

February 10th 2026

Council Meeting

Mayor Randy Jones called the meeting to order

Pledge

Roll Call: TJ Duncan, Ken Collins, Allan Adleman, and Debra Rice were all present

TJ motioned to approve the bills in the amount of \$89,838.79, Debra 2nd, motion carried.

Allan motioned to approve the minutes from January's meeting, Ken 2nd, motion carried.

Randy stated that on a sad note the treasurer Brenda Howard passed away. He said it will be something to think about next meeting. He requested a moment of silence and prayer for Brenda's family.

Liz Hart gave the treasurer's report

TJ motioned to approve the report, Debra 2nd, motion carried.

Liz presented the monthly budget report. Water has about \$14,000 more than this time last year. The city received the first disbursement from the county. Randy asked why the water is showing a loss. Liz said they bought some meters, had some repairs on trucks, and the big expense was the water tower maintenance contract that is over \$5,000.

Allan asked if Liz had a chance to look into the city's CDS. She said Allan should make some time with her and they could sit down and go over them. Amy will provide the information.

Unfinished Business: Greg Baker was present at the council's request regarding his property on Clemens, where he had the old church demo's but has not hauled it away. Greg is upset and doesn't understand why it is considered dangerous. He says he is going to get it cleaned up. Randy said he is ok with him working on it and trying to get it cleaned up. Randy said the city had done some preliminary costs to haul it off and it was astronomical, because of the size. Randy asked if Greg wants to keep the land. Greg stated no not really. Randy stated that if he needs help with it maybe they can work something out. Eddie Beard asked about the fire department burning it. Randy says they can't as it is. The shingles, insulation, and other things must be removed first. It has all been knocked into a big pile. Randy asks the council to give Greg 30 more days, and see if they can come up with a plan. Randy got Greg's number and said he would go see him later.

Next in unfinished business was the transfer of city property to Level the Playing Field, and All Aboard Foundation.

The clerk presented Resolution 2026-03 to donate the lots, Allan motioned to adopt the resolution, Debra 2nd, motion carried.

Gas Discount program: Randy stated he had spoke with Ron Ragan from Utility Gas Management. The city will be able to join again. They hope to have a Resolution to the city soon. He wants everyone to keep that in mind.

Truck Ordinance: Last month a resident and his employer asked the council to consider amending the Ordinance and raise the weight limit allowed. Ken motioned to adopt Ordinance 2026-01, amending Ordinance 2019-04, Debra 2nd, TJ voted no, Ken voted yes, Allan voted no, and Debra voted yes. Randy asked for some discussion. TJ says if we change it for them who's to say in a couple months someone else wants to raise it again. The heavy trucks tear up the roads. Ken says he doesn't think it is an unreasonable request.

Randy appreciates both sides be he votes yes to amend the Ordinance and raise the weight limit, motion carried.

City Clerk Amy Tucker states that they have received a request to donate to Girard High School's after prom party, there was no motion made.

Next was Resolution 2026-04 to hold a hearing to condemn 704 S. Military Ave. Allan motioned to adopt Resolution 2026-04, TJ 2nd, motion carried.

Allan motioned to adopt Resolution 2026-05, to hold a hearing to condemn 201 S. Elm, Debra 2nd, motion carried.

Allan motioned to adopt Resolution 2026-06, to hold a hearing to condemn 116 S. Walnut, Debra 2nd, motion carried.

Allan motioned to adopt Resolution 2026-07, to hold a hearing to condemn 410 S. Military, Debra 2nd, motion carried.

Allan asks what happens next. Amy said she must send copies of the Resolutions to all the owners by certified mail. They will also be published twice. The hearing cannot be held less than 30 days after

the 2nd publication. The March meeting is too soon, so it will be at the April meeting.

Amy stated that resident Becky Walden had been talking with Backyard Discovery. They have donated a 12x 24 gazebo that will be put out at the North Park. Becky said the Homecoming has also purchased 2 picnic tables to go under it. Randy thanks Becky.

The city will need to have a concrete pad poured. They have some playground equipment to put out as well. Randy says they may need to get a committee together to decide where to put everything. Becky said they are still working with Lisa Rhodes and Jan Falletti on a couple grants to get a new concession stand with restrooms. Randy says there are a lot of good things happening at the parks.

Becky stated that they need volunteers, and people to support Homecoming.

Amy said they need to get flowers for Brenda's memorial service. Allan motions to spend \$75 on flowers, TJ 2nd, motion carried.

Police Dept: Chief Joey Adelman handed out his monthly report. He would like to get another desktop for the Police Dept. Ken motioned to buy another desktop for around \$800, TJ 2nd, motion carried.

The truck is needing tires. He only has one quote from Arma Sales and Service. Randy says it is a good quote, but he should probably get a few more. Tire quotes will be added to unfinished business.

Joey would like to attend a training in Overland Park. It is 3 days long. It is \$50 per day, plus he would need reimbursed for hotel and meals. RJ will only need to go to one of the days, and he will not

need a hotel. Ken motions to send them to the training, Debra 2nd, motion carried.

Randy asks what will happen if RJ goes to the academy and decides to resign. Joey says he made a verbal contract with the city to stay at least one year.

Fire Dept: Ernie Chase stated he had brought up needing SCBA masks last month, and they had approved him to spend \$1,500.

He found out that you can't just buy the mask. He found a supplier to supply parts to recondition the masks. He spent about \$500. He sent some air bottles to be tested and got them back. He will be taking 6 more in to be tested. The county is putting in for grant for all departments to get new SCBA. On Saturday February 21st, they are planning on going to a training in Arma. He said most everyone is on Facebook and can see when he posts burn bans, but he also has a banner to put up across from the fire department and city hall.

The Easter egg hunt date is tentatively set for April 4th, if anyone wants to donate eggs, candy, or baskets. They had over 100 kids last year.

City Plant: He and Josh got the new dome climber for the park put together. They are also working on the picnic tables. He got a quote for the concrete pad for the gazebo from Sprenkle's. It will be a 18X30 pad for about \$4,000.

Allan motioned to approve Sprenkle's to pour the pas for \$4,000, Debra 2nd, motion carried.

He has an individual looking into lighting at the ballpark. The bucket truck was repaired and the safety equipment came in.

Sewer is running fine. He needs to order some water inventory, pipe fittings and other items.

They did have a couple leaks because of the cold.

He has a quote from Strukel Electric to fix the electric at the water plant. He is still waiting to find out about the reservoir. Liz says if they move forward with the electric bid they will use capital improvement funds.

Randy wants to set up a meeting with the KDHE inspector and Ernie. The water itself is testing good, there is nothing wrong with our water. It is only that the electrical is out of date and the reservoir has a leak.

Agenda: Chris Mitchell and Craig Wright were on the agenda, but got their answers on the truck weight.

Resident Matthew Harrison was present and read a statement about some issues he feels are problematic with the city court procedures, city and police department record keeping and training, and street sign compliance. He asked that his remarks be entered into the minutes word for word for public record. The clerk stated that she will summarize. She is not required to write down word for word. The minutes are to keep record of the governing bodies actions. (The copy of his statement will be kept on file in the office if anyone wishes to read it.)

Randy stated that the League of Kansas Municipalities says the Mayor and council should not be involved in the workings of the court. He thinks they will need to consult the attorney.

Ken says that they can look into the radar calibrations. Amy stated that she is also the court clerk, and the defendants that had their tickets amended to non-moving violations had all pleaded guilty or no contest and had requested to talk to the prosecutor to ask him if he would consider amending the charge so that their insurance rates would not be affected. They agreed to pay double the fine. It is not just a policy of the court to do that.

Randy says the governing body can not dictate policy to the prosecutor and judge. Randy stated if people don't break the law they do not need to worry about it.

TJ motions to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, and include Joey, Allan
2nd motion carried.

Allan motioned to exit executive session and go into regular session, TJ 2nd, motion carried.

No action was taken

Randy says at last meeting they discussed council members having other positions. Debra is the utility hearing officer, and TJ is overseeing the Police Department.

Ken stated that there is a bill pending in Topeka that allows municipalities to lower speed limits from 30 to 25 without doing traffic studies. He says it would be good for cities. Ken says it just went to committee yesterday. TJ says residential areas are 30 unless otherwise posted.

Joey says most complaints were about 1 stop sign. The east to west traffic stops even though Kansas street runs all the way from the city

plant to 1st street. He thinks they need to change where the signs are. Amy stated that it used to be that Kansas street had to stop, not the east to west streets, years ago.

Allan wants to add to the unfinished business for next month. He would like to discuss employee wages and benefits, and the volunteer fire dept being paged out and then it is cancelled, currently they get nothing for that.

Ernie stated he forgot to mention that he had gotten 10 pairs of new fire boots that were donated to Baker fire. He says the need to get more gloves.

Allan motioned to adjourn, Debra 2nd, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29PM