

**SPECIAL MEETING**

A meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Cozad, Dawson County, Nebraska was convened in open and public session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 13, 2021 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 posted in the Council Chambers.

Present for the meeting were: Mayor Kloepping, City Administrator Schwanz, Councilmembers: Leahy, Montgomery, Olds, Kloppenborg, Clerk Kloepping.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publishing in the Tri City Trib. 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 7:00 p.m.

Montgomery moved, Kloppenborg seconded, to open the public hearing at 7:01 p.m. to consider the 2021-2022 budget. Roll call vote: Yea – Leahy, Olds, Kloppenborg, Montgomery. No – None.

City Administrator Schwanz state the total operating budget is \$19,079,851.00 with \$2,465,000 planned capital improvement projects at the pool, parks, and streets. Capital Improvement projects are planned for all the utility departments as well. This is an increase of 11.53% which can be attributed to the projects described.

Olds moved, Leahy seconded, to close the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kloppenborg, Montgomery, Leahy, Olds. No – None.

Olds moved, Montgomery seconded, to approve the 2021-2022 budget as presented. Roll call vote: Yea – Leahy, Kloppenborg, Montgomery, Olds. No – None.

City Clerk Kloepping read Ordinance No. 1502 by title and number.

ORDINANCE NO. 1502  
OF THE  
CITY OF COZAD, NEBRASKA

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COZAD, NEBRASKA, TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; TO EXCEED THE BUDGET LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BY AN ADDITIONAL 1% AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Sec. 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, 2021, through September 30, 2022. All sums contained in the budget statement are hereby appropriated for the necessary expenses and liabilities of the City of Cozad. A copy of the budget document shall be forwarded as provided by law to the Auditor of Public Accounts, State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska, and to the County Clerk of Dawson County, Nebraska, for use by the levying authority.

Sec. 2. The City Council of the City of Cozad approves exceeding the budget limit for the fiscal year 2021-2022 by an additional 1%.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of September, 2021.

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MARCUS KLOEPPING, MAYOR

ATTEST:  
(SEAL)

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BRANDI KLOEPPING, CITY CLERK/TREASURER

Kloppenborg moved, Montgomery seconded, to introduce Ordinance No. 1502 and waive the three readings. Roll call vote: Yea – Olds, Leahy, Montgomery, Kloppenborg. No – None.

Montgomery moved, Kloppenborg seconded, to adopt Ordinance No. 1502. Roll call vote: Yea – Olds, Leahy, Kloppenborg, Montgomery. No – None.

Olds moved, Montgomery seconded to open the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. to consider the 2021-2022 tax asking request. Roll call vote: Yea – Kloppenborg, Leahy, Montgomery, Olds. No – None.

City Administrator Schwanz reported that the levy was increasing by 0.8% and the tax asking in dollars is \$690,335.

Montgomery moved, Olds seconded, to close the public hearing at 7:21 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kloppenborg, Leahy, Olds, Montgomery. No – None.

Olds introduced Resolution No 2021-20, which is on file with the City Clerk.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-20  
OF THE  
CITY OF COZAD, NEBRASKA

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

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 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 2021-2022 property tax request be set at \$690,335 in total.
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 4.66%.
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 \$0.349210 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 \$0.358365 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 will exceed last years by 11.53%.
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 13, 2021.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of September, 2021.

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MARCUS KLOEPPING, MAYOR

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

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BRANDI KLOEPPING, CITY CLERK/TREASURER

Montgomery seconded to adopt Resolution 2021-20. Roll call vote: Yea – Leahy, Kloppenborg, Montgomery, Olds. No – None.

City Clerk Kloeping read Ordinance No. 1503 by title and number.

ORDINANCE NO. 1503  
OF THE  
CITY OF COZAD, NEBRASKA

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COZAD, NEBRASKA, ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR CITY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF COZAD, COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021; REPEALING PRIOR ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Montgomery moved, Kloppenborg seconded, to introduce Ordinance No. 1503 and waive the three readings. Roll call vote: Yea – Leahy, Olds, Kloppenborg, Montgomery. No – None.

Olds moved, Leahy seconded, to adopt Ordinance No. 1503. Roll call vote: Yea – Kloppenborg, Montgomery, Leahy, Olds. No – None.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

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Mayor Marcus Kloeping

ATTEST:

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City Clerk / Treasurer Brandi Kloeping