



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

Monday, July 13, 2026 3:00 p.m.

The governing body met in special session July 13, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Hutchinson, Jackson, Lambertz, Hasch, and Wentz.

Absent: None.

Other Officers: City Manager Amy Lange, Interim City Clerk Stacey Smith, Finance Director Amber Farha.

Visitors: Russell Gagnon. Staff present: Tim Jessup, Building Inspector; Brent Gering, Police Chief; Jeremy Arnold, Utilities Director; Chris Atkins, Parks & Recreation Director; Shane Kisby, Public Works Director; John Christensen, Fire Chief, LaTasha Dawson, incoming City Clerk.

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 13, 2026
Time: 3:00 o'clock P.M

The object of said meeting will be as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. 2027 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 Christy Hasch, or leave said notice at the usual place of residence of said Commissioner before 12:00 P.M. o'clock on the 7th day of July, 2026, and to make a return in writing of said service, showing the manner of such service.

(Seal)

/s/ Stacey Smith
Interim City Clerk

RETURN OF SERVICE

The undersigned received the notice of Special City Commission meeting via email, of which the foregoing is a copy, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., July 7, 2026.

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 Christy Hasch. /s/ Stacey Smith.

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

2027 BUDGET

The RNR was discussed, with a recommendation from staff to take most of the float. This will be determined at the next meeting.

It was decided to allocate funds to outside entities at the same amount as last budget regardless of request.

A 2.7% COLA was proposed. There is a 13% increase in Blue Cross medical and 1% increase in dental for next year. Several recommendations were suggested. Likely single enrollees will begin to pay a portion.

The proposed list of projects in the CIP were approved.

Wage increases for police and fire were discussed at length. The commission asked for some updated information, and the item will be discussed again at a later date.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, at 4:18 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn.

(Seal)

Stacey Smith
Interim City Clerk