

The City of Andover, Kansas

City Council Minutes

**Andover City Hall
1609 East Central Avenue
August 12, 2025 at 7:00 PM**

Present

Mayor – Ronnie Price
Council President – Homer Henry
Council Member - Phil Hamilton
Council Member - Jodi Ocadiz
Governing Body Council Member - Paul Wemmer
 Council Member - Mike Warrington

Absent

Council Member - Tim Berry

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

City Administrator, Jennifer McCausland
Assistant City Administrator, Jolene Graham
City Attorney, JT Klaus
Fire Marshal, Mike Roosevelt
Police Chief, Buck Buchanan
Finance Director, Matt Koehn
Director of Community Development, Les Mangus
Public Information Officer, Megan Schapaugh
Parks and Recreation Manager, Daniel Schapaugh
Interim Planning and Zoning Administrator, Julie Boyd
City Clerk, Dana Engstrom

3. Invocation

Rick Neubauer, Lead Police and Fire Chaplain led the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Acceptance of Agenda

Council President Henry moved, seconded by Council Member Ocadiz to accept the agenda as modified to allow for the Awards and Proclamations to take place prior the Public Forum.

YES: Hamilton, Henry, Ocadiz, Warrington, and Wemmer
NO: None
ABSENT: Berry
ABSTAIN: None
CARRIED 5/0.

6. Proclamation

6.1 Proclamation: Andover High School Girls Swim Team

Council Member Hamilton read a proclamation honoring Andover High School's Girls Swim Team that won the 2025 5-1A Team State Championship on May 24, 2025 in Topeka. Noting, Mari Griffin achieved a lifelong goal by breaking the State meet record in the 100-yard backstroke, besting a record that stood for nine years and broke the record for the 200-yard medley relay as well. August 13, 2025 was proclaimed as Andover High School Girls Swim Team Day.

6.2 Proclamation: Individual Golf Championship

Council Member Ocadiz read a proclamation recognizing Andover Central High School student, Colt Farrow on winning the 5A individual golf championship on May 28, 2025. August 14, 2025 was proclaimed as Colt Farrow Individual Golf Champion Day.

7. Awards

7.1 Red Cross Blood Drive: Battle of the Badges Winner

Tammy McCune with the American Red Cross presented the Fire Department with the Battle of the Badges trophy for receiving majority of the votes in 2025. The Police Department received 37 votes, and the Fire Department received 44 votes.

7.2 Kansas Department of Transportation Safety Award

Troy Wells from the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) presented Police Chief Buchanan with the Platinum Traffic Safety Award for 2024. Chief Buchanan gave kudos to Lieutenant Hardy who works hard every year to ensure the City of Andover continues to prevent accidents and achieve this award for the tenth year in a row.

8. Public Forum

Mayor Price opened the public forum. Speakers:

1. Caroline Hale, former Council Member and resident at 831 Bramerton Street, spoke in opposition to the Governing Body compensation increase and receiving payment when not attending a meeting. She encouraged the Governing Body to reconsider their decision and staff to post Governing Body compensation online where it is easily accessible to the public.
2. Sheri Geisler, former Council Member and Andover resident since 1993, spoke in opposition to the Governing Body's increase in compensation and asked for the Governing Body to rescind the recent vote approving such.
3. Connie Mitton spoke regarding the Andover Senior Center growth and expressed a need for a larger facility.
4. Hellen Martin, Andover resident for 21 years and active member of the Andover Senior Center expressed a need for a larger Senior Center facility. Additionally, she spoke in support of the Andover Police and Fire Departments giving them an A+ rating and spoke in support of Senior Center Director Margit Gibbons.
5. Chris Smith, resident at the Andover trailer park, expressed concerns regarding loud noise during the concerts and the condition of the roads on Central. Mayor Price addressed the concerns regarding the road conditions.
6. Dwight Lenox, resident at 1936 N Northridge Street and Andover Senior Center cook, reported that there is a lot going on at the Senior center and requested additional funding from the City to support the growing community.
7. Scott Rackley, resident at 630 East Shade expressed support for Council Members noting the Governing Body goes above and beyond and he isn't worried about the compensation increase when you consider all the commitments that come along with the position (boards they sit on, onboarding, trainings, and Budget Workshop meetings) he also noted he is not supportive of the increase. He encouraged residents to do research on the candidates running for office in the upcoming election.

Mayor Price then closed the public forum.

Council Member Ocadiz requested this discussion continue at an upcoming workshop.

9. Consent Agenda

- 9.1 **City Council Workshop Minutes – July 28, 2025**
City Council Minutes – July 29, 2025
- 9.2 **Appropriation Ordinance No. b.14.2025 \$2,756,033.57**

Council President Henry moved, seconded by Council Member Ocadiz to approve the Consent Agenda items 9.1-9.2 as presented.

AYES: Hamilton, Henry, Ocadiz, Warrington, and Wemmer
NOES: None
ABSENT: Berry
ABSTAIN: None
CARRIED 5/0.

10. City Attorney/Bond Counsel Engagement Letter

10.1 City Administrator Jennifer McCausland presented this item. City Attorney Klaus addressed Council President Henry's questions.

Council President Henry moved, seconded by Council Member Hamilton to approve the Engagement Letter and authorize the Mayor to sign the same, as well as authorize the City Administrator to request the transfer of files and sign related documents.

YES: Hamilton, Henry, Ocadiz, Warrington, and Wemmer
NO: None
ABSENT: Berry
ABSTAIN: None
CARRIED 5/0.

11. Andover Business Improvement Grant Awards: Part 2

11.1 Interim Planning and Zoning Administrator presented this item and addressed Mayor Price and Council President Henry's questions.

Council President Henry moved, seconded by Council Member Ocadiz to accept the Andover Business Improvement Grant Committee recommendations for awarding remaining grant funds to two (2) additional projects in the following amounts: \$9,300.00 to Bark 44, and \$4,872.61 to Jayhawk Landscaping.

YES: Hamilton, Henry, Ocadiz, Warrington, and Wemmer
NO: None
ABSENT: Berry
ABSTAIN: None
CARRIED 5/0.

12. Bid Award: Postie's Patch Sewer

12.1 Director of Public Works and Utilities Rick Lanzrath presented this item and addressed Council President Henry's questions.

Council President Henry moved, seconded by Council Member Wemmer to accept the lowest qualified bid from McCullough Excavation, Inc (Wichita, KS) in the not-to-exceed amount of \$ 38,070.00, and reject all other bids, and authorize the mayor to sign the contract for Sanitary Sewer System Improvements to serve Postie's Patch Addition.

YES: Hamilton, Henry, Ocadiz, Warrington, and Wemmer
NO: None
ABSENT: Berry
ABSTAIN: None
CARRIED 5/0.

13. Fireworks Display Approval for GAD

- 13.1 Parks and Recreation Manger Daniel Schapaugh presented this item and addressed Council President Henry's questions.

Council President Henry moved, seconded by Council Member Ocadiz to approve the discharge of fireworks in Andover Central Park from approximately 8:45 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. on September 27, 2025 for Greater Andover Days.

YES: Hamilton, Henry, Ocadiz, Warrington, and Wemmer
NO: None
ABSENT: Berry
ABSTAIN: None
CARRIED 5/0.

14. South Andover Road Maintenance

- 14.1 Director of Public Works and Utilities Rick Lanzrath presented this item and addressed Council President Henry's questions.

Council President Henry moved, seconded by Council Member Hamilton to authorize the reimbursement of up to \$80,000.00 to Butler County for roadway maintenance on South Andover Road.

YES: Hamilton, Henry, Ocadiz, Warrington, and Wemmer
NO: None
ABSENT: Berry
ABSTAIN: None
CARRIED 5/0.

15. GO Bonds - Series A, 2025

15.1 General Obligation Bonds Series A 2025: Public Sale Resolution

Finance Director Matt Koehn presented this item and addressed Council President Henry's question.

Council President Henry moved, seconded by Council Member Hamilton to adopt a resolution authorizing the sale of \$12,850,000 in Series A, 2025 General Obligation Bonds of the City of Andover, Kansas and authorizing the City of Andover's Bond Counsel and Financial Advisor to prepare the necessary notices and documents to conduct such sale.

YES: Hamilton, Henry, Ocadiz, Warrington, and Wemmer
NO: None
ABSENT: Berry
ABSTAIN: None
 CARRIED 5/0.

15.2 Public Sale Resolution of the City's Temporary Notes, Series A 2025

Finance Director Matt Koehn presented this item and addressed Council President Henry's question.

Council Member Hamilton presented financial calculations related to the City's largest expenditure of \$47 million for the new Wastewater Treatment Plant project, noting that the City saved approximately \$15 million for this project in reserves. He indicated this savings will reduce the interest burden on the community. Council Member Hamilton explained that the planning on behalf of staff has saved the community approximately \$6 million in interest over the life of the loan. Council Member Hamilton emphasized the importance of saving for future utility projects to avoid passing on millions of dollars in interest debt to the next generation of citizens. The more money the City can save and contribute upfront, the less it will have to pay in interest over the life of future bonds.

Mayor Price commented on the quality of the City's staff, specifically mentioning Brian Walls, Wastewater Department Manager, for his work and attributing to the longevity of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mayor Price noted that staff from various departments contribute to the positive outcomes and expressed gratitude to the City staff.

Council President Henry moved, seconded by Council Member Hamilton to adopt a resolution authorizing the sale of \$36,235,000 in Series A, 2025 Temporary Notes of the City of Andover, Kansas and authorizing the City of Andover's Bond Counsel and

Financial Advisor to prepare the necessary notices and documents to conduct such sale.

YES: Hamilton, Henry, Ocadiz, Warrington, and Wemmer
NO: None
ABSENT: Berry
ABSTAIN: None
CARRIED 5/0.

16. Member Items

Council Member Wemmer expressed gratitude to staff for all their hard work in organizing the recent concerts and gave kudos to City Administrator Jennifer McCausland and Kathryn Ewing from ASM Global, for their recent interview with Steve McIntosh on Audacy Radio Channels, noting that they effectively represented the City and its upcoming events, particularly the concerts.

Council Member Warrington reported that the army worms are active and can cause significant damage to yards. He advised residents to be on the lookout and take action to protect their lawns.

Council Member Ocadiz reminded everyone to be mindful of school zones as the new school year begins and wished all the students and staff a wonderful school year.

Mayor Price thanked Peace Lutheran Church for inviting him and City Clerk Dana Engstrom to join their lunch meeting where they were asked a variety of questions. He also wished City Clerk Dana Engstrom a happy birthday.

Council President Henry thanked City staff for all they do for the community and reminded everyone to watch out for school zones.

Council Member Hamilton expressed his appreciation for a recent social media post by the Andover Police Department that provides an overview of the rules about the vital moments when you are required to stop for school buses, ensuring the safety of children. It's a useful resource to review to avoid traffic violations.

17. Adjourn

Council President Henry moved, seconded by Council Member Ocadiz to adjourn the August 12, 2025 City Council Meeting at 8:28pm.

YES: Hamilton, Henry, Ocadiz, Warrington, and Wemmer
NO: None
ABSENT: Berry
ABSTAIN: None
CARRIED 6/0.

Respectfully Submitted by

Dana Engstrom
City Clerk

Approved this 26th day of August 2025 by the City Council, City of Andover, Kansas.