator Morgan discussed the budget. He stated fund balances in the general fund and enterprise funds. He told of the main expenditures that were included as well as the very few capital expenditures included in the budget. He also mentioned ways to increase revenue for the mayor and council to think about for the future.

No public comment was made.

Worthman moved, Hernandez seconded, to close the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Howerter, Curtice, Hernandez, Worthman. No – None.

Curtice moved, Worthman seconded, to open the public hearing at 6:32 p.m. to consider the tax asking request of \$954,426.25. Roll call vote: Yea – Hernandez, Howerter, Worthman, Curtice. No – None.

No public comment was made.

Curtice moved, Worthman seconded, to close the public hearing at 6:33 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Howerter, Hernandez, Worthman, Curtice. No – None.

Curtice approved Resolution 2026-15, which is on file with the City Clerk.

### RESOLUTION NO. 2026-15 OF THE CITY OF COZAD, NEBRASKA

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF COZAD, NEBRASKA:

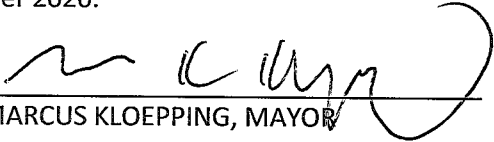
WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of the City of Cozad passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the City of Cozad, resolves that:

1. The 2026-2027 property tax request be set at \$954,426.25 in total.
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 18.79%.
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 \$0.250942 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. The City of Cozad proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.30303 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 Cozad has increased from last year by 5.46%.
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2026.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of September 2026.

  
MARCUS KLOEPPING, MAYOR

ATTEST:  
(SEAL)

  
BRANDI KLOEPPING, CITY CLERK/TREASURER

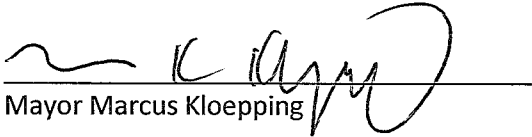
Worthman seconded, to approve Resolution 2026-15. Roll call vote: Yea – Howerter, Hernandez, Worthman, Curtice. No – None.

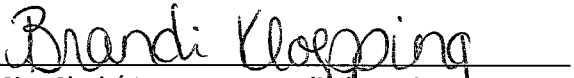
Mayor Kloepping asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

Curtice moved, Hernandez seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel at 6:35 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Worthman, Howerter, Hernandez, Curtice. No – None.

Curtice moved, Hernandez seconded, to go out of Executive Session from discussion of personnel at 8:52 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Worthman, Howerter, Hernandez, Curtice. No – None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

ATTEST:   
Mayor Marcus Kloepping

  
City Clerk/Treasurer Brandi Kloepping

