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

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Hutchinson.

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

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

There being a quorum present, Mayor Pro-Tem Lambertz called the meeting to order.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amy Lange added an executive session for non-elected personnel.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ACTION AGENDA *(Action Expected)*

Minutes of July 1, 2026 Meeting

Commissioner Jackson moved to approve the minutes of July 1, 2026. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

Appropriation Ordinance #13

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #13. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-2238 – Condemnation of 234 and 238 W. 6th St.

There was presented to the City Commission a Resolution setting the public hearing for condemnation of 234 and 238 W. 6th St.

Tim Jessup stated that at the May 20 commission meeting, this resolution was approved. However, staff failed to notify the owner of the property with a certified mailing of the public hearing date, so the process has been restarted.

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

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

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution passed and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2026-2238, was signed and approved by the Mayor Pro-Tem and attested by the Clerk.

REPORTS

Manager's Report

Amy Lange presented information on the Innovation Center, and discussed grants for relocation and for housing. She said she will be out of the office next week.

Staff Reports

John Christensen said staff has participated in floodwater rescue training.

Mayor/Commissioner Comments & Reports

Commissioner Jackson praised a member of the streets crew helping an elderly citizen downtown.

Commissioner Hasch mentioned how many parking stalls are blocked off during the downtown tree removal process.

Commissioner Wentz asked about curbing around the downtown tree planters and if it will be repaired or replaced.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Non-Elected Personnel

Commissioner Jackson 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 Amy Lange and Justin Ferrell in attendance, and to reconvene in the city commission chamber at 5:57 p.m. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time 5:42 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 5:57 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lambertz announced there was no binding action taken.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, at 5:58 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn to a study session, to discuss the 2027 budget.

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Stacey Smith
Interim City Clerk