

City Council Meeting Minutes

2/23/26

Call to Order

Mayor Timothy Eldredge called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Present: Mayor Timothy Eldredge; Councilmembers Trent Clark, Scott Silkmitter, Kathryn Coleman;
Absent: Dan Ravenscraft & Grant Bowlin

Staff/Guests Present: Andrew Hanna, Anne Morrow, Jake Callstrom, Terry Ullum, Thelma Edris, and Dylan Hamilton.

Approval of Agenda & Minutes

Motion by Clark, second by Silkmitter, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously (7:01 PM).

Motion by Coleman, second by Silkmitter, to approve the January 2026 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously (7:01 PM).

Open to Public:

Dylan Hamilton inquired about citizen versus city responsibility regarding trees. The Mayor and City Superintendent will inspect the tree in question to assess responsibility.

Thelma “Jeep” Edris expressed appreciation for the work being completed in her alley and provided refreshments.

Personnel Reports

Mayor’s Report (7:10 PM)

Mayor Eldredge reported:

- Added a 2022 GMC Seirra to the City Fleet
- Citywide sign assessments are underway; new signage will be installed rather than sticker overlays.
- Sign Loyd Group Budget Letter for 2027
 - Motion by Coleman, second by Clark to agree to have the Loyd Group work on the city budget. Motion carried unanimously (7:19pm)
- Sign Proclamation for Severe Weather Preparedness
 - Motion by Silkmitter, second by Coleman to approve Severe Weather Proclamation. Motion carried unanimously (7:19pm)
- Signed Agreement with Foster Design for Planning & Zoning
 - Motion by Silkmitter, second by Coleman to accept Agreement with Foster Design. Motion carried unanimously (7:19pm)
- Provided quotes for Backhoe Servicing and Tires
 - Motion by Silkmitter, second by Clark, to accept Murphy’s bid for servicing the backhoe and Whitewater Tire’s bid for backhoe tire replacement. Motion carried unanimously (7:19pm)
- Storm drains are not performing as they should; investigate better options.

- Discussion needed with the City Attorney regarding liability issues related to trees, grading, and landscaping.

Animal Control Report (7:25 PM)

Jake Callstrom provided February report.

- The Kansas Department of Agriculture is also investigating the dog involved in a recent bite incident.
- Upcoming training will assist with court proceedings when necessary.

Treasurer's Report (7:27 PM)

Terry Ullum provided the February Treasurer & Financial report.

- On January 30, a \$20,000 check was issued for a truck purchase in Kansas City that did not proceed. Funds were returned to the City account in February.
- An urgent care charge related to testing after a deer collision had already been paid and will not be paid again.

Motion by Coleman, second by Silkmitter, to approve the February Financial Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7:34 PM).

Clerk's Report (7:34 PM)

Anne Morrow provided February report:

- Nearly 20 animals have been registered for 2026. Registrations are annual; early registration is encouraged. The Animal Control Officer will send reminders.
- Citywide Clean Up is scheduled for March 21. Scheduling conflicts with neighboring communities continue; alternative timing should be discussed prior to next year if preferred.

City Superintendent's Report (7:37 PM)

Andrew Hanna provided February report:

- Acquired a 2022 GMC Sierra (new to the City).
- Located a previously buried manhole on Maple Street, improving preventative maintenance access.
- Discussed handling of a recently removed tree in the alley.
- Began work on "Jeep's Alley" to improve water flow to the street.
- Presented information regarding Ziptility, a GPS-based infrastructure mapping application for water meters, water/sewer lines, valves, and hydrants. Annual cost: \$1,800.

Motion by Coleman, second by Clark, to approve a one-year subscription to Ziptility and evaluate its effectiveness before renewal in 2027. Motion carried unanimously (8:03 PM).

Order of Business

1. Mayor Appointments (8:04 PM)

Mayor presented the following appointment:

- Mark Stiles will replace Dave Cornish on Planning and Zoning. term expires 2028

Unfinished Business

Motion by Silkmitter, second by Coleman, to adopt Charter Ordinance No. 15 amending and modifying previous charter ordinances related to levying court costs. Motion carried (8:06 PM).

- The City Attorney will provide a draft of Charter Ordinance No. 16 addressing terms and membership of the Recreation Commission.

New Business

- Discussion regarding standing water along Walnut St.

Adjournment

Motion by Clark, second by Silkmitter, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

- Meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.