

Public Hearing for Proposed Tax Levy 4-01-2026

The Public Hearing for the proposed tax levy for the City of Neola opened at 5:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Karla Pogge was present along with city council members Robb Lockey, Charles Redinbaugh, Joe Munch and Kody Martin. Others in attendance were Ember Lockey, Duane Barrier, Denise Ring, Sarah McDermott, Bill Schierbrock, Mike Schierbrock and Walt Ring.

Motion to approve the agenda made by Redinbaugh and seconded by Munch. All in favor.

Motion to go into Public Hearing at 5:32 PM regarding Proposed Tax Levy made by Lockey seconded by Redinbaugh. Roll call vote: Munch aye, Redinbaugh aye, Martin aye, Lockey aye.

Public hearing comments: Duane Barrier, Neola business owner, was attending to find out information and share his concern with the proposal and the assessment of his business. Sarah McDermott inquired if property tax levy would ever decrease and questioned the rate proposed. Walt Ring asked about the city's spending on various projects and shared he was concerned about taxes going up and the cost of living. Denise Ring was concerned the proposed increase and impact on businesses, and property taxes. She requested to know next steps regarding the proposed levy. Bill Schierbrock expressed concerns about property tax rates and affordable housing. Mike Schierbrock asked about TIF funds.

Motion to close Public Hearing at 6:15 PM made by Munch, seconded by Redinbaugh. Roll call vote: Lockey aye, Martin aye, Redinbaugh aye, Munch aye.

Motion to adjourn made by Munch and seconded by Redinbaugh. All in favor. Meeting officially adjourned at 6:16 pm.

Karla Pogge, Mayor

ATTEST: Ember Lockey, City Clerk