Regular Council Meeting
September 14, 2026

1. **Mayor Amanda Milne called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.** Council members Larry Finley, Justin Lohr, David Butler, and Robert "Bud" Erskin were present. Also present were City Attorney Lauren Reyelts, City Superintendent Dan Blair, Assistant City Clerk/City Treasurer Jennifer Blair, and City Clerk Jamie Crable. Sheriff Cody Beeson was absent. Council Member Randy Weick arrived later in the meeting.
2. **Visitors/Audience:** Derrek Fromholtz, Ann Fromholtz, Dierks Fromholtz, Nicole Rauch, Kip Wiese, Wade Krien Dax Knorr, Sam Luncsford, and Kayla Peterson of Options
3. **Minutes** from August 24, 2026, Council Meeting were distributed and read. A motion was made by Justin and seconded by Larry to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed.
4. **Minutes** from September 1, 2026, Special Council Meeting were distributed and read. A motion was made by Larry and seconded by Justin to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed.
5. **Sheriff Report:** Sheriff Beeson was absent.
6. **New Business:**
   - **Options:** Kayla Peterson of Options Domestic and Sexual Violence was present and requested a proclamation declaring October 2026 Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Amanda read the following proclamation aloud:

WHEREAS, domestic violence touches every community, including our own — it happens on quiet streets and in familiar homes, to our neighbors, coworkers, friends, and family members, often hidden behind closed doors; and

WHEREAS, in rural communities like ours, survivors face unique barriers to safety — long distances to services, limited transportation, and the difficulty of seeking help in places where everyone knows everyone; and

WHEREAS, no one deserves to live in fear of the person who is supposed to love them, and every person deserves a home that is a place of safety, not harm; and

WHEREAS, survivors of domestic violence show extraordinary courage every day — in leaving, in staying alive, in protecting their children, and in rebuilding their lives; and

WHEREAS, the advocates, volunteers, law enforcement officers, health care providers, faith leaders, and neighbors who answer the call — at any hour, on any day — remind us that no one must face violence alone; and

WHEREAS, ending domestic violence is not the work of one agency or one month, but of an entire community choosing to listen, to believe, and to act; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month calls on each of us to honor those we have lost, to stand with those still living in fear, and to celebrate those who have found their way to safety and hope;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Amanda Milne, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2026 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

and urge all residents to speak out against domestic violence, to support survivors with compassion and without judgment, and to join in building a community where every home is a safe one. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 14th day of September, 2026.

A motion was made by Larry and seconded by Justin to approve the proclamation. Motion passed.

- ❖ Kayla Peterson left the meeting.

- **Derek Fromholtz:** Derek asked the Council about his property and the City's position on his continued use of the land for livestock. He then presented a prepared statement explaining his position and cited certain K.S.A. provisions that he believed were relevant. Derek requested a vote, but Attorney Reyelts stated that there was nothing to vote on at that time. Derek explained that he believes the property's prior agricultural use gives it grandfathered status and allows that use to continue. Attorney Reyelts reviewed a map Derek brought to the meeting and stated that she would need to research the matter. Amanda asked Derek to allow time for that research and said the City would contact him. Derek, Ann, and Dierks Fromholtz then left the meeting.
- **Nicole Rauch:** Nicole stated that she is having dirt and debris wash in from her alley into her yard and wanted to know how the City could correct the issue. Discussion was held on who is responsible for maintaining the alley. Water drainage that comes from the highway was also discussed. Amanda thanked Nicole for her comments and stated the city crew would do their best to keep the area cleaned up. Nicole Rauch left the meeting.
- **Wade Krien:** Wade asked the City to allow him to align his building with neighboring properties. Amanda asked Wade if they could review the maps together to ensure his plans would work. Wade agreed to meet with Amanda.
    - ❖ Wade Krien and Kip Wiese left the meeting.
    - ❖ Randy Weick arrived at the meeting
- **Special Event Permit**: A motion was made by Larry and seconded by Justin to approve a Special Event Permit for Scott Schultz for Biketemberfest. Motion passed.
- **Building Permits:** A motion was made by Larry and seconded by David to approve a building permit for Little Tribe Daycare –123 East Jackson Street, Metal Shade Structure. Motion passed.
- **Transient Vendor Permit:** A motion was made by Justin and seconded by David to approve a Transient Vendor Permit for Mom's Kitchen. Motion Passed.
- **Occupational Tax:** A motion was made by Justin and seconded by Randy to approve an Occupational Tax: Alcohol Sales for Cazadores. Motion passed.

7. **Old Business:**
    a. **Property Cleanup:** The property cleanup list was distributed and discussed.
        - Amanda asked to add the property at 528 E. 3rd to the list and requested Jamie research the existing agreement between the owner and the City.
        - Council requested to determine if the owner of 417 E. Jackson intends to follow through on plans to raze the building. Jamie will contact the owner, and review permits at City Hall.
        - Council directed Jamie to contact the owner of 703 S. Francis to request written plans.
        - Council directed Jamie to send a letter to the owner of 600 South Adams Street giving 15 days to bring the building into compliance and reminding the owner that his prior request of 45 days has expired.
    a. **Projects Pending:** No discussion.
8. **Visitors:** None.
9. **Theater Report:**
    - Theater minutes were distributed. It was determined that the Theater did not have quorum. The Minutes were not approved and will be sent back to the Theater board.
    - Jamie Requested executive session for non-elected personnel for employee status. A motion was made by Justin and seconded by Randy to recess into executive session for 5 minutes for non-elected personnel, employee status to resume at 8:20 pm. Regular session resumed with no decisions made. A motion was made by Randy and seconded by Larry to accept two resignations and approve the new hire at the wage discussed. Motion passed.

- A motion was made by Justin and seconded by Bud to accept and file the Theater Report. Motion passed.

10. **Pool Report:** None
11. **Superintendent Report:**
    - Dan reported that his previous request to purchase a bell fitting was stated as $1,895.07, but the actual price is $1,895.08. A motion was made by David and seconded by Bud to purchase the bell fitting for $1,895.08. Motion passed.
    - Dan requested to purchase fertilizer for the parks. A motion was made by Larry and seconded by Justin to purchase fertilizer in the amount of $1950.00. Motion passed.
    - Dan reported that he spoke with a Foley representative regarding standby generators. Dan will continue discussions and may invite the representative to speak with the Council.
    - Dan requested to have the transformer across from the power plant inspected by either Ward or KMEA and noted the transformer's critical importance.
    - Dan reported that the bucket truck previously approved for purchase had a bad engine. Instead, he purchased a different model with lower mileage for the same price.
    - Dan reported that the transformer at Majestic is burning through wires and noted he is exploring solutions.
    - Dan reported that some nearby communities are on water restrictions and he is monitoring the situation.
    - Dan requested five minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel.
    - A motion was made by Justin and seconded by David to approve and file the Superintendent's report. Motion passed.
12. **Attorney Report:**
    - Lauren reported on a new agreement for the Republican Valley Veterinary Clinic. The clinic advised they cannot hold stray animals for more than three days, which conflicts with current City Code. Lauren will review state statutes and present a code update at a future meeting. Lauren also recommended that law enforcement confirm vaccination status when handling dog cases. Amanda noted the Sheriff will attend the next meeting to discuss this matter.
    - Amanda stated that Scott Lesuer is interested in purchasing the remaining lot at the City's Industrial Park. Council agreed that selling the lot would reduce City expenses by eliminating annual property taxes. Council agreed to offer the lot to the buyer for $500.00 without requiring improvements. A motion was made by David and seconded by Justin to offer the remaining Industrial Park lot to Scott Lesuer for $500.00 via Corporation Quit Claim Deed. Motion passed.
    - A motion was made by Larry and seconded by David to approve and file the Attorney's report. Motion passed.
13. **Treasurer Report:**
    - Jen reported that the Pool Bonds have been paid off.
    - Jen noted that meter reading may be slightly delayed this month due to the implementation of the new meter reading system.
    - Jen requested authorization to pay the remaining City Attorney invoice. A motion was made by Randy and seconded by David to pay the remaining legal fees in the amount of $3,127.50. Motion passed.
    - A motion was made by Larry and seconded by David to accept and file the Treasurer Report. Motion passed.

14. **Clerk Report:**
    - Jamie provided the financial reports for review.
    - A motion was made by Randy and seconded by Larry to approve and file the Clerk Report. Motion Passed.
15. **Council Comments:**
    Robert: None.
    David: None.
    Larry: Larry thanked the City Crew for their assistance with the Concert in the Park.
    Randy: None.
    Justin: None.
16. **Mayor Comments:** Amanda reported there will be a Flood Plain meeting at the Emergency Building and encouraged Council Members to attend if possible.
17. Bills on **Ordinance #1114** in the amount of $364,131.89 were reviewed. A motion was made by Randy and seconded by David to approve paying the bills on Ordinance #1114. Motion passed.
18. **Executive Sessions:**
    - A motion was made by Larry and seconded by Randy to recess into executive session for five minutes for non-elected personnel employee status, with everyone present remaining, to resume regular session at 9:10 p.m. Motion passed. Open meeting resumed with no decisions made.
    - A motion was made by David and seconded by Larry to recess into executive session for ten minutes for non-elected personnel employee status, with Council Members and Dan present, to resume regular session at 9:22 p.m. Motion passed. Open meeting resumed with no decisions made.
19. **Adjournment:** It was moved by Justin and seconded by Randy to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Jamie Crapp
City Clerk