



**MINUTES  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
CITY HALL, 701 WASHINGTON ST.**

Wednesday, April 15, 2026 5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session April 15, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Jackson, Lambertz, Hutchinson, Hasch, and Wentz.

Absent: None.

Other Officers: City Manager Amy Lange, City Attorney Justin Ferrell, and Finance Director Amber Farha.

Visitors: Russell Gagnon, Caleb Lausen, Trell Grinter, Naomi Walton, Bob Bourne, Lora Kirmer, Angela Sanchez, Jason Johnson Staff present: Jeremy Arnold, Utilities Director; Shane Kisby, Public Works Director; Chris Atkins, Parks and Recreation Director

There being a quorum present, Mayor Hutchinson called the meeting to order.

The invocation was followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Lambertz moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ITEMS SCHEDULED AT A CERTAIN TIME**

***OCCK Budget Request***

Trell Grinter & Naomi Walton of OCCK presented the request. She stressed the demand for transportation services in our community. She provided data of ridership. Last year’s approved budget was \$5,000.00. For the next budget year, they are requesting \$7,500.00.

**ACTION AGENDA** *(Action Expected)*

***Minutes of April 1, 2026 Meeting***

Commissioner Lambertz moved to approve the minutes as amended of April 1, 2026. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

***Appropriation Ordinance #7***

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #7. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

***Permanent Public Easement – Airport Park Area***

Jason Johnson explained the need for public easement by Cunningham Communications for installation of a fiber optic line. This would serve all the surrounding properties. It will also cover and serve several existing utilities already in the service area including electric, gas and water and sewer lines.

Commissioner Jackson moved to approve the Reservation of Easement for a permanent public utility easement located in the City of Concordia Airport Park. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

***Downtown Arborist Selection***

Shane Kisby stated that the Community IRA Grant through the USDA requires the use of a licensed certified arborist selected through the RFP process, to plant and prune trees as part of the grant. Proposals were submitted by Biery’s Tree Service, in conjunction with Republican Valley Landscape, and Paul McNutt, in conjunction with Landscape Consultants. The proposals were as follows:

<b>ARBORIST</b>	<b>PROPOSAL</b>
Biery’s Tree Service	\$26,616.62
Paul McNutt	\$51,974.77

Commissioner Lambertz moved to approve the proposal from Biery’s Tree Service in partnership with Republican Valley Landscape in the amount of \$26,616.62, to be paid from CIP with expected reimbursement grant funds. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried, with Commissioner Jackson abstaining.

**Sports Complex – Field Renaming**

Chris Atkins presented the request for renaming the SE Field at the Concordia Sports Complex to Robert Baumann Field. He was a staple for recreational activities in Concordia for more than 40 years and is deserving of this recognition.

Commissioner Lambertz moved to approve the renaming of the Southeast softball field at the Concordia Sports Complex after Robert “Bob” Baumann. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

**REPORTS**

**Manager’s Report**

None.

**Staff Reports**

None.

**Mayor/Commissioner Comments & Reports**

Commissioner Hasch questioned the work being done in the alley behind the Baptist Church. Jeremy Arnold said that Kansas Gas has been replacing a gas main.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Non-Elected Personnel (1)**

Commissioner Lambertz moved that the City Commission recess into executive session to discuss employment/personnel issues pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) with Justin Ferrell in attendance, and to reconvene in the city commission chamber at 6:35 p.m. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried by following vote:

Aye: Commissioners Jackson, Hutchinson, Lambertz, Hasch, and Wentz

Naye: None

Time: 6:14 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:35 p.m.

Mayor Hutchinson announced there was no binding action taken.

**Non-Elected Personnel (2)**

Commissioner Lambertz moved that the City Commission recess into executive session to discuss employment/personnel issues pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) with Justin Ferrell in attendance, and to reconvene in the city commission chamber at 6:50 p.m. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Motion carried by following vote:

Aye: Commissioners Jackson, Hutchinson, Lambertz, Hasch, and Wentz

Naye: None

Time: 6:35 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:50 p.m.

Mayor Hutchinson announced there was no binding action taken.

**Non-Elected Personnel (3)**

Commissioner Lambertz moved that the City Commission recess into executive session to discuss employment/personnel issues pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) with Justin Ferrell and Amy Lange in attendance, and to reconvene in the city commission chamber at 7:02 p.m. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Motion carried by following vote:

Aye: Commissioners Jackson, Hutchinson, Lambertz, Hasch, and Wentz

Naye: None

Time: 6:50 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 7:03 p.m.

Mayor Hutchinson announced there was no binding action taken.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, at 7:03 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn.



/s/ Amber Farha  
Deputy City Clerk