

The City of Andover, Kansas City Council Minutes

**Andover City Hall
1609 East Central Avenue
February 25, 2025 at 7:00 PM**

Governing Body

Present

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

Absent

Council Member - Paul Wemmer

1. Call to Order

Mayor Price called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

2. Roll Call

City Administrator, Jennifer McCausland
Assistant City Administrator, Jolene Graham
City Attorney, J.T. Klaus
Police Chief, Buck Buchanan
Fire Chief, Chad Russell
Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal, Mike Roosevelt
Finance Director, Matt Kohen
Director of Community Development, Les Mangus
Public Information Officer, Megan Schapaugh
City Clerk, Dana Engstrom
Firefighter, Matt Pippin
Firefighter, Kevin Taylor
Firefighter, Jason Emley
Firefighter, John Gabriel
Police Sergeant, Robert Garland II
Police Administrative Assistant, Cydney Roark

3. Invocation

Steven Bishop from Generations Church led the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Public Forum

Mayor Price opened the public forum. Speakers: None. Mayor Price then closed the public forum.

6. Acceptance of Agenda

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

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

7. Awards

7.1 2024 Andover Fire and Rescue Annual Awards

Andover Fire-Rescue Chief Chad Russell honored Kevin Taylor on receiving the “Firefighter of the Year” award, Matt Pippin on the “Big 4” award, and Crossland Construction on receiving the “Community partner of the Year” award. Legacy Recipient, Captain Cullinane presented the Tenzinga Leadership award to Firefighter Jason Emley and Lieutenant John Gabriel. The Governing Body congratulated all of the award recipients.

7.2 Police Department Annual Awards

Police Chief Buck Buchanan honored Sergeant Robert Garland II on receiving the “Officer of the Year” Award and Cydney Roark on receiving the “Civilian of the Year award.” The Governing Body congratulated all of the award recipients.

8. Presentations

8.1 The Brant at Andover Presentation

Matt Mulligan from Conlon Construction presented an update on the senior living development at 501 E. Cloud in the Marketplace Addition. He addressed Council President Henry and Council Member Berry’s questions. Mayor Price expressed his excitement for the development and indicated he appreciated the update as he receives a lot of questions from his constituents about the property.

8.2 **Andover Senior Center Presentation**

Vice President of the Senior Center, Jim Carr reported they served 10,927 people in 2024 which is a 24% increase from 2023, and reported that 4,551 meals were delivered, which is a 24% increase from previous year. Mr. Carr addressed Council President Henry's questions.

8.3 **Hands2Serve Presentation**

Herk Russell with Hands2Serve provided an update on the services they provide noting in 2024 they completed 31 projects at the annual event. This year the event will be held on April 5th and encouraged volunteers to help. There were no Governing Body questions.

8.4 **AARTI Presentation**

Kim Austin with AARTI thanked the Governing Body for the grant funding and provided updates on bridge construction and trail development. She provided statistics which were made possible with the purchase of electronic counters on the trail. She reported that the trail reached up to 646 users in one day on the concrete and 330 in one day on the gravel. A capital campaign will take place in 2025 to help get the next four (4) miles built. She thanked City staff for all their help and addressed Council President Henry, Mayor Price's questions.

There was discussion regarding the various locations of Board meetings and information regarding participating at a clean-up/workday (2nd Saturday of the month).

City Administrator McCausland provided additional statistics provided by AARTI to address Governing Body questions.

9. **Consent Agenda**

9.1 **February 11, 2025 City Council Minutes**

9.2 **Appropriation Ordinance B.03.2025 \$1,522,311.13**

9.3 **Non-Elected Personnel Changes**

- Juan Gutierrez, New Hire, Park Maintenance I, effective 2/18/25
- Michael Sauer, New Hire, Seasonal Site Supervisor, effective 2/18/25
- Andrea Gilchrist, New Hire, Firefighter PT, effective 2/27/25

Council President Henry moved, seconded by Council Member Ocadiz to approve Consent Agenda items 9.1-9.3 as presented.

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

10. Land Bank Presentation and Discussion

- 10.1 City Attorney JT Klaus presented information regarding the creation of a land bank, as authorized by KSA 12-5901. He explained the definition of a land bank, the requirements for creation, the benefits of a land bank, detriments of a land bank, examples of land banks, and possible uses in the City of Andover. City Attorney Klaus addressed Governing Body questions, and the item was received and filed.

11. Bid Award

11.1 Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Bid Award

Director of Public Works and Utilities Rick Lanzrath presented this item. Governing Body questions were addressed by Director Lanzrath and PEC Engineer Sarah Unruh.

After considerable discussion at the bench regarding: overall price, references, contingency, and bonding limits, a motion was made by Council President Henry, seconded by Council Member Ocadiz to accept the lowest qualified bid from Walters-Morgan Construction Inc., (Manhattan, KS) in the not-to-exceed amount of \$47,440,188.00, and reject all other bids, and authorize the mayor to sign the contract for Andover Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements.

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

12. Member Items

Council Member Warrington had no items to report.

Council Member Ocadiz thanked the Streets Department for doing a fantastic job and the first responders for keeping the community safe during the winter storm.

Mayor Price had no items to report.

Council President Henry announced that the Andover Chamber Annual event will be held on Thursday, February 27th and the Police and Fire Foundation Gala will be held on Saturday, March 1st.

Council Member Hamilton gave kudos to Police Officer Garland on a job well done, he indicated he did a ride-a-long with him last year and he embodies the high standards that the city requires of officers.

Council Member Berry congratulated the Andover Central Bowling team who placed at regionals and is moving on to state. He announced that Everygy will be holding a public hearing regarding the proposed new Power Plant and encouraged public engagement if you have comments or concerns.

13. Adjourn

Council President Henry moved, seconded by Council Member Ocadiz to adjourn the City Council meeting at 9:23 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted by

Dana Engstrom
City Clerk

Approved this 11th day of March 2025 by the City Council, City of Andover, Kansas.