

## MINUTES

The Urbana City Council met in Special Session on February 25, 2025, at 6:30 pm at the City Hall Council Chambers, 102 Capitol Avenue.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:33 PM. \*Note issues with the camera for recording Livestream.

Mayor Gary Benson presided. Council Members Present: Jeff

Bendull, Josh Holthaus, Shane Light, Amanda Vaske and Vacancy: 1

M/S Holthaus/Vaske To Approve Consent Agenda. Aye: 4 Light, Bendull, Vaske, Holthaus Nay: 0 Abstention: 0 Absent: 0 Vacancy: 1

Old Business

M/S Bendull/Light To Approve the Resignation from Melissa Holthaus, Deputy Clerk on January 24, 2025 Aye: 4 Vaske, Holthaus, Light, Bendull Nay: 0 Abstention: 0 Absent: 0 Vacancy: 1

New Business

M/S Light/Vaske To Approve the Resignation from Jerry Michael, Building Inspector on January 9, 2025 Aye: 4 Holthaus, Bendull, Vaske, Light Nay: 0 Abstention: 0 Absent: 0 Vacancy: 1

M/S Bendull/Holthaus To Approve and Appoint Doug Labs as Interim Building Inspector On a Permit-By-Permit Basis for a fee of 70% of Permit Fee Until A New Building Inspector is Appointed. Aye: 4 Vaske, Light, Holthaus, Bendull Nay:

0 Abstention: 0 Absent: 0 Vacancy: 1

Budget Session #5: City Administrator/Clerk Burkhardt shared materials with Council that included line items for Expenses and Revenue in each fund. She also shared a brief presentation regarding the delivery of police services. During this time, she prepared five options requested by the City Council Members to demonstrate how different items specifically impact the Property Tax Levy Rate. The Property Tax Levy is due to Benton County Auditor's office for required county mailings to property taxpayers by March 5.

M/S Light/Bendull To Approve the Property Tax Levy Rate as 14.32654

M/S Vaske/Bendull To adjourn the meeting at 7:41 PM. Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Abstention: 0 Absent: 0 Vacancy: 1

Gary Benson, Mayor  
ATTEST: Jennifer Burkhardt, City Administrator/Clerk

## CITY OF URBANA

## COUNTY PROPOSED BUDGET

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET  
Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026  
Assessing Jurisdiction: BENTON COUNTY ASSESSOR

The Conference Board of the above-named Assessing Jurisdiction will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year budget as follows:

Meeting Date: 3/18/2025 Meeting Time: 06:30 PM Meeting Location: Magistrate's Courtroom Room # 203 Benton County Courthouse Vinton, Iowa  
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present their objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the Conference Board Clerk. Copies of the Supplemental Budget Detail will be furnished to any taxpayer upon their request.

Contact Name: Larry Andreesen Contact Telephone Number: (319) 472-5211

	FYE June 30, 2024 Actual	FYE June 30, 2025 Re-estimated	FYE June 30, 2026 Proposed	Transfers Out	Estimated Ending Fund Balance FY 2026	Estimated Beginning Fund Balance FY 2026	Estimated Other Receipts	Transfers In	Estimated Amount To be Raised By Taxation
1. Assessment Expense	440,681	673,103	693,162		1,223,462	1,241,624	9,739	0	665,261
2. FICA				0	0	0	0		0
3. IPERS				0	0	0	0		0
4. Emergency				0	0	0	0		0
5. Unemployment Comp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
6. Tort Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
7. <b>TOTAL</b>	<b>440,681</b>	<b>673,103</b>	<b>693,162</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,223,462</b>	<b>1,241,624</b>	<b>9,739</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>665,261</b>

Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation: \$ 0.35877

Virtual Meeting Information:

## BENTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL

		NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY Proposed BENTON Property Tax Levy Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026	
Location of Public Hearing: Benton Community Central Office Board Room, 304 1st Street, Van Horne, IA 52346		Date of Public Hearing: 3/26/2025	Time of Public Hearing: 06:00 PM
Location of Notice on School Website: <a href="https://www.benton.k12.ia.us/0/bcsd/page/certified-budget-information">https://www.benton.k12.ia.us/0/bcsd/page/certified-budget-information</a>			

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present oral or written objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the Board will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed budget.

	Current Year Final Property Tax Dollar Levy FY 2025	Budget Year Effective Property Tax Dollar Levy (No change in Property Tax Dollars Levied) FY 2026	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax Dollar Levy FY 2026
General Fund Levy	1 6,170,253	6,170,253	6,024,929
Instructional Support Levy	2 418,359	418,359	444,685
Management	3 690,453	690,453	936,452
Amana Library	4 0	0	0
Voted Physical Plant and Equipment	5 566,769	566,769	634,239
Regular Physical Plant and Equipment	6 265,952	265,952	274,210
Reorganization Equalization	7 0	0	0
Public Education/Recreation (Playground)	8 0	0	0
Debt Service	9 0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>10 8,111,786</b>	<b>8,111,786</b>	<b>8,314,515</b>
	Current Year Final Property Tax Rate FY 2025	Budget Year Effective Property Tax Rate (No change in Property Tax Dollars Levied) FY 2026	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax Rate FY 2026
<b>Grand Total Levy Rate</b>	<b>10.32305</b>	<b>10.07208</b>	<b>10.32061</b>
Property Tax Comparison	Current Year Property Taxes	Proposed Property Taxes	Percent Change
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$100,000/\$110,000	478	538	12.55
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$300,000/\$330,000	2,112	2,406	13.92

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and Commercial properties have the same Rollback Percentage at \$150,000 Actual/Assessed Valuation. The Proposed Property taxes assume a 10% increase in property values for the year as a comparison to the current year.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:

A decline in enrollment, lower Supplemental State Aid (SSA), increased property and liability insurance premiums, and increased taxable valuations impacted the overall tax comparisons.

## CITY OF NORWAY

CITY NAME: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF NORWAY - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY  
NORWAY

Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

CITY #: 06-040

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:

Meeting Date: 3/24/2025 Meeting Time: 05:30 PM Meeting Location: Norway Public Library 108 E. Railroad St. Norway, IA 52318

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available)  
[www.norwayiowa.com](http://www.norwayiowa.com)

City Telephone Number  
(319) 227-7351

Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Certified Property Tax 2024 - 2025	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2025 - 2026	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2025 - 2026
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service	19,546,475	20,218,744	20,218,744
Consolidated General Fund	163,604	163,604	167,556
Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit	0	0	0
Aviation Authority	0	0	0
Liability, Property & Self Insurance	15,716	15,716	18,187
Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm.	0	0	0
Unified Law Enforcement	0	0	0
Police & Fire Retirement	0	0	0
FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit)	14,733	14,733	19,584
Other Employee Benefits	57,735	57,735	27,085
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)	0	0	0
Taxable Value for Debt Service	19,546,475	20,218,744	20,218,744
Debt Service	31,569	31,569	176,470
CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX	283,357	283,357	408,882
CITY REGULAR TAX RATE	14.49654	14.01457	20.22293
Taxable Value for City Ag Land	141,447	146,973	146,973
Ag Land	425	425	441
CITY AG LAND TAX RATE	3.00375	2.89169	3.00055
<b>Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed</b>			
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000/\$110,000	Current Year Certified 2024/2025	Budget Year Proposed 2025/2026	Percent Change
City Regular Residential	672	1,055	56.99
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000/\$330,000	Current Year Certified 2024/2025	Budget Year Proposed 2025/2026	Percent Change
City Regular Commercial	2,965	4,715	59.02

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and commercial properties have the same rollback percentage through \$150,000 of actual/assessed valuation.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:

Tax increases reflect the increases in the cost of living.

## CITY OF URBANA

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Candy for Concession Stand Candy order for

Trophies Plus 62304 2/19/2025 4,252.38 Trophies for Touch of District Champion NHS Key Medals

Bodee Volesky 62305 2/19/2025 200.00 2024 Senior

VS Athletics 62306 2/19/2025

145.90 Iron Shot, Denfry Shot

West Music Co 62307 2/19/2025 1,358.33 Direct Use Portable Liberty

Bell Sheet I'm still standing, mr

WM Corporate Services, Inc. 62308 2/19/2025 1,174.72 TOC Disposal Charge Delivery Charge for YMCA Camp Wapsie 62309 2/19/2025 235.50 Deposit for 6th

Grade

Bill Albers 62310 2/14/2025

100.00 7th Boys Basketball v

Steve Cooper 62311 2/14/2025

100.00 7th Grade Boys

Allan Drees 62312 2/14/2025

150.00 Boys & Girls Varsity

Mike Federer 62313 2/14/2025

150.00 Boys & Girls Varsity

Nikolas Hahn 62314 2/14/2025

150.00 Boys & Girls Varsity

Mark Janssen 62315 2/14/2025

150.00 Boys & Girls Basketball

Dewayne Johnson 62316 2/14/2025

150.00 Boys & Girls Varsity

Kevin Klostermann 62317 2/14/2025

200.00 Freshman Boys

Soph Boys & JV Girls

Kevin Moser 62318 2/14/2025

200.00 Freshman Boys

Soph Boys & JV Girls

Craig Murray 62319 2/14/2025

275.00 7th Boys Basketball v Boys

& Girls Varsity

Wayne Ritscher 62320 2/14/2025

100.00 Soph Boys & JV Girls

Demarco Walton 62321 2/14/2025