

The City of Andover, Kansas City Council Minutes

**Andover City Hall
1609 East Central Avenue
September 9, 2025 at 7:00 PM**

Present

Governing Body

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

Absent - None

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

City Administrator, Jennifer McCausland
Assistant City Administrator, Jolene Graham
Fire Chief, Chad Russell
Police Chief, Buck Buchanan
Finance Director, Matt Koehn
Director of Community Development, Les Mangus
Director of Public Works and Utilities, Rick Lanzrath
Public Information Officer, Megan Schapaugh
Parks and Recreation Manager, Daniel Schapaugh
Interim Planning and Zoning Administrator, Julie Boyd
City Clerk, Dana Engstrom

3. Invocation

Ben Griffis, Hope Community Church led the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The Mayor invited all present to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Public Forum

Mayor Price opened the public forum. Speakers:

1. Myrna Rogers, resident at 711 E Cloud Ave, spoke about the benefits the Senior Center brings to the seniors in the community.
2. George Theoharis, resident at 519 Woodstone Place, expressed a need for an AED defibrillator at the Senior Center.

Mayor Price then closed the public forum.

6. Acceptance of Agenda

Council President Henry moved, seconded by Council Member Hamilton to accept the agenda as presented.

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

7. Presentations

7.1 Andover Senior Center Presentation

Senior Center Director Margit Gibbons presented the Andover Senior Center's recent activities and funding. The Senior Center received \$5,500 from the City of Andover through the Grant of Public Funds in March 2025. Mrs. Gibbons addressed Council President Henry and Mayor Price's questions.

Council Member Wemmer thanked Margit for her presentation and the valuable information she provided.

Council Member Hamilton indicated he would look into grants available for an AED defibrillator for the Senior Center.

Council Member Ocadiz expressed her gratitude, thanking Margit for all her work.

Council President Henry expressed an interest in helping the senior center more and mentioned his appreciation for the Monterey's (meals). He also suggested that the Governing Body discuss at a future workshop.

Council Member Warrington asked who owns the Senior Center building. It was confirmed that the seniors own the building and that they receive grants from the City and County to supplement their services. Mike then asked how difficult it would be for the senior center to become part of the City.

City Administrator McCausland agreed to look into the possibility of the Senior Center becoming part of the city. She encouraged a more philosophical perspective on the issue. She also noted that the Department on Aging provides \$48,000 in funding and was excited to hear that the new tier may increase funding.

8. Consent Agenda

8.1 City Council Minutes

8.2 Appropriation Ordinance B.16.2025 \$2,108,999.43

8.3 Non-Elected Personnel Changes

- Nathaniel (Nate) Cook, Salary Change, PT Firefighter, effective 8/31/25

8.4 Pump Replacement

Council President Henry moved, seconded by Council member Hamilton to approve the Consent Agenda items 8.1-8.4 as presented.

Director of Public Works and Utilities addressed Council President Henry's questions regarding the pump replacement.

YES: Berry, Hamilton, Henry, Ocadiz, Warrington, and Wemmer

NO: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED 6/0.

9. Temporary Use: Marietta Farms Pumpkin Patch 2025 (Z-TU25-0002)

- 9.1 Interim Planning and Zoning Administrator Julie Boyd presented this item and addressed Council President Henry's questions.

The applicant, Jacob Marrietta, addressed Council President Henry's questions

Council Member Hamilton expressed support for the extension of set-up time to ensure compliance.

Council Member Warrington moved, second by Council Member Hamilton to approve with conditions the Temporary Use permit for 1600 W. HWY 54, to allow for a temporary pumpkin patch and fall carnival to operate on the property from September 26th to October 31st, with setup beginning September 10th and tear down ending by November 7th.

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

10. Council Compensation

- 10.1 Council Member Ocadiz led the discussion where she provided a brief overview of the Council Workshop discussion on August 26, 2025 where there was consensus for a 25% increase phased in over the next four (4) years to minimize the impact of the budget.

Council President Henry expressed his opposition to Council Compensation regardless of attendance to meetings indicating if you don't attend a meeting, you shouldn't be paid.

Council Member Hamilton expressed a split opinion on whether Council Members should be paid if they do not attend meetings.

Council President Henry moved, second by Council Member Ocadiz to rescind the motion approved at the July 29, 2025 City Council meeting.

At the recommendation of City Administrator McCausland, the motion was rescinded by both Council President Henry and Council Member Ocadiz due to the wording of rescinding in the motion and suggested a motion to take action not to erase action.

Council Member Ocadiz moved, to change Governing Body compensation from what it is today to a 25% increase over the next four (4) years instead of the 100% increase beginning Jan 1, 2026.

City Administrator McCausland explained Cash Basis Law in the State of Kansas and how it relates to the Council Compensation phased in approach.

The motion died for a lack of a second.

11. Adopt FY 2026 Budget

- 11.1 Director of Finance Matt Koehn presented this item and addressed Council Member Berry's questions.

Council President Henry noted for the benefit of the public that this isn't the first time they're seeing the budget and a lot of work goes into preparing the budget.

Council President Henry moved, seconded by Council Member Berry to approve the 2026 Budget for the City of Andover as presented at the Budget Hearing on August 26th, 2025.

Council Member Berry expressed sincere appreciation for staff, specifically noting how Director of Finance Matt Koehn made the budget easy to understand and follow. Noting that the PowerPoint presentation, which involved a significant amount of work, was especially effective and that the citizens of the community truly appreciate the effort that goes into making the budget accessible. He personally extended their gratitude and thanked Director Koehn for his excellent work.

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

12. Lodge Change Order

12.1 Change Order Lodge Construction Project

Director of Public Works and Utilities Rick Lanzrath presented this item and addressed Council Member Berry, Council President Henry, Council Member Warrington's questions.

City Administrator Jennifer McCausland addressed Council President Henry's question regarding renaming of the Lodge.

Council President Henry moved, seconded by Council Member Berry to accept the change order reimbursing Key Construction for rental and installation of a temporary air conditioning unit and fuel cost and adding a monument sign to the project in the amount of \$65,394.70.

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

13. 2025 Standard Traffic Ordinance and 2025 Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities

13.1 2025 STO Ordinance

Chief Buck Buchanan presented this item. There were no Governing Body questions.

Council President Henry moved, seconded by Council Member Ocadiz to adopt an ordinance enacting the Standard Traffic Ordinance for Cities (52nd Edition), as published by the League of Kansas Municipalities in 2025 (the "STO"), and amending Chapter XVIII, Article 1, Section 18-101 of the Code of the City of Andover, Kansas.

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

13.2 **2025 UPOC Ordinance**

Chief Buck Buchanan presented this item. There were no Governing Body questions.

Council President Henry moved, seconded by Council Member Ocadiz to adopt an ordinance enacting the Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities (41st Edition), as published by the League of Kansas Municipalities in 2025 (the "UPOC"), and amending Chapter XIII, Article 1, Sections 13-101 of the Code of the City of Andover, Kansas.

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

14. **Member Items**

Council Member Wemmer shared his experience participating in a Reentry Simulation at Wichita State University (WSU), which he noted provided a profound sense of empathy for the challenges faced by individuals released from incarceration.

Council Member Warrington thanked City Administrator McCausland, Assistant City Administrator Graham, and Director of Community Development Mangus for their presentation on the City of Andover at a recent Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO) meeting. Additionally, he reported that KDOT Local Consult will be meeting on October 8, 2025, agenda forthcoming.

Council Member Ocadiz reminded the public of the "Fill a Cruiser" food drive event on Saturday, September 13, 2025 from 10am-2pm at the Andover Dillon's to benefit the Andover food bank. Police Chief Buck Buchanan added that donations can be dropped off at the Police Station at any time.

Council President Henry reminded residents that Greater Andover Days is coming up on September 26-28, 2025. He also welcomed the Boy Scouts that were in attendance at the meeting. Additionally, he suggested adding a Rep'd video about the upcoming KDOT Local Consult Meeting the information to the City's website.

Council Member Hamilton announced that the sold-out Red Clay Strays concert is this Thursday, September 11, 2025.

Council Member Berry thanked Boy Scouts for coming to meeting and requested a copy of the WAMPO presentation. He also expressed a desire to explore innovative ideas for the Senior Center from other cities.

Fire Chief Russell indicated that the City of Andover Fire Department would be participating in the 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb at Epic Center on Sunday, September 14, 2025.

Mayor Price also commented on the Reentry Simulation at WSU and thanked City Administrator McCausland, Assistant City Administrator Graham, and Director of Community Development Mangus for their presentation on the City of Andover at a recent WAMPO meeting indicated that they did a tremendous job.

Director of Community Development Mangus reported that the opening of Founders Parkway was delayed due to recent heavy rains.

15. Adjourn

Council President Henry moved, seconded by Council Member Ocadiz to adjourn the September 9, 2025 City Council Meeting at 8:28pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted by

Dana Engstrom
City Clerk

Approved this 30th day of September, 2025 by the City Council, City of Andover, Kansas.