

City Council Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2025

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Debi Schwertfeger called the regular City Council Meeting to order. Council members present were Jason Booker, Mark Berner, Denise Hartman, Sean Honer, Nathan Adams and Sharon Haun also present were the City Administrator Nick Jones, City Attorney Brian Henderson, Assistant City Attorney Molly Priest. Others attending were Jan Sciacca, Karen Exon, Ryan McDonald, Pastor Billy Kryger, Cody Catlin, Gary Catlin, Shelley Dunham, Mark Brooks, Sharmon Richardson, Sharon McVay, Nicole Aiken

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

INVOCATION: Pastor Billy Kryger

KOMA TRAINING: 5:30pm to 6:30pm – Kansas League of Municipalities

Nicole Aiken with the Kansas League of Municipalities conducted a Kansas Open Meetings Act training session (KOMA) with the City Council, which included Mayor Debi Schwertfeger, Councilperson Jason Booker, Councilperson Mark Berner, Councilperson Denise Hartman, Councilperson Sean Honer, Councilperson Nathan Adams, and Councilperson Sharon Haun, City Administrator Nick Jones, City Attorney's Brian Henderson and Molly Priest. The training was conducted due to a technical violation of KOMA. The Attorney General's Office required the training to be conducted and documented to remediate the technical violation of KOMA and provide training to the Mayor and Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

N/A

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Mark Berner made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented in the packet. Councilperson Sharon Haun seconded the motion. Motion Carried 5 – 0 with 1 abstention Councilperson Jason Booker.

The consent agenda consisted of:

- March 18, 2025, Minutes
- March 18, 2025, to Current Appropriations.

OLD BUSINESS

- **City Software Discussion:**
City Administrator Nick Jones requested that the Mayor, Office Committee, and Administrator move forward with selecting new software provided with a cost not to exceed \$70,000. This is due to the problems with the current software provider GWorks. Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve the request with funding coming from the department budgets and the computer fund. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Denise Hartman.
Motion carried 6 – 0
- **City Lake Plat Update:**
City Administrator Nick Jones informed the Council that the updated City Lake Plat will be available on the city website on Wednesday April 2nd and that leaseholders will be able to submit questions or concerns regarding the update plat with a 30-day window to submit any questions or concerns.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Veterans Event: Jim Crosby:**
Unable to attend Council Meeting
- **Sante Fe Trail Symposium – Mark Brooks and Sharmon Richardson:**
Mark Brooks and Sharmon Richardson requested the use of Council Oak Park for the Kickoff of the Santa Fe Trail Symposium on September 19th and 20th for a wagon show in the park and requested that the attendees be allowed to stay in the back part of the park overnight and be allowed to use the showers at the armory.
Brooks also requested the use of the Riverwalk and Amphitheater for a banquet and entertainment on September 26th & 27th and asked to be allowed to set up a tent.
Brook's final request was to block off parking in front of the Territorial Ballroom and the Dealership building during those days. Brooks said the event will be a total of 9 days and hoped to top the record of attendees for the Symposium.

- **Proclamation – Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)**

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger read the Proclamation for the Daughters of the American Revolution acknowledging the 100 year anniversary of the Chapter. There will be an event on April 12, 2025 from 2-4pm to celebrate the 100 year anniversary. Mayor Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to approve the proclamation. Councilperson Denise Hartman made a motion to approve the proclamation. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sean Honer. Motion carried 6 – 0

- **Employees Insurance Discussion:**

- City Administrator Nick Jones informed the Council that BlueCross BlueShield estimates an increase of 40% on the City Health Insurance Renewal for 2025/2026. Administrator Jones said he has meant with Rhonda Fernandez with Professional Insurance Consultants, Inc. (PIC) and that Professional Insurance Consultants will shop the city’s insurance looking for similar insurance with lower cost.

- **GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS**

- **Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger** – N/A
- **Councilperson Mark Berner** – asked that motion to go into Executive Session be writing out before hand so I can be read when making the motion.
- **Councilperson Denise Hartman** – N/A
- **Councilperson Sean Honer** – Thanked the City Crews for painting the Caboose
- **Councilperson Nathan Adams** – N/A
- **Councilperson Sharon Haun** – Dittoed the painting of the caboose and the work being done at the park.
- **Councilperson Jason Booker** – Asked the Council if the city would be interested in planting a memorial tree for Luther Pepper Henry. Booker also asked about the hydrant that needs replaced. Administrator Jones said the Water Department has it on their list to install.
- **City Attorney Brian Henderson** – said it was good to go through a refresher for KOMA and that it was good to hear that the city council has been handling it appropriately.
- **Assistant City Attorney Molly Priest** – said she spoke with Attorney Pat Riordan and that Riordan had spoken with Lake Association Attorney Kyle Steadman regarding updating the lease, so it is legal and does not violate cash basis law among other items. Priest said she hoped to have something to present at the next meeting.
- **City Administrator Nick Jones** – said that he had heard positive and negative comments regarding the bulb out for the crosswalk at the grade school.

Mayor Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Nathan Adams seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6 – 0


Debi Schwerdtfeger Mayor

ATTEST: 
Nick Jones City Administrator

