

**CITY OF SHAWNEE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
September 8, 2025  
6:00 P.M.**

**Governing Body Present:**

Mickey Sandifer - Mayor  
Sierra Whitted - Ward 1  
Tony Gillette - Ward 1  
Jeanie Murphy - Ward 2  
Kurt Knappen - Ward 3  
Angela Stiens - Ward 3  
Laurel Burchfield - Ward 4

**Governing Body Absent:**

Dr. Mike Kemmling - Ward 2  
Jacklynn Walters - Ward 4

**Staff Present:**

Paul Kramer - City Manager  
Colin Duffy - Deputy City Manager  
Lauren Grashoff - Assistant City Manager  
Jenny Smith - City Attorney  
Leena Bellmann - Sr. Prosecutor  
Stephanie Zaldivar - City Clerk  
Kellie Heckerson - Admin. Coordinator CMO  
Mike Inich - I.T. Director  
Doug Donahoo - Communications Director  
Sam Larson - Police Chief  
Steve Walsh - Police Captain  
Rick Potter - Fire Chief  
Matt Epperson - Emergency Services Chief  
Sean Rocco - Finance Director  
Kimberlee Hughes - Budget & Purchasing Manager  
Kevin Manning - Public Works Director  
Tonya Lecuru - Parks & Recreation Director  
Doug Allmon - Community Development Director

(Shawnee City Council Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 p.m.)

**A. ROLL CALL**

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Good evening and welcome to the September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meeting of the Shawnee City Council. I am Mayor Mickey Sandifer, and I will be chairing this meeting. I will do a roll call at this time. Councilmember Whitted.

**COUNCILMEMBER WHITTED:** Present.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Councilmember Gillette.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Present.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Councilmember Murphy.

**COUNCILMEMBER MURPHY:** Present.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Councilmember Kemmling is absent tonight. Councilmember Knappen.

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** Present.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Councilmember Stiens.

**COUNCILMEMBER STIENS:** Present.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Councilmember Walters is absent tonight also. Councilmember Burchfield.

**COUNCILMEMBER BURCHFIELD:** Present.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Thank you.

## **B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Please join me for the Pledge of Allegiance along with a moment of silence.

(Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence)

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Thank you.

Next, I'd like to explain our procedures for public input. In an effort to enhance residents' ability to present information to the Governing Body, anyone interested in addressing the Governing Body is strongly encouraged to sign up to speak by noon on the day of the meeting, but it is not required. Information has been posted online about how to sign up.

By policy, comments are limited to five minutes, and no person may speak more than once to any one agenda item. Only comments related to City business are permitted. Disruptive acts are not permitted as per Policy No. 7 and will not be tolerated.

Additionally, comments can be submitted to the entire Governing Body via e-mail at: [GoverningBody@cityofshawnee.org](mailto:GoverningBody@cityofshawnee.org).

## **C. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **Approve minutes from the City Council meeting of August 25, 2025.**
2. **Consider approving the tuition for six firefighters to attend paramedic training at Central Jackson County.**
3. **Consider approving the extension of SUP-02-99-02, a special use permit issued to the Max Rieke Family Partnership to operate a lattice communication tower, located at 15400 Midland Drive.**
4. **Consider approving the extension of SUP-05-12-08, a special use permit issued to Jonna's Daycare to operate a home daycare for up to 10 children, located at 6914 Millridge Street.**
5. **Consider approving the extension of SUP-05-96-05, a special use permit issued to American Tower to operate a monopole communication tower, located at 8110 Hedge Lane Terrace.**

6. Consider approving the extension of SUP-06-95-08, a special use permit issued to American Tower to operate a monopole communication tower, located at 6285 Ogg Road.
7. Consider approving the extension of SUP-07-96-06, a special use permit issued to Global Signal to operate a monopole communication tower, located at 24310 W. 43rd Street.
8. Consider approving the extension of SUP-11-20-08, a special use permit issued to Caterpillar Cove Daycare to operate a home daycare for up to 12 children, located at 7324 Flint Drive.
9. Consider accepting the dedication of land, or an interest in for public purposes, contained in the St. Joseph Parish, Lot 1 Re-Plat (FP25-11), a land subdivision located at 11525 Johnson Drive.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** The next item on the agenda is the Consent Agenda. Is there anyone on the Council that would like to remove anything from the Consent Agenda? Hearing none, I'll accept a motion. Angela.

**COUNCILMEMBER STIENS:** Move to approve.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Laurel.

**COUNCILMEMBER BURCHFIELD:** Second.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** I've got a motion and a second on this item. All those in favor say aye.

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Aye.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Opposed, nay. Motion passes.

**Motion 1:** Angela Stiens - Ward 3/Laurel Burchfield - Ward 4: Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried 6-0-0.

## **D. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** The next item on the agenda is Business from the Floor. Is anyone signed up?

**MR. DUFFY:** Yes, Mayor. We had a citizen interest group filed with the spokesperson Francis Pfeifer.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Okay. Come on up. When you're finished, please put your name, address, phone number on the form on the podium, so we'll have accurate information here.

**MR. PFEIFER:** This is my first time here, so forgive me if I'm a little nervous or stumble --

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Speak into the microphone a little bit if you need to.

**MR. PFEIFER:** -- or if I'm a little too quiet.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Thank you.

**MR. PFEIFER:** I'll move over this way. First, I'd like to say thank you for your service. I appreciate it. Secondly, the reason I am here is for City View Farms' stormwater maintenance, to have it maintained as public and not private. And also, we don't want to have a homeowners association. We're one of the few communities that don't have one, and the neighbors don't want to have it. And the reason that comes up is that's one of the solutions to how to handle stormwater is to have an HOA take care of it.

I'll just read through these, and then if anybody has any questions afterwards, I'll go through that. City stormwater drains -- are drained into the ponds and have been for years. The pond stormwater flows into additional City built and maintained stormwater pipes downstream from these ponds. City employees have repaired stormwater pipes between the first and second ponds previously, as well as others. So, there's been more than one time when they've come and repaired it. Helping establish that it might be -- that it is public. That would seem as a precedent. Again, City employees have repaired these ponds.

Plat 2 map of 1986 does not support that the ponds are private. There are basically two easements going down the side, and they're 10 feet wide on the drawings, so it would indicate a pipe. But what's happened is it was filled in between those two, so it was made a pond.

City View neighbors are not -- like not having an HOA and do not wish to have one or have to pay for one, and have it pay for stormwater that runs into it. If being required to maintain as a private pond, the City stormwater flows into them, would it not be possible that the private ponds could charge the City for the sediment and other repairs due to City input? That's one thing that could come up. Hopefully it doesn't.

I have talked with Stormwater employees, Tammy Snyder and Cynthia Krass, and they maintain that the ponds have been private and are private. I asked to meet and talk with them about this, and they were not available until after September 17<sup>th</sup>. I called and spoke with the Director of Public Works, Mr. Kevin Manning, and he agreed to meet and discuss this last week. He said he would call and set up a time, and he did not call. I tried to reach him several times to confirm a date and time for last week, including an e-mail. I was not able to connect with him. I had told him one of the things that I would like to discuss is at what point did the ponds become private as opposed to public. When did that occur?

My wife and I have lived in our residence for over 22 years, and during that time, we have not known of any certifications of these ponds. We have received letters in recent years but did not think it would apply to us because the ponds are public. PS 08, Section 7 has a way to transfer private systems in case this is recognized as private. There are steps to do this, and they may not apply to our stormwater system as we feel they have been and our public for some time and should be accepted as public stormwater.

We ask that you accept these stormwater ponds in City View Farms as public and maintain them as needed. Also, we all pay a stormwater tax of \$72 annually. And also,

on our deed, we found no covenant found. So, we don't see anything that's set up for this to be private. And that's our big dilemma is we don't see how that happened.

So, we're asking that you maintain these as public. And that's basically it. Any questions or anything?

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** We're not allowed to really do that right now.

**MR. PFEIFER:** Okay.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** But what I what I can say is that the City Manager has been in contact with you guys and he's addressing it the best he can. He's working on it. So, you'll have to stay in contact with our City Manager at this point.

**MR. PFEIFER:** Okay. We will. We'll follow up.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Okay.

**MR. PFEIFER:** Everybody know where the City View Farms are? Oh, you got the map.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** That's on the map.

**MR. PFEIFER:** Okay. All right.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Yeah. Thank you very much.

**MR. PFEIFER:** Well, that's it.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Just sign your name and address and phone number on the form.

**COUNCILMEMBER STIENS:** Thank you.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Is there anyone else from signed up for this?

**MR. DUFFY:** No, Mayor. That's all we had pre-register.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Okay. Is there anyone that would like to speak for Business from the Floor? Seeing none, we're going to move on.

## **E. MAYOR'S ITEMS**

### **1. National Preparedness Month Proclamation**

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** The next item on the agenda is Mayor's Items. I have three proclamations tonight. Item Number 1, yeah. Item Number 1 is National Preparedness Month Proclamation. Communications Director Doug Donahue will read the three proclamations while I present them. I'd like to invite Chief Matt Epperson up to the front. Is he here? Yeah.

**MR. DONAHOO:** Whereas, FEMA's Ready Campaign highlights the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies, and

Whereas, preparedness starts at home, meaning that people, families, and groups can take simple steps now that can safeguard their lives and property, and

Whereas, key actions include knowing your risks, making an emergency plan, building a supply kit, and engaging with your community, and

Whereas, these efforts strengthen resilience, reduce risks, and contribute to a safer Shawnee.

Now, therefore, Mickey Sandifer, Mayor of Shawnee, Kansas, does hereby proclaim September 2025 as National Preparedness Month in the City of Shawnee and encourages everyone to strengthen our collective readiness.

(Applause)

## **2. National Co-Responder and Crisis Responder Week Proclamation**

**MR. DONAHOO:** Now, Mayor Sandifer would like to invite Shawnee Police Captain Steve Walsh; Haley Carrillo, evening co-responder; Christina Kohn, evening co-responder; Jessa Molina, co-responder intern; and Jen Melby, co-responder team leader for the City of Shawnee to join him at the dais for the Co-Responder and Crisis Responder Week Proclamation.

Whereas, the City of Shawnee recognizes the growing need for mental health and substance use services in our community, and

Whereas, co-responders provide immediate help during a mental health crisis by connecting people to the right care, and

Whereas the City of Shawnee partners with the Johnson County Mental Health Center to help people and families when they need it most, and

Whereas, these programs reduce repeat 911 calls, prevent hospital visits, and strengthen the overall safety and well-being of Shawnee.

Now therefore, Mayor Mickey Sandifer, Mayor of Shawnee, Kansas, does hereby proclaim September 14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, as Co-Responder and Crisis Responder Week in the City of Shawnee, and it encourages residents to thank the dedicated professionals who serve our community with compassion and care.

(Applause)

## **3. National Recovery Month Proclamation**

**MR. DONAHOO:** Finally, Mayor Sandifer would like to welcome Brendan Jackson, Kerrie Winkler, and Kendra VanFossen from Mirror, Inc. to the dais for the National Recovery Month Proclamation.

Whereas, every September, communities recognize National Recovery Month to increase awareness of mental health and substance use recovery, and

Whereas, recovery goes beyond treatment alone. It is about restoring health, finding stable housing, and building supportive communities, and

Whereas, when we reduce the stigma, share resources, and share stories of hope, we can help our neighbors and families heal, and

Whereas, treatment and support services are making a difference every day by helping people rebuild their lives.

Now, therefore, Mickey Sandifer, Mayor of Shawnee, Kansas, does hereby proclaim September 2025 as National Recovery Month in the City of Shawnee and encourages all residents to recognize the courage of those in recovery and to support the providers who serve them.

(Applause)

## **F. STAFF ITEMS**

### **1. Consider an Ordinance approving the adoption of the 2025 41<sup>st</sup> Edition of Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities (UPOC).**

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** The next item on the agenda are staff items. Item Number 1 is to consider an ordinance approving the adoption of the 2025 41<sup>st</sup> Edition of the Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities (UPOC). Paul.

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Handling this item tonight will be Leena Bellmann, the senior prosecutor for the City of Shawnee.

**MS. BELLMANN:** Good evening. Good evening. I am back, as I do annually, with the 41<sup>st</sup> edition of the UPOC. This year has been fairly minor as far as amendments. The only amendment that has been brought forward has been to subsection (d)(7) of trespassing on a critical infrastructure facility. Currently, the definition of telecommunications is listed on the slide. The amendment that is proposed for the 41<sup>st</sup> edition is to change that definition to the following, essentially expanding it. There are a number of other critical infrastructure facilities defined in that law that do not change. The only change will be to subsection (d)(7), expanding that definition. Everything else will remain the same. And that is all the amendments for the UPOC at this time.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Thank you. Anybody have any questions? Tony.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Thank you, Mayor. Lydia, this -- Lea?

**MS. BELLMANN:** Leena.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Leena. Sorry about that. I knew I heard it wrong. Thank you for the update. I knew it was a short list on the amendments. I just want to confirm that, I believe it was 2023, and then we repeated in 2024 a home rule change. But I was wondering. It wasn't in the staff report that I could see as a change. So, I'm assuming it's there. But you know what happens when you assume. So, I thought I'd

just ask the question to make sure that what this Governing Body had proposed in the previous two years still remains.

**MS. BELLMANN:** That's correct. There are a number of items that are omitted because we have opted out of them and those will remain in effect for this year.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Thank you for that update. Appreciate it.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Any other questions? Anyone sign up for this? Anyone in the audience that would like to speak on this? Hearing none, I'll accept a motion. Tony?

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Move to approve.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Jeanie.

**COUNCILMEMBER MURPHY:** [Inaudible; talking off mic]

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** I've got a motion and a second on this item. All those in favor say aye.

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Aye.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Opposed, nay. Motion passes.

**Motion 2:** **Tony Gillette - Ward 1/Jeanie Murphy - Ward 2:** Approve an Ordinance for the adoption of the Shawnee Municipal Code 2025, 41st edition of the Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities and opt out of certain provisions. **The motion carried 6-0-0.**

**2. Consider bids and award the contract to Conrad Fire for the replacement Fire Department Apparatus with corresponding equipment.**

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Item Number 2 is to consider bids and award the contract with Conrad Fire and replace -- and replacement Fire Department apparatus with corresponding equipment. Paul.

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Fire Chief Rick Potter will handle this item this evening.

**FIRE CHIEF POTTER:** Thank you, Mr. Mayor and members of Council. Tonight, before you we're looking for approval to purchase a engine to replace Engine 71. Engine 71 has a scheduled replacement date of 2028-2029. And with the long lead times that are required, that's why we're coming before you tonight.

I want to give a little bit of background of what we did differently on this one though. So, we began this year with going through a true RFP process. So, with the assistance of Sean Rocco and his staff, and I would like to take the opportunity especially to thank Kimberlee Hughes for her help in running and coordinating that along with the committee at the Fire Department. Went through, received 10 submissions from four different companies to go through and trying to find. So, part of the RFP process, we



were asking them to give us a price for a stock, a semi-custom, and a custom, looking at time frames and prices. So, after that deliberation, Conrad was awarded the contract. Then we went to work with them on specifically which one of those three.

So, the decision that was before you was to go with a semi-custom. So, the time frame on that is 32 months, where a fully custom, which is what we have traditionally purchased in the past, we're being quoted at 49½ -- 48-49½ months to almost 52 months. So, still over four years to get if we go custom as we did in the past.

We did not choose the stock option. Two primary things with that. There were quite a few, but the two primary were the height of the hose bed. We have concern with injuries to firefighters and their shoulders due to the heights of reaching and then compartment orientation on that as well. If that would have been something that we could have worked with, the timeframe would have been around 14 months instead of 32 months. So, that is my report for that.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Any questions? Tony.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Thanks, Mayor. Hey, Chief Potter, I always appreciate you keeping us on the cutting edge of our safety apparatuses in the City. I don't have any reason to doubt why we brought this one forward given the longer and continuing longer lead times that we're seeing. Of course, my only question that I really have is this apparatus is due to sunset, you said in '28-'29. And what's -- is that -- was that within parameters of a traditional replacement for our, you know, an apparatus of this type? Is it unusual that we have to do it every nine years? Or what's the average length? The staff report doesn't go into that, so.

**FIRE CHIEF POTTER:** So, our policy with that so that we don't get into a lot of lengthy repairs and stuff, we're going once every 10 years on our replacement. So, with this being a 2019, 2029 would be the time frame for that. We're getting close to 2026. Three years puts us at that '29 mark.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Okay. That's what I was wondering, because obviously, with the 9- or 10-year, you're looking at an average cost of a year of about \$120,000 per year to just purchase that apparatus. So, I was just wondering if this was below the average time length or not just given wear and tear on equipment or if it was within the standard time frame.

**FIRE CHIEF POTTER:** Part of that goes back to maintenance, how well -- wear and tear and life. This one is going to Engine 71, which is our busiest station as well. So, looking at trying to do that, maintain. So, these do not roll out of the fleet at that time frame. So, they move from frontline to reserve.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** And then you didn't put in your, or it's in the report, but you didn't state it here publicly. By taking this action, we will also save around \$130,000 on the purchase price by potentially paying and buying early; is that correct?

**FIRE CHIEF POTTER:** Correct. So, we leave that decision up to Sean and his staff. But kind of the recommendation, we presented two options. One, pay when we receive or one, pay now. The pay now option saves us over 100,000. Yeah, that number you quoted sounds pretty correct.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Okay.

**FIRE CHIEF POTTER:** So that would be -- so, gets us under a million dollars. Excited to be under a million dollars. I can't believe that that is the case. But bringing that, and the early prepayment does get us below \$1,000,000 for the engine, and then the 150,000 for loose equipment on it.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Very good. I understand. Thanks, Chief. Appreciate it.

**FIRE CHIEF POTTER:** You're welcome.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Anyone else? Anyone sign up for this? Anyone in the audience that would like to speak on this issue? Hearing none, I'll accept a motion. Kurt.

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** Yes. Move to approve.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Sierra.

**COUNCILMEMBER WHITTED:** Second.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** I have a motion and a second on this item. All those in favor say aye.

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Aye.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Opposed, nay. Motion passes.

**Motion 3:** **Kurt Knappen - Ward 3/Sierra Whitted - Ward 1:** Approve the contract with Conrad Fire for a fire pumper and corresponding equipment in a not to exceed amount of \$1,140,656.84 and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract as approved by the City Attorney. **The motion carried 6-0-0.**

3. **Consider approving an Ordinance authorizing the Issuance of Federally Taxable Private Activity Revenue Bonds (IRBs) (HLP Building III Project) in the principal amount not to exceed \$60,400,000.**

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Item Number 3 is to consider approving an ordinance authorizing the issuance of a Federally Taxable Private Activity Revenue Bond, (IRBs) (HLP Building III Project) in the principal amount not to exceed \$60,400,000. Paul.

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I'll handle this item. And then we do have a representative from the company here tonight. So, IRBs come before the Governing Body regularly in different forms. They come as resolutions of intent to issue. They come as assignments when we change who holds the revenue bonds. We do those pretty frequently. And then they also come as extensions. Sometimes projects don't happen on the timeframe that we would like, and we need to extend those.

Both of these tonight are the best of those actions. And that is because the project has happened. And so, the first one is Heartland Logistics Building III Project. So, now I'd like to invite Mike Bell, the Senior Vice President of Commercial Development from Hunt Midwest to talk about this project a little bit.

**MR. BELL:** Thank you. Pleasure to be here tonight. We are excited because this is the second building that we have done at Heartland Logistics Park in the past three years. And it's the second publicly traded company that we have brought to Shawnee. So, great location. LKQ is taking 530,000 square feet of the 854,000 square foot building. So, we still have about 323,000 square feet that is speculative and available to lease. So, taking kind of advantage of twofold. One, it was a build-to-suit for LKQ. They were expanding and modernizing their facilities. So, we relocated them from Kansas City, Kansas to this facility. And what's unique is that both SMP and LKQ, their executive managers live in Shawnee. So, they wanted a closer facility for them, but also the ability to keep their workforce. So, very good story there.

In June, we had the pleasure of the ribbon cutting of SMP. They took HLP II, which was 575,000 square feet. And the neat thing about SMP, another publicly traded company, they actually -- Shawnee, Kansas and this building made their public earnings report back in July of 2023. Because this facility for SMP is one of their most critical, and similar to LKQ, they chose this location because they can reach 200 million of their customers from right here in Shawnee. So, very exciting and honored to be here tonight to get the bonds approved for this facility and happy to answer any questions.

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** And just as a reminder, there is no -- there are no City funds being expended here. No City obligation on any of the debt or the bonds. This is simply a mechanism, and the City is at no risk on this.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Any questions? Anyone sign up for this? Anyone in the audience that would like to speak on this? Hearing none, I'll accept a motion. Jeanie.

**COUNCILMEMBER MURPHY:** Move to approve.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Sierra.

**COUNCILMEMBER WHITTED:** Second.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** I have a motion and a second on this item. All those in favor say aye.

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Aye.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Opposed, nay. Motion passes.

**MR. BELL:** Thank you.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Thank you, Mike.

**Motion 4:** Jeanie Murphy - Ward 2/Sierra Whitted - Ward 1: Approve an Ordinance authorizing the Issuance of Federally Taxable Private Activity Revenue Bonds (IRB's) (HLP Building III Project) in the

principal amount not to exceed \$60,400,000. **The motion carried 6-0-0.**

4. **Consider approving an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of Federally Taxable Private Activity Revenue Bonds (IRBs) (OV Shawnee, LLC Project) in the principal amount not to exceed \$6,500,000.**

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Item Number 4 is to consider approving an ordinance authorizing the issuance of a Federally Taxable Private Activity Revenue Bonds, IRBs, for OV Shawnee, LLC Project in the principal amount not to exceed 6,500,000. Paul.

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Again, this is a project that is coming up out of the ground. It's a difficult corner, much smaller than the previous project, but still an important project given some of the challenges that we had with that site. So, this project is ready to go. We're ready to issue the federally taxable revenue bonds. We do have a representative from the company on virtually if you have any questions. But again, this is that storage facility there at 65<sup>th</sup> and Mauer. Same issue with no liability toward the City or no City funds required for this project.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Anybody have any questions? Anyone sign up for this? Anyone in the audience that would like to speak on this? Hearing none, I'll accept a motion. Angela.

**COUNCILMEMBER STIENS:** Move to approve.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Laurel.

**COUNCILMEMBER BURCHFIELD:** Second.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** I have a motion and a second on this item. All those in favor say aye.

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Aye.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Opposed, nay. Motion passes.

**Motion 5:** **Angela Stiens - Ward 3/Laurel Burchfield - Ward 4:** Approve an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of Federally Taxable Private Activity Revenue Bonds (IRB's) (OV Shawnee, LLC Project) in the principal amount not to exceed \$6,500,000. **The motion carried 6-0-0.**

## **G. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

1. **Ratify the semi-monthly claims for September 8, 2025, in the amount of \$2,685,655.95.**

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** The next item on the agenda are Miscellaneous Items. Item Number 1 is to ratify the semi-monthly claims for September 8th, 2025, in the amount of \$2,685,655.95. Paul. Or no. I don't need Paul on that one. Do I have a motion?

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** So moved.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Kurt.

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** Move to approve.

**COUNCILMEMBER STIENS:** Second.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** I have a motion and a second on this item. All those in favor say aye.

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Aye.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Opposed, nay. Motion passes.

**Motion 6:** **Kurt Knappen - Ward 3/Angela Stiens - Ward 3:** Ratify the semi-monthly claims for September 8, 2025, in the amount of \$2,685,655.95. **The motion carried 6-0-0.**

## **2. Miscellaneous Council Items**

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Next item, Item Number 2, is Miscellaneous Council Items. Paul, do you have anything?

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** No. I'll just make a quick comment on an item that was on the agenda tonight. Chief Potter didn't fully get into the work that he and his team and the Finance team did. We are constantly trying to find ways to do things more efficiently and within budget. And going out to bid was a little bit of a culture change on the equipment. And I'd like to thank the Fire Department for embracing that. Not only did we get it in a quicker time frame, but with just a few modifications that we wouldn't have on a typical truck we did save the taxpayers some funding on that without compromising safety or equipment for our firefighters. So, we're always looking for ways to do that. And I'd like to thank Chief Potter for his leadership and guidance on that and the Finance team for that. So, we'll continue to look for those ways that don't compromise our ability to respond, but that also look at the finances involved in delivering our services. So, just a quick comment.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** All right. Anyone on the Council have anything they'd like to discuss? Angela.

**COUNCILMEMBER STIENS:** I just had a couple of things. I, first of all, I wanted to give a shout out to Mark Linn, one of the firefighters, a fire captain and paramedic that retired. And I learned from Chief Potter, because I ran into him, that they drive them home on the last day on their last shift, and I thought that was really cool. And I just wanted to say thank you to all of our first responders, our police officers, our firefighters, everyone that puts their life on the line every day. We see a lot in the news lately, with unfortunately here in our area too police officers and sheriffs that have been killed in the

line of duty. And I just want to thank you guys every day for what you do. It's a lot. And you probably don't always get the appreciation that you deserve. And I know that your families probably worry about you as well but just want to let you know how much we do appreciate everything that you do every day for our communities and our cities and just thank you.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Anyone else?

## **H. ADJOURNMENT**

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** I'll accept a motion to adjourn. Kurt.

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** Move to adjourn.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Laurel.

**COUNCILMEMBER BURCHFIELD:** Second.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** I have a motion and a second to adjourn. All those in favor say aye.

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Aye.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Opposed, nay. We are adjourned.

**Motion 7: Kurt Knappen - Ward 3/Laurel Burchfield - Ward 4: Adjourn.**  
**The motion carried 6-0-0.**

(Shawnee City Council Adjourned at 6:27 p.m.)

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the foregoing is a transcript to the best of my ability from the electronic sound recording of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter.

/das September 16, 2025

Deborah A. Sweeney, Recording Secretary

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Stephanie Zaldivar, City Clerk