

REGULAR SESSION

The Governing Body met in Regular Session in the City Council Chambers. Mayor Cody Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following presents: Councilmembers Rickee Maddox, Alan Moeder, Cory Urban, Kevyn Soupiset, Jolene Biggs, Davis Jimenez, Gary Parr and Tina Mingenback. Also in attendance were City Administrator Logan Burns, City Attorney Allen Glendenning, and City Clerk/Finance Director Shawna Schafer.

OPENING: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on April 7, 2025.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 4-21-25:** Covering 2025 bills to date in the amount of \$622,891.94.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 4-18-25:** Covering payroll ending April 12, 2025, in the amount of \$542,637.73.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt made the following appointments:
 - Airport Advisory Board:***
 - Reappoint Steve Dyer
 - Reappoint Jim Hayes
 - Humane Society Board:***
 - Reappoint Jean Clair
 - Reappoint Cathy VonFeldt
 - Housing Authority Board:***
 - Appoint Alma Lares
- e) **Street Closure:** Close Main Street from 24th Street to 12th Street for the Big Bend Bash parade June 7, 2025 from 10am to 11:30am.
- f) **Street Closure:** Close Lakin Avenue from Main Street to Williams Street for the Car Show June 7, 2025 from 7am to 9pm.
- g) **Cereal Malt Beverage (CMB) License:** Julia Marin has applied for a 1-day Cereal Malt Beverage License for the Beer Garden for Cinco De Mayo on May 3, 2025 in Jack Kilby Square from 10:00am to 6:00pm. Application has been received along with payment and copy of the insurance. Attached is a map of where the beer garden will be located, along with rules that will be in place.
- h) **Agenda:** Mayor Schmidt amended the agenda to remove the abatements.

Mr. Urban made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended. Ms. Mingenback seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.

B. OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

C. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were no visitors or announcements

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Councilmember Reports:** Mr. Parr mentioned that he has been questioned by business owners about the Façade grant and wondered why we are not participating? Mr. Moeder said that the citizens pay county taxes as well and that's double dipping. Also, has anyone been denied? Mr. Urban also noted that when they came to us our budget was already set. If they would like the city to participate, they need to approach us now as we start working on the 2026 budget.

2. **Administrators Update:** Police Chief Steve Haulmark introduced new officer Levi Martin and Public Works Director Jason Cauley announced the Utilities Supervisor Darren Doonan was awarded as Water Operator of the year from Kansas Municipal Utilities.

3. **Veterinary Services Contract 2025-2028:** Zoo Director Ashley Burdick reported that Dr. Corbett has been one of the zoo veterinarians for several decades and has a specialized skill set for the exotic animals we house. Animal Medical Center is purchasing Dr. Malone's clinic and will be keeping Dr. Corbett as the zoo veterinarian with the addition of Dr. Ty Brunswig. Dr. Corbett and zoo staff have an extremely close working relationship, and she has a thorough knowledge of our individual animals and their needs. Dr. Brunswig has assisted with procedures at the zoo and we feel comfortable with this working relationship. This is a highly specialized service, and though other veterinarians could likely handle the work, the relationships and trust with staff and animals cannot be easily replaced, nor the wealth of knowledge obtained over the years. Mr. Soupiset made a motion to approve the 3-year contract for vet services with Nels N Lindberg DVM LLC DBA Animal Medical Center. Ms. Biggs seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor. Mayor Schmidt awarded Dr. Malone with a plaque as a thank you for his years of service to the City.

4. **CVB/Economic Development Report:** CVB Director Amanda Gaddis and Economic Development Inc. President Sara Arnberger presented information on Big Bend Bash.

5. **Cinco De Mayo Ordinance:** City Attorney Allen Glendenning reported that the Cinco De Mayo group has requested to have a beer garden in Jack Kilby Square on May 3, 2025 from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM for their annual party. The proposed ordinance would allow alcoholic liquor and cereal malt beverages to be sold and consumed on the premises provided that any and all permits and licenses required by state law and the Great Bend code have been obtained and the sale and consumption is in compliance with all terms and conditions contained in those permits and all applicable laws. Ms. Maddox made a motion to adopt Ordinance 4455. Mr. Moeder seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.

6. **Extension Premise for Dry Lake Brewery:** City Attorney Allen Glendenning reported that Dry Lake Brewing is requesting a temporary premises extension on May 3rd for their anniversary party. The area involved is the same as several others that have been granted in the past – the alley and part of the parking lot behind Dry Lake Brewing – as shown on the diagram. Mr. Urban made a motion to adopt Ordinance 4456. Ms. Biggs seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.

8. **TruNarc Analyzer:** Police Chief Steve Haulmark reported that the police department is seeking authorization to purchase a TruNarc Analyzer from Thermo Fisher Scientific for \$38,495.22 for analyzing narcotics with money from the opioid settlement funds. Mr. Moeder made a motion to approve the purchase of TruNarc Analyzer from Thermo Fisher Scientific for \$38,495.22. Ms. Maddox seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.

9. **Electrical Work at the Wastewater Treatment Facility:** Public Works Director Jason Cauley reported that in the process of installing the new pump for the lower headworks the electrical was found to be in a degraded condition that needed work. The work was completed for the pump, but we need to move the electrical out of the harsh environment. The current environment has hydrogen sulfide and recurring bird issues. We have purchased a shipping container with the intent of the electrical being run down to it providing a secure and sealed room to preserve the longevity of the equipment. In addition, this will clean up the electrical with there being wiring that goes nowhere and unneeded redundancies. This price includes a mini split for environment control. We attempted to get 3 bids with only 1 contractor returning a bid which was from Hammeke Electric for \$49,262.00. Funding will be from 2023 year-end transfers. Ms. Biggs made a motion to approve the bid from Hammeke Electric for electric work at the wastewater treatment facility for \$49,262.00. Ms. Maddox seconded the motion and passed with all voting in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Mingenback made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Mr. Soupiset and passed with all voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:57p.m.