



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

Monday, July 17, 2023 3:00 p.m.

The governing body met in special session on July 17, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Lambertz, Hutchinson, Jackson, Belden, and Wentz.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Amy Lange, Stacey Smith, Amber Farha, Eric Voss, Brent Gering, Jeremy Arnold, Chris Atkins, Fuller Bates, Toby Nosker.

**CALL FOR SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS**

TO THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS:

Special meeting of the Board of Commissioners is hereby called to be held as follows:

Place: City Hall, Concordia, Kansas  
Date: July 17, 2023  
Time: 3:00 o'clock P.M

The object of said meeting will be as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. 2024 Budget
3. Adjourn

To Any Person Authorized to Serve Notice of Special City Commission Meetings Pursuant to K.S.A. (Weeks) 14-1403:

You are hereby directed to serve the above notice at once personally upon Commissioner(s) Chuck Lambertz, Amy Jackson, Marsha Wentz, Ashley Hutchinson, and Ragen Belden, or leave said notice at the usual place of residence of said Commissioner before 3:00 P.M. o'clock on the 14th day of July, 2023, and to make a return in writing of said service, showing the manner of such service.

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/s/Stacey Smith  
City Clerk

(Seal)

**RETURN OF SERVICE**

The undersigned received the notice of Special City Commission meeting via email, of which the foregoing is a copy, at 4:00 o'clock a.m., July 13, 2023.

Served the same personally on Chuck Lambertz. /s/ Stacey Smith.

Served the same personally on Amy Jackson. /s/ Stacey Smith.

Served the same personally on Marsha Wentz. /s/ Stacey Smith.

Served the same personally on Ashley Hutchinson. /s/ Stacey Smith.

Served the same personally on Ragen Belden. /s/ Stacey Smith.

**2024 BUDGET**

Revenues are up, namely sales tax which is substantial. Expenses are on par with budgeted amounts. Amber Farha stated that various departments being short-staffed have helped the budget in years past.

Because of our healthy financial situation, it was agreed that there would not be a mill increase again next year.

After the health insurance discussion, it was decided to have the broker check other carriers. Since we may not hear back during budget time, the commission agreed to cap health insurance at \$650,000. Commissioners suggested a COLA of 4%, decreasing the CPI percentage of 6%, and increasing fire/EMS and dispatch an extra 2%, departments which seem to be below average based on the city manager's wage study.

Concerning outside entities, the commissioners agreed to hold to last year's budgeted amounts to all except the Resource Center, giving \$25,000 as requested, provided additional information is received on its budget.

CIP projects were discussed. Due to healthy finances, we are able to put additional funds towards numerous projects.

Amber Farha stated we should be discussing a water rate increase, which haven't happened since 2016. The increased rates could be put towards replacing aged water and sewer lines.

It was decided to start Wednesday's budget meeting at 4:00, since most discussion had been held today.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, at 5:04 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn to the July 19 budget meeting, to be held at 4:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room.



/s/ Stacey Smith  
City Clerk