

**CITY OF SHAWNEE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
July 28, 2025  
6:00 P.M.**

**Governing Body Present:**

Mickey Sandifer - Mayor  
Sierra Whitted - Ward 1  
Tony Gillette- Ward 1  
Jeanie Murphy - Ward 2  
Dr. Mike Kemmling - Ward 2  
Kurt Knappen - Ward 3  
Angela Stiens - Ward 3  
Jacklynn Walters- Ward 4  
Laurel Burchfield - Ward 4

**Governing Body Absent:****Staff Present:**

Paul Kramer - City Manager  
Colin Duffy - Deputy City Manager  
Lauren Grashoff - Assistant City Manager  
Katie Devlin - Assistant City Attorney  
Stephanie Zaldivar - City Clerk  
Doug Donahoo - Communications Director  
Mike Inich - I.T. Director  
Kellie Heckerson - Admin. Coordinator CMO  
Sam Larson - Police Chief  
Jason Brunner - Police Major  
Rick Potter - Fire Chief  
Sean Rocco - Finance Director  
Kevin Manning - Public Works Director  
Geoffry Brown - Budget & Purch. Specialist  
Tonya Lecuru - Parks & Recreation Director  
Doug Allmon - Community Development  
Director  
Kelly Grisnik - Human Resources Director

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

**A. ROLL CALL**

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Good evening and welcome to the July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meeting of the Shawnee City Council. I'm Mayor Mickey Sandifer, and I'll be chairing this meeting. I'll 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.

**COUNCILMEMBER KEMMLING:** Present.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Councilmember Knappen.

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** Present.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Councilmember Stiens.

**COUNCILMEMBER STIENS:** Present.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Councilmember Walters.

**COUNCILMEMBER WALTERS:** Present.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** And Councilmember Burchfield.

**COUNCILMEMBER BURCHFIELD:** Present.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Thank you.

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

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Now, please join me for the Pledge of Allegiance followed by 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's 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.

After you are finished speaking, please sign the form on the podium to ensure we have an accurate record of your name and address. Additionally, any comments can be submitted to the entire Governing Body via email at:

[GoverningBody@cityofshawnee.org](mailto:GoverningBody@cityofshawnee.org).

## **C. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve minutes from the City Council meeting of July 14, 2025.
2. Approve minutes from the Council Committee meeting of July 14, 2025.
3. Review minutes from the Planning Commission meeting of June 16, 2025.
4. Consider the purchase of Secure and Redundant Digital Storage Replacement for Police Forensic Computer Lab.

5. Consider a contract with KC Fusion Soccer Club for the use of soccer fields at City parks.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Next on the agenda is the Consent Agenda. Would anyone on the Council like to remove an item, any items from the Consent Agenda? Hearing none, I'll accept a motion. Kurt.

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** Move to approve.

**COUNCILMEMBER STIENS:** Second.

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

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Aye.

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

**Motion 1:** Kurt Knappen - Ward 3/Angela Stiens - Ward 3: Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried 8-0-0.

#### D. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

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

**MR. DUFFY:** No, Mayor. We didn't have anyone pre-register.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Okay. Is there anyone in the audience that would like to speak tonight? Okay. We'll move on.

#### E. MAYOR'S ITEMS

##### 1. Farmers Market Week Proclamation

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** The next item on the agenda is Mayor's Items. Item Number 1 is the Farmers Market Week Proclamation. Communications Director Doug Donahoo will read the proclamation while I present it. I'd like to invite our Parks and Rec Director Tonya Lecuru and some of the local vendors up to the front with me.

**MR. DONAHOO:** Whereas, farmers markets create opportunities for local vendors to showcase their products, build relationships, and grow their businesses; and

Whereas, the City of Shawnee proudly hosts a farmers market every Saturday and the Moonlight Market every third Thursday night from May through October; and

Whereas, these events offer inclusive spaces for residents and visitors to gather, shop, and celebrate Shawnee's unique spirit; and

Whereas, farmers markets create a civic pride by connecting people to makers, growers, and creators.

Now, therefore, Mickey Sandifer, Mayor of Shawnee, Kansas, does hereby proclaim August 3<sup>rd</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, as Farmers Market Week, and encourages all residents to recognize the important role these markets play in strengthening our community.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Thank you, guys, for helping with our community and helping with the farmers market and volunteering for Parks and Rec. It was almost 30 years ago is when I started volunteering for Parks and Rec and look what happened. Thank you, guys.

(Applause)

## F. APPOINTMENTS

### 1. Consider Appointments to Johnson County Department of Corrections Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board, and Community Corrections Advisory Board.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** The next item is Appointments. Item Number 1 is to consider appointments to the Johnson County Department of Corrections Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board and Community Corrections Advisory Board. Paul.

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** Deputy City Manager Colin Duffy will handle this item.

**MR. DUFFY:** Mayor and Council, this item before you is to consider two appointments to the Johnson County Department of Corrections advisory boards. For the Johnson County Advisory Board, Deputy Chief Ben Mendoza has been serving in this capacity with his term expiring this year. He's nominated Capt. Matt Seichepine to fill his board with a new term effective date of July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2028. And then for the Community Corrections Advisory Board, Karla DeLoach has been serving in this position since 2021, then this year as Vice Chair. Her new term will be effective until July 2<sup>nd</sup>, also of 2028.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Thank you. Are there any questions for staff? Did anyone sign up to make any comments? Anyone in the audience that would like to speak on this? Hearing none, I'll accept a motion. Kurt.

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** Move to approve.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Angela.

**COUNCILMEMBER STIENS:** Second.

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

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Aye.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Opposed, nay. Are there any of these individuals in the audience tonight? No. Well, thank you for your service if you're listening. Okay.

**Motion 2:** Kurt Knappen - Ward 3/Angela Stiens - Ward 3: Approve the appointment to the Johnson County Department of Corrections Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board, and reappointment to the Community Corrections Advisory Board. **The motion carried 8-0-0.**

## G. STAFF ITEMS

1. **Consider Amending Resolution No. 2048 Declaring the Intent to Issue Federally Taxable Private Activity Revenue Bonds (IRBs) (Sunrise Capital Group Project) in the Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$12,300,000.**

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** The next items on the agenda are Staff Items. Item Number 1 is to consider adopting a resolution amending Resolution No. 2048, declaring the intent to issue federally taxable private activity revenue bonds (IRBs) for the Sunrise Capital Group project in the principal amount not to exceed \$12,300,000. Paul.

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** Thank you, Mr. Mayor. This is a simple extension of IRBs for the project that we referred to as the Insco project. It's actually moving quite well right now. We had some initial changes in the stormwater configuration. We're not changing the amount. We're not changing the project. We're simply extending, asking the Governing Body to extend the IRBs to September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026. And we do have a representative, I believe, of Insco here. It doesn't look like he made it. But we do have Doug Allmon from the City here of you have any questions about progress. If you drive out there, you'll see that the project is moving along well. So, we're just asking for a one-year extension on these IRBs. No changes to the terms of the agreement.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Thank you. Are there any questions for staff? Anyone in the audience sign up for this? Anyone like to speak on this? Hearing none, I'll accept the motion. Jeanie.

**COUNCILMEMBER MURPHY:** Move to approve.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Tony.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** 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:** Jeanie Murphy - Ward 2/Tony Gillette - Ward 1: Adopt a Resolution Amending Resolution No. 2048, declaring the intent to issue Federally Taxable Private Activity Revenue Bonds (IRBs)

(Sunrise Capital Group Project) in the principal amount not to exceed \$12,300,000. The motion carried 8-0-0.

**2. Consider bids and award the contract to Superior Bowen Asphalt Company, LLC for the Shawnee Mission Parkway Improvement Project from I-435 to K-7, P.N. 3610.**

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Item Number 2 is to consider bids and award the contract to Superior Bowen Asphalt Company, LLC, for the Shawnee Mission Parkway Improvement Project, from I-435 to K-7, P.N. 3610. Paul.

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Public Works Director Kevin Manning will handle this item.

**MR. MANNING:** Good evening. So, I think you're all familiar with this project. It's going to be a large one for the city. We're basically going to be replacing some stormwater pipes under Shawnee Mission Parkway and then basically resurfacing the entire roadway and shoulders basically from K-7 all the way to Lackman Road.

So, the total construction budget that we had for this project including inspection was \$9.5 million. And the low bid that came in from Superior Bowen was at \$7.727 million, so quite a bit lower. We're still having some discussions internally on what we want to do with inspection. But the bottom line is these were great bids that came in well under our estimates, so we're very pleased to see that.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Thank you. Any questions? Go ahead.

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** Yeah. Kevin, could you just speak, that's a big project obviously. Could you speak to anything in the contract that ensures that they're going to be done on time and any clawbacks that might be if we have issues along the way?

**MR. MANNING:** Sure. So, kind of the schedule on this project, we're looking at getting started in August. There's a lot of work to be done. There are milestones in the contract that the contractor does have to meet. Basically, we want all paving work to be done by basically mid-November. Once we get past that, temperatures start dropping and our quality gets lower. So, we want to hold them to that. There may be some stormwater work or some other minor work that goes into the winter months. And then I think we've had some discussions about the signal at Shawnee Mission Parkway and Vista. Some of that could be pushed all the way to the spring depending on lead times for materials. But we do have milestones in the contract dictating when certain parts of the project do need to be done. And if those were not met, the City could pursue liquidated damages against the contractor.

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** Thank you.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Anyone else? Tony.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Yeah. Kevin, just one more further question just to piggyback on that. Is there an incentive clause for them to be done early?

**MR. MANNING:** No, there is not.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Okay. Was that ever considered?

**MR. MANNING:** Typically, that's not in our approach on contracts. I mean that's something that we could always look at for, you know, something in the future. It just hasn't been our practice typically.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Yeah. So, otherwise, we do have an end date that they have to meet, so we're covered on that.

**MR. MANNING:** That's correct. We have a disincentive, not an incentive.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Incentive. Okay. Thank you.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Anyone else? Anyone sign up for this? Is there anybody 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:** Jacklynn.

**COUNCILMEMBER WALTERS:** 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 4:** **Angela Stiens - Ward 3/Jacklynn Walters - Ward 4:** Approve the contract with Superior Bowen Asphalt Company, LLC for the Shawnee Mission Parkway Improvement Project from I-435 to K-7, P.N. 3610, and authorizing the Mayor to sign a final agreement as approved by the City Attorney. **The motion carried 8-0-0.**

**3. Consider Final Change Order to Contract No. 2022-102 with Turner Construction Company, for Fire Station 71 and Fire Station 73 Facilities Upgrades Project Update.**

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Item Number 3 is to consider approving the final change orders to the Contract No. 2022-102 with Turner Construction Company for Fire Station 71 and Fire Station 73 facilities upgrade project or upgrades project update. Paul.

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** Once again, Kevin Manning on this item.

**MR. MANNING:** Happy to say that both of these projects are complete. They were really major projects for the City, and, you know, very significant improvements for the Fire Department. So, we're happy that these projects are complete.

This final change order is for a decrease in the construction contract of \$117,265.53 bringing the total construction for both 71 and 73 to \$21,977,886.47.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Okay. Any questions? Kurt.

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** I'd just like to say congratulations on doing it. I like seeing the final order coming in for less. I know few years ago we had a fire station that went significantly over. So, nice to see it's well managed. Thank you.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Tony.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Yeah. I just wanted to congratulate both staff and Chief Potter for a job well done on this project. Obviously, it was a lot of money, but it's the right direction for our city and for our future of our community and well done. And there was a lot of challenges in both stations that crept up, but they kept it under budget. So, a job well done. I just wanted to say thank you.

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

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Kurt.

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** Move to approve.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Jacklynn.

**COUNCILMEMBER WALTERS:** 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:** Kurt Knappen - Ward 3/Jacklynn Walters - Ward 4: Approve Final change order to Contract No. 2022-102 with Turner Construction Company, for Fire Station 71 and Fire Station 73 Facilities Upgrades Project, which represents a decrease of \$28,276.38 for Fire Station 71 and a decrease of \$88,989.15 for Fire Station 73, for a total decrease in the contract amount by \$117,265.53 and a final contract amount of \$21,977,886.47. The motion carried 8-0-0.

**4. Consider adopting the 2026-2035 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).**

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Item Number 4 is to consider adopting the 2026 through 2035 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Paul.

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I'll start on this one and then kick it over to Kevin Manning for a few comments. You've now seen the CIP a couple of different times, both at the budget retreat and then as we moved through our budget meetings. There have been no changes for the adoption tonight. We did have one

addition. Based on Council feedback, we did -- we have added Clare Road to the 10-year program. Right now, we do not have a funding source identified, but we do have it now in the 10-year plan, so we can start working toward that or some options for the Governing Body, whether that's some grant funding, SBG funding, a benefit district area, pavement management funding, we'll have those further discussions, but we did add that.

So, Kevin is going to go over just a couple highlights briefly and then any questions that you may have before we move for an adoption.

**MR. MANNING:** So, in 2026, we were planning on having construction of two SIP projects. We'll have McAnany Drive and 51<sup>st</sup> Street. We'll also have our Midland Road project from Shawnee Mission Parkway to 435, which will be a major project for us. And then we'll have several SMAC projects. Basically, every year, assuming we continue to get that matching funding, we'll have several SMAC projects moving forward.

In 2027, we're going to have another project on Shawnee Mission Parkway similar to the one I had discussed earlier tonight. That one will be from Quivira Road to the east City limits where we'll be replacing the stormwater pipes underneath the roadway that need to be replaced and then basically mill and overlaying the roadway. Will also be doing the Caenen SIP project in 2027. And then once again SMAC projects.

In 2028, our big project right now is currently Woodland Road. That is currently shown as the project that we're pursuing STBG funding for, as Mr. Kramer just said. We're, you know, there could be other options for that project in the future. We're going to have more discussions and bring that to the Governing Body for discussions probably later into the fall, maybe early winter, to talk about in April of 2026, what do we want to apply for for that funding? Clare Road could be a potential project for that as well. But currently we're showing Woodland Road in 2028.

In 2029, we have the Ballantine SIP project, and then we have another mill and overlay project on Shawnee Mission Parkway from Quivira Road to Pflumm.

And then 2031, I have kind of a highlight here. We've talked a lot about the K-7 and 75<sup>th</sup> Street interchange. That's something we're going to be pursuing at the next round of local consult here in the fall. And so that's currently shown in 2031, but that is highly dependent on funding from KDOT. So, those are some of the main highlights of the CIP.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Thank you.

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** Yeah. Paul, I just wanted to thank you for adding Clare. And I'm thankful to staff that they agreed that it was an important addition. I think this Council does a really good job of supporting important projects throughout the entire city, east, middle, west, and this will be a big step forward. I know it won't give us a date. It might be a few years out. But it raises the importance of it, and we start looking for funding and who knows where it will go. So, I just want to thank you for that addition. Thank you.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Anyone else? Anyone signed 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 6:** **Angela Stiens - Ward 3/Laurel Burchfield - Ward 4:** Approve the 2026-2035 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The motion carried 8-0-0.

**5. Set a Date for the 2026 Budget Public Hearing and Revenue Neutral Rate Public Hearing.**

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Item Number 5 is to set a date for the 2026 Budget Public Hearing and Revenue Neutral Rate Public Hearing for Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Paul.

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I don't really have anything to add to that. All this resolution is doing tonight is setting the public hearing for the budget and the revenue neutral rate for Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

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

**COUNCILMEMBER MURPHY:** I just had a question because I thought I actually moved to approve the date for the revenue neutral at our last meeting.

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** So, that was the resolution to exceed the revenue neutral rate. This is the revenue neutral rate hearing. Those are two different issues.

**COUNCILMEMBER MURPHY:** Okay. But we also then added one for the hearing that was not on the docket. Jenny fed me the words.

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** Okay.

**COUNCILMEMBER MURPHY:** So, we may have already approved it. But I just wanted to --

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** Yeah, it won't to --

**COUNCILMEMBER MURPHY:** Yeah.

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** -- have them both in the record. Yeah.

**COUNCILMEMBER MURPHY:** I just was not sure if this was something different.

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** I'll double check that. Thank you.

**COUNCILMEMBER MURPHY:** Thank you.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Jacklynn.

**COUNCILMEMBER WALTERS:** All right. I'm just making sure I'm reading this right because I pulled up my calendar. August 28<sup>th</sup>?

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** August 25<sup>th</sup>.

**COUNCILMEMBER WALTERS:** Thank you.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** It says 28<sup>th</sup>.

**COUNCILMEMBER WALTERS:** It says 28<sup>th</sup> on the --

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** Oh, on that?

**COUNCILMEMBER STIENS:** Yeah.

**COUNCILMEMBER WALTERS:** And the online version is what I have as well.

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** The memo should have it.

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** Good catch.

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** Okay. The 25<sup>th</sup>.

**COUNCILMEMBER STIENS:** We were both like, huh.

**COUNCILMEMBER WALTERS:** I'm like, wait a minute.

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** Yeah.

**COUNCILMEMBER WALTERS:** Thank you.

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** Sorry about that.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Okay. Anyone else?

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** I'd make a motion.

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

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** Yeah. I would move to set the 2026 budget public hearing and revenue neutral rate public hearing for Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Thank you.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Go ahead, 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 7:** Kurt Knappen - Ward 3/Sierra Whitted - Ward 1: Authorize staff to establish a Notice of Public Hearing for both the 2026 budget hearing and Revenue Neutral Rate public hearing for Monday, August 25, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The motion carried 8-0-0.

## H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. **Ratify the semi-monthly claims for July 28, 2025, in the amount of \$3,813,664.86.**

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** The next item on the agenda is Miscellaneous Items. Item Number 1 is to ratify the semi-monthly claims for July 28th, 2025, in the amount of \$3,813,664.86.

Did 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 8:** Angela Stiens - Ward 3/Laurel Burchfield - Ward 4: Ratify the semi-monthly claims for July 28, 2025, in the amount of \$3,813,664.86. The motion carried 8-0-0.

## 2. Miscellaneous Council Items

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Item Number 2 is Miscellaneous Council Items. Paul, do you have anything you'd like to discuss?

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** I do. Thank you. I think, as everybody knows, last week was a very active week for rain and stormwater issues. Just being back in town, the last

couple of days. I think every ward has reported some kind of stream erosion, sinkhole, sidewalk collapse. We do also have an update here in a second from Kevin on Monticello Road by Mill Valley High School. I think this storm accelerated a lot of our most challenging areas.

Just a couple notes. Just in the last couple of days, and I'm sure there's still more out there that we haven't got called on. The stormwater team has identified seven new sinkholes in the city. They've taken a couple days to look at those cost of repair. Some are around the \$1 million mark for those new sinkholes. We do have some sidewalks washed out. And we, again had, I think, Ward 4 residents sent in some erosion concerns today. So, we're trying to catch up from the ones that we had marked off with orange fence to see how much worse they got. Then we're trying to investigate the new ones to see are they a public safety hazard first or over a sidewalk, under a roadway, water in residences' yards, and then what is the scope of those. So, we're trying to dig into those, and so we'll provide more information as we go.

I did want to provide one specific update and asked Kevin to talk about Monticello Road by Mill Valley High School.

**MR. MANNING:** All right. Well, I know we've talked a lot about the 5900 Monticello project, so I'll just give a brief overview. Originally, we had a sinkhole form kind of on the northwest corner of one of the entrances in the Mill Valley High School on Monticello. When that occurred that was back in April or May, I believe. We went and kind of investigated all the stormwater pipes in that area, and we discovered that we had some more significant problems in the area.

So, you know, we've had several discussions on this. But so far what we've done is we've gone in and lined the pipe that runs north-south on the west side of Monticello. And we were hoping to get the -- or get a reinforced concrete box installed underneath Monticello before school started. Due to -- in my last update, I gave the Governing Body due to basically production delays on those boxes that was going to have to be delayed. And so, at that point, we were basically hoping that we were going to make it to next summer.

Unfortunately, due to these rain events, that's not going to be the case. There's already -- there's been a sinkhole basically to start forming on Monticello. And so, if you've been out in that area, I believe since last Monday, there's been several steel plates out there across the roadway. And we've been continuing to keep an eye on it and that basically, the northbound lane has continued to have issues and continues to sink a little bit. So, as of today, we've actually started shifting that northbound lane into the center lane. So, right now, we basically have head-to-head traffic. It's still open. You still have two lanes each direction. But at this point, we are not confident that we're going to be able to keep that roadway open throughout the entire school year to next summer.

So, where we're at right now is our reinforced concrete boxes are scheduled to be completed at about -- August 18<sup>th</sup>. And this has turned back into an emergency project. And so, we're anticipating utilities -- there's a few utilities and stuff to move. That should be completed by -- around September 8<sup>th</sup>. And at that point, we are going to have to close the roadway for probably three to four weeks and move forward with the project. And so, it's not going to be ideal by any means. We have already been in contact with the DeSoto School District as well, so they're familiar as to what's going on.

Our main focus at this point is making sure that we have a contractor that is basically ready to go. And then also doing our best to make sure the roadway can remain open until the work is actually started. So, that's why we've shifted traffic over. If people continue to drive on those steel plates over that void and that roadway, you know, that will -- that vibration will continue to wear down that roadway. So, we want to get traffic off of that as much as possible. And we're hoping that roadway can continue to remain open until we're ready to actually do the work. But once that work does start, school will be, you know, in session and there will be a full closure on Monticello over three to four weeks and then probably head-to-head traffic, two lanes, for a few weeks after that. So, just to give you an idea that's kind of maybe construction somewhere between September 15th to October 15<sup>th</sup>. So, that's where we're at right now.

It's definitely not the ideal situation. We were hoping to avoid this. A big part of our communication to this, to the public, will be kind laying out a little bit of the details. There will obviously be a lot of frustration if you don't know the context as to why this work wasn't done in the summer. So, we'll be communicating, you know, the fact that we've been moving as quickly as possible on this and basically didn't have the materials necessary to do the work over the summer. And you know, obviously, we were hoping to delay it, but that's not going to be the case. So, that'll be part of our communications effort as well. But I'd be happy to answer any questions at this time.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Kurt.

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** So, thank you for the update. It's almost worst case scenario. How are you going to communicate to residents? What's the plan? Because I do think the communication is really, really important. It's going to look like we dropped the ball even though we didn't.

**MR. MANNING:** Yeah. I think some of it we'll be describing a little bit, I mean, we don't want to, I guess, give too much information. We want to condense it so it's, you know, digestible. But I think it is important to talk about kind of a little bit of the history and when this was found and like the process we've gone through.

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** But how do we do that? Is it just on our website, or --

**MR. MANNING:** I mean we'll be putting posts out on social media. We can do things on our website. We will be, like I said, communicating with the school district a lot as well, and so they'll be able to feed that out through their communication channels as well. So, we'll be working, you know, quite a bit with our communications team to make sure that information gets out.

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** And then thank you. And then one other question. So, if I understand you right, the only thing that could make this absolutely worse is if it fails more and we have to close the road early.

**MR. MANNING:** That is correct.

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** And then we'd be looking at a really extended timeframe.

**MR. MANNING:** Yeah. I mean that's why our goal right now is to try to keep the roadway open and that's why we're shifting that traffic over. We want to avoid that. It is

a possibility because we have seen -- basically over the last week, we've seen that right lane drop a little bit more. It hasn't been static since the storm. So, it is moving. So, we're going to continue to keep an eye on it. But hopefully we can keep that open until we get into early September.

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** Thank you.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Angela.

**COUNCILMEMBER STIENS:** Thank you. Thank you, Kevin. So, I know we've had like an unprecedented amount of rain, you know, obviously. I don't think anyone could have predicted July would be like this. I wasn't here last Thursday, but I heard it was quite -- quite a bit of rain. And I know we had a flooded basement. So, as far as like, are we worried with, because I think we have more rain coming. I mean, I'm not the weather woman, but just from what I've seen in the forecast. Are we worried about that as well as far as, I mean, how much -- I know that's not really predictable, and maybe you can't give me an answer on that. But if we get more rain and the amounts that we've been getting are, you know, either, I guess we could go either here nor there and tit for tat. But I'm just trying to figure out, is that another reasonable risk to factor into some of this?

**MR. MANNING:** Yeah. I mean, we can't -- I can't tell you exactly what's going to happen by any means. But anytime you get a significant volume of water, you're going to have higher speeds going through channels, going through pipes, and that kind of increases that, can increase that erosion. If you've got pipes that have issues it can, you know, tear up more of that pipe. You know, you have dirt falling down in through those open voids and that can cause issues. So, anytime you have those large rainfall events, that's a possibility. Sometimes we don't have as big of an issue on some of those. This one was a bad one for us.

**COUNCILMEMBER WALTERS:** Just as a follow-up kind of to that question. I'm assuming that your department kind of does like checks on that area like on a regular basis to just monitor its status, knowing that traffic is going over it, you know, ongoing.

**MR. MANNING:** Yeah. So, we basically are on like a 10-year cycle of videoing all of our pipes. So, we basically video one tenth of our pipes across the entire city every year. So, we do review those. I think a little bit of the challenge is that you can have a pipe that, you know, doesn't necessarily look great, but looks like it's in decent condition. And then maybe, you know, So let's say in year one, it looks like, you know, maybe on a scale of 1 to 10, maybe it's a 5, it could potentially degrade quickly if you do have a few major events. And so, by the time we get back to it 10 years later, we've seen significant degradation. And so, you know, we want to be proactive as much as possible and get out and find these problems. But a lot of times we, unfortunately, we are reacting if we do see sinkholes forming.

**COUNCILMEMBER WALTERS:** Yeah. And I guess that was my question is trying to avoid that scenario if we can kind of keep tabs on, you know, this specific stretch on a more regular basis. I don't know how that's done.

**MR. MANNING:** Yeah.

**COUNCILMEMBER WALTERS:** And that's, you know, not my forte, but just wondered what the protocol is for that so that, you know, just to give reassurance to those that are going to be traveling it until it's shut down and then repaired. So, thanks.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Tony.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Yeah. Kevin, I know you're not caught flat-footed on this, and you've got stuff in progress too. So, your comments made two things go off in my head. One was the delivery of the box, which is what delayed us in the first place, and that it was beyond your control obviously. Should they fail to deliver, do we have a backup for them by any chance?

**MR. MANNING:** We've reached out to several manufacturers in the area, and this is basically the earliest we can get this. And so, I mean if it was delayed for some reason, you know, we don't have a secondary order, I guess, placed at this at this time. We're not anticipating that there would be that significant of a delay that we would need to like pursue another option. But we did pursue several options, you know, at basically the beginning stages of this, and this is basically our quickest option.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Yeah. That's my fear is that they throw you another curveball and it puts you behind the 8-ball, if you will. So, I would highly suggest that we, you know, look around a little bit while we have a bit of breathing time. You've bought yourself some time. Look for a backup just in case, you know, these guys should back out again.

**MR. MANNING:** Yeah. We can explore and see if there are other options.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** I would highly suggest that. And then secondly, just on the timing thing you said the potential full closure if things go well, the street goes well, you're going to still do a full closure probably late September, was it, for about four weeks?

**MR. MANNING:** Yeah. Mid-September to mid-October. We're looking at three to four weeks of a full closure.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Okay. Thank you. I just was wondering, make sure I heard the timing right of that.

**MR. MANNING:** Yep.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Thank you, sir.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Angela.

**COUNCILMEMBER STIENS:** Thank you, Mayor. Yeah. I just had one more quick question. We were talking about the sinkholes, obviously, in some of these areas. How do we prioritize those? Like if something is a sinkhole, like say it's down by like a sewer line, or, you know, maybe in the middle of someone's yard or down by the street, and I mean, I don't know all these, where these occur mostly. Maybe there are areas that they seem to gravitate more towards, Kevin. But how do we -- how do we do that as a city, and do we usually fix the sink holes? Is that the City's priority if it's on private

property, like if it is in someone's yard versus if it's out like maybe by the sidewalk or something like that, like where it's not necessarily their yard? Thank you.

**MR. MANNING:** Yeah. So, generally, you know, we're -- if we talk about sinkholes, we're talking about underneath the ground. There's a pipe running through there. So, generally those pipes are in like drainage easements. And so, you know, we will go in there and replace those pipes eventually. And when we do that, it's our standard practice to restore that above that. So, we do restore the ground above that sinkhole. That is like the City's responsibility, even if it's on private property because it's within a drainage easement. In terms of how we prioritize these, basically, anything underneath the roadway is a very high priority, obviously, because like we're discussing tonight with Monticello, even if it's, you know more of a residential street, we want to really avoid having to close roadways. So, any sinkhole next to a roadway is high priority. We don't want that to get worse. And then pass that anything that's basically, you know, where people may potentially walk into something, you know, if it's adjacent to a sidewalk, basically the lowest priority would be that if we had a pipe kind of running through someone's yard where it's -- it's in their backyard, really the only people exposed to it is that one property that would kind of be the lowest priority. So, those would be kind of, you know, we may put a fence around that and leave that and address, you know, pipes that are affecting roads or sidewalks first.

**COUNCILMEMBER STIENS:** Is there like a time, and I know that's hard. I don't mean to put you on the spot with that. But like, as far as, I know you said priorities, but right now with the road for instance, right? So, if we are focusing on that and maybe the sinkholes, is that like kind of pushed, like you said, depending on where it is, if it's a safety concern or something along those lines. Is there kind of, like do we just kind of say, okay, this is something we might be able to do in the next three months, six months?

**MR. MANNING:** Yeah. I mean there are, you know, we do have constraints. Like I'll use the example of if it's just in the middle of someone's yard, there are certainly situations where we'll have fencing up for potentially an extended period and put that particular pipe on like the next year's pipe replacement program. So, it's not uncommon for, you know it's not ideal, but it's not uncommon for there to be situations where you have an area that's fenced off for three or six months while we're waiting for the next year's contract to come around.

**COUNCILMEMBER STIENS:** But if there is like, say, a hole, would they fill the hole or would they be like, no, we're going to wait until we can replace this or --

**MR. MANNING:** Yeah. We don't just go in and just fill the hole back in.

**COUNCILMEMBER STIENS:** Okay.

**MR. MANNING:** We basically fence that off.

**COUNCILMEMBER STIENS:** Okay. Thank you.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Laurel.

**COUNCILMEMBER BURCHFIELD:** Thank you, Mayor. Instead of talking kind of in abstracts, can we be a little bit more specific with the other sinkholes? Paul, I believe

you said there was seven that came about from this storm. That would come to about \$1 million to repair. Are we doing those in the immediate future, and those funds, I assume are coming from our emergency fund that we pull from reserves, is that correct?

**MR. MANNING:** We're still kind of exploring our game plan and what we're going to do. I mean we've got -- I think we've got those areas like fenced off, so they're safe at this time, but we're still determining what the priority is going to be and what that funding is, where that funding is going to come from.

**COUNCILMEMBER BURCHFIELD:** So, none of those are urgent like the Monticello Road on then?

**MR. MANNING:** No.

**COUNCILMEMBER BURCHFIELD:** Thank you.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Anyone else? Anyone sign up for this? Anyone in the audience that would like to speak on this. We don't have anything else on it. I don't need to do that, do I? Okay. Next item, I'll accept a motion to adjourn. Tony.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Miscellaneous Council Items. We're still --

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Oh, I did forget.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Yeah. Just -- I just wanted to

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Anyone on the Council have any items they'd like to discuss? Tony.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Thank you. I just wanted to give a quick shout out to Betty Rae's Ice Cream opened out in western Shawnee. My wife and I went and enjoyed a wonderful scoop of ice cream last night, and it was jam packed, and we were glad to stand in the long line. It was a -- and their ice cream was great. And so, another good little local business for us to enjoy. So, highly recommend it.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Laurel. I mean, Sierra.

**COUNCILMEMBER WHITTED:** Yeah. I had the pleasure to host a town hall this weekend, and I just wanted to share some positive feedback from it. Doug Donahoo, people loved your City Council summaries, so thank you very much for doing that and for making the graphics for the town hall. A lot of positive feedback for our Public Safety in general. And I mean, Fire, Police outstanding comments. And also, there was a request to highlight the Co-Responder program. They said that we don't advertise that enough and all the good that it does. Compliments for the snow plowing in the city. And lots of comments about the parks and trail system. Ideally hopefully getting more trails that connect, but a lot of positive feedback for the city. And I just wanted to share that with everyone.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Kurt.

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** Yeah. I'll piggyback off of Tony's. I was there last night as well in the 25-minute line, and it was packed, but I didn't see you there. So, we went at different times. Anyway, I also wanted to give a shout out for, I listened to my first -- is it called the Pulse Point.

**MR. DONAHOO:** "The Shawnee Pulse."

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** "The Shawnee Pule." I'll give a shout out for that. I listened to it for the first time, and I didn't know that our Chief Larson was such a good podcaster. But it was pretty good. It was a pretty good interview that Doug had with him. So, encourage folks to use it. That's all I've got.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Anyone else? Okay. Move on.

#### I. ADJOURNMENT

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** If there's no other items, I'll accept a motion to adjourn. Jeanie.

**COUNCILMEMBER MURPHY:** Move to adjourn.

**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. We are adjourned.

**Motion 9:** Jeanie Murphy - Ward 2/Sierra Whitted - Ward 1: Adjourn. The motion carried 8-0-0.

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** And we will start the Council Committee meeting in approximately five to ten minutes.

(Shawnee City Council Adjourned at 6:36 p.m.)

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