



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

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session January 21, 2026, 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.

Absent: Commissioner Jackson.

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

Visitors: Russell Gagnon, Caleb Lausen, Tim Jessup, Tim Beims, Hunter York, David Williams, Sheila Jackson, Brett Denham, Jesse Pounds. Staff present: Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Chris Atkins, Parks & Recreation Director; Brent Gering, Police Chief; Shane Kisby, Public Works Director; Jeremy Arnold, Utilities Director; and John Christensen, Fire Chief.

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

Amy Lange added a public recognition item.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

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

Citizen Recognition

Mayor Hutchinson and Brent Gering acknowledged Spencer Mohler and Cheyenne Mohler for their quick actions in subduing criminal activity recently.

ACTION AGENDA (*Action Expected*)

Minutes of January 7, 2026 Meeting

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve the minutes of January 7, 2026. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

Appropriation Ordinance #1

Commissioner Lambertz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #1. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

Housing Authority Appointment

Since Stacey Smith is retiring from the City, her position as ex-officio will transition to her successor. The board unanimously agreed to add her as the sixth board member, which is allowed with the current bylaws.

Commissioner Lambertz moved to appoint Stacey Smith to the Housing Authority. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

Street Dept. Dump Truck

The current street department dump truck is a 2006, and is in need of major work and is currently not running. Master Tech Truck and Equipment was contacted, and a 2025 Kenworth was selected. After the quote was assembled it was run through Sourcewell, to be bid. Sourcewell offers government pricing. The discount saved a total of \$18,049.45 on the overall package. A V plow was also quoted for \$19,433.00, for a total of \$225,947.00.

David Williams of Master Truck explained the bidding process.

Commissioner Lambertz moved to approve the purchase of the 2025 Kenworth T280 and Boss 10' Steel "V" plow in the amount of \$225,947.00, to be paid from the equipment reserve fund. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-2219 – Waiver of GAAP

There was presented to the City Commission a Resolution waiving generally accepted accounting principles for 2025.

Thereupon, on motion of Commissioner Wentz, seconded by Commissioner Hasch, the Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Yea: Commissioners Hutchinson, Lambertz, Hasch, and Wentz.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution passed and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2026-2219, was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

Resolution 2026-2220 – Redemption of Bonds

Thereupon, there was presented a Resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CALL FOR REDEMPTION OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING BONDS AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF SAID REDEMPTION.

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

Yea: Commissioners Hutchinson, Lambertz, Hasch, and Wentz.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared the Resolution duly adopted and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2026-2220, and was signed by the Commissioners and attested by the Clerk.

2025 Write-Offs

Starting in 2022, the finance department started an annual write off of uncollectible utility debts. In 2024, ambulance write-offs were added. The debts comprise of uncollectible individuals who have passed away, or for other reasons.

Commissioner Lambertz moved to approve the 2025 write-offs of \$342.38 for utility accounts, and \$30,131.54 for ambulance accounts. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-2221 - Condemnation of 715 E. 8th St.

There was presented to the City Commission a Resolution setting the public hearing for 715 E. 8th St.

Thereupon, on motion of Commissioner Lambertz, seconded by Commissioner Wentz, the Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Yea: Commissioners Hutchinson, Lambertz, Hasch, and Wentz.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution passed and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2026-2221, was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

Resolution 2026-2222 – Condemnation of 203 W. 1st St.

There was presented to the City Commission a Resolution setting the public hearing for 203 W. 1st St.

Thereupon, on motion of Commissioner Lambertz, seconded by Commissioner Wentz, the Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Yea: Commissioners Hutchinson, Lambertz, Hasch, and Wentz.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution passed and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2026-2222, was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

REPORTS

Manager's Report

Amy Lange reminded the commissioners of Local Government Day coming up. The sidewalk project is moving forward. This week, we advertised for bids to replace City Hall siding.

Staff Reports

Brent Gering said the carpet project is complete in the police department. He noted the winter storm coming up this weekend, and the department is busy getting help for those needing protection.

John Christensen followed up on the employee use of the weight room.

Bruno Rehbin said the burned property of 311 W. 5th St. will be demolished soon.

Stacey Smith noted this was her last meeting, and she introduced Hunter York as her replacement.

Mayor/Commissioner Comments & Reports

Christy Hasch said she appreciated the work done by city crews on her street.

The commissioners thanked Bruno Rehbein and Stacey Smith for their service.

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, Jesse Pounds, and Tim Beims 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 Hutchinson, Lambertz, Hasch, and Wentz.

Nay: None.

Time: 6:03 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:20 p.m.

Mayor 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, Justin Ferrell, Jesse Pounds, and Tim Beims in attendance, and to reconvene in the city commission chamber at 6:35 p.m. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 6:20 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:35 p.m.

Mayor Hutchinson announced there was no binding action taken.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, at 6:36 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn.



/s/ Stacey Smith
City Clerk