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

Wednesday, March 19, 2025 5:30 p.m.

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The governing body met in regular session March 19, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Hutchinson, Lambertz, Hasch, and Wentz. Mayor Jackson attended via Zoom.

Absent: None.

Other Officers: City Manager Amy Lange, City Clerk Stacey Smith, City Attorney Justin Ferrell.

Visitors: Russell Gagnon, Olivia Bergmeier, Brice Bowers, Becky Cardenas, Tracer Murdock, Trey Collins, Brigham Chavey, Brett Denham, Tim Beims. Staff present: Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Jeremy Arnold, Utilities Director; Brent Gering, Police Chief; Chris Atkins, Parks & Recreation Director; Shane Kisby, Public Works Director; John Christensen, Fire Chief.

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

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

An executive session for confidential business data was added.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Becky Cardenas, whose home has been put on the demo list, has asked for an extension while she cleans up the property.

Mike Gallagher spoke against the parking ordinance on tonight's agenda.

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

***Minutes of March 5, 2025 Meeting***

Commissioner Lambertz moved to approve the minutes of March 5, 2025. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

***Appropriation #5***

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #5. Commissioner Lambertz seconded. Motion carried.

***Downtown Improvement Committee Appointments***

The committee is in place to review downtown improvement grant applications. CloudCorp serves as the program administrator. Both Monte Wentz and Jason Johnson have expressed interest in serving in this capacity.

Commissioner Lambertz moved to appoint Monte Wentz and Jason Johnson to the downtown improvement review committee. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

***North Central Kansas Medical Center Contractual Write-off***

The medical center has asked for a 10% discounted rate for transporting swing bed patients from the hospital to facilities that can provide the care required for the patient. This discount is currently being offered, but only by verbal agreement.

Commissioner Hasch moved to approve the contract with North Central Kansas Medical Center for a discounted swing bed patient medical transport rate of 10% per patient transport. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried, with Commissioner Hutchinson abstaining.

***Ordinance 2025-3234 – Parking Prohibited on Grass***

Thereupon, there was presented an Ordinance entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PROHIBITION OF PARKING OF VEHICLES  
OR TRAILERS ON LAWNS, GRASS OR LANDSCAPED AREAS, OR OTHER AREAS**

**OF A RESIDENTIAL YARD; AMENDING THE CONCORDIA CODE BY ADDING NEW SECTION 19-408.**

Staff requested adding the public works director as one who could approve the installed parking surfaces. The ordinance would not go into effect until October 1, in order to educate the public. Commissioner Hutchinson suggested implementing a city grant to help homeowners with installing the new surface.

Thereupon, Commissioner Lambertz moved that said Ordinance be passed as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hasch. Said Ordinance was duly read and considered, and upon being put, the motion for the passage of said Ordinance was carried by the vote of the governing body, the vote being as follows:

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

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor pro-tem declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2025-3234, was signed by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk, and was directed to be published one time in the official newspaper of the City.

***Frank Carlson Library Appointment***

Lora Watson's first term on the board expires April 20. The board has recommended appointing her to another four-year term. She hopes to continue serving, as she spearheaded the library's stained-glass project and wishes to see the project completed.

Commissioner Lambertz moved to reappoint Lora Watson to the Frank Carlson Library board. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

***Confidential Business Data (1)***

Commissioner Lambertz moved that the City Commission recess into executive session to discuss confidential business data or trade secrets of a business, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(4) with Amy Lange, Justin Ferrell, and Brice Bowers in attendance, and to reconvene in the city commission chamber at 6:10 p.m. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 6:00 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:10 p.m.

Mayor pro-tem Hutchinson announced there was no binding action taken.

***Confidential Business Data (2)***

Commissioner Lambertz moved that the City Commission recess into executive session to discuss confidential business data or trade secrets of a business, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(4) with Amy Lange and Justin Ferrell in attendance, and to reconvene in the city commission chamber at 6:20 p.m. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 6:10 p.m.

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**REPORTS**

***Manager's Report***

Amy Lange discussed citywide cleanup, which has a change this year of asking residents taking tires to the city shop instead of curb pickup.

***Staff Reports***

John Christensen gave an update on the Miltonvale EMS situation.

Brent Gering said there were 61 calls today, due to the blizzard conditions, and he thanked city staff.

Shane Kisby showed photos of East 7th and the deteriorating condition of the street.

**Mayor/Commissioner Comments & Reports**

None.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, at 6:32 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn.



/s/ Stacey Smith