

**City of Edgerton, Kansas  
Minutes of City Council Regular Session  
January 9, 2020**

A Regular Session of the City Council was held in the Edgerton City Hall, 404 E. Nelson Edgerton, Kansas on January 9, 2020. The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Roberts presiding.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Ron Conus	present
Clay Longanecker	present
Josh Lewis	present via phone at 7:03pm
Katee Smith	present
Josh Beem	present

With a quorum present, the meeting commenced.

Staff in attendance:

- City Administrator Beth Linn
- City Attorney Lee Hendricks
- City Clerk Rachel James
- Development Services Director Katy Crow
- Finance Director Karen Kindle
- Public Works Director Dan Merkh
- Public Works Superintendent Trey Whittaker
- Marketing and Communications Manager Kara Banks
- Maintenance Tech 1 Peter Cappelatti
- Maintenance Tech 1 Dana Rockers

**2. WELCOME**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

4. Approve Minutes for December 12, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting
5. Approve Contract with Weather or Not, Inc. To Provide Weather Forecasting Services
6. Approve South I-35 Sanitary Sewer Easements

Motion by Longanecker, Second by Smith to approve the consent agenda.

Motion passed, 4-0.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

7. **Public Comments.** None.
8. **Declaration.** None.

9. Introduction of New Public Works Employees, Peter Cappelatti and Dana Rockers

Dan Merkh, Public Works Director, introduced the new Public Works Employees that were hired at the end of 2019. Peter Cappelatti, Maintenance Tech 1, stated he was from Edgerton and enjoys the outdoors. Dana Rockers, Maintenance Tech 1, stated he was from Baldwin City and has been in the Sports Turf business for 30 years. Mr. Rockers also said he enjoys fishing. Mayor Roberts welcomed them to the Staff and said it is great when new hires are from the area.

10. Presentation of Holiday Home Decoration Winners by Maddie Becker, Parks & Recreation Coordinator

Kara Banks, Marketing and Communications Manager, announced the top three winners for the Holiday Home Decorating Contest. In Third Place, Barbara Bennett. In Second Place, Eric and Amber Hansen. The First Place winners were the Brewers, who were at Council to accept their prize. Mayor Roberts thanked everyone for their participation in the competition.

**Business Requiring Action**

Mayor Roberts stated that Executive Session would be moved to Agenda Item 11.

**11. CONSIDER RECESSING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 75-4319(B)(2) FOR CONSULTATION WITH AN ATTORNEY DEEMED PRIVILEGED IN THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT RELATIONSHIP TO INCLUDE CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE PURPOSES OF CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS**

Motion by Conus, Second by Longanecker to recess into executive session pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(2) for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations to include City Attorney, City Administrator, and Public Works Director for fifteen (15) minutes.

Motion was approved, 5-0.

Session recessed at 7:18 pm. Meeting reconvened at 7:33 pm.

Motion by Conus, Second by Longanecker to return to open session.

Motion was approved, 5-0.

Motion by Conus, Second by Longanecker to recess into executive session pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(2) for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel to include City Attorney, City Administrator, and Public Works Director for ten (10) minutes.

Motion was approved, 5-0.

Session recessed at 7:34 pm. Meeting reconvened at 7:44 pm.

Motion by Conus, Second by Longanecker to return to open session.

Motion was approved, 5-0.

Motion by Conus, Second by Longanecker to recess into executive session pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(2) for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel to include City Attorney, City Administrator, and Public Works Director for ten (10) minutes.

Motion was approved, 5-0.

Session recessed at 7:45 pm. Meeting reconvened at 7:55 pm.

Motion by Conus, Second by Longanecker to return to open session.

Motion was approved, 5-0.

**12. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 01-09-20A PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 26-201 SETTING FORTH THE NECESSITY FOR CONDEMNATION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING PREPARATION OF A SURVEY AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS OF THE PROPERTY TO BE CONDEMNED**

Beth Linn, City Administrator, introduced the Resolution and summarized the history of the 207<sup>th</sup> Street Grade Separation Project. This stage of the project requires acquisition of rights-of-way and easements from several property owners near the 207<sup>th</sup> Street and Co-op Road intersection. Staff continues to negotiate easements with property owners. However, for those property owners who do not, staff anticipates the need to exercise the use of condemnation for acquiring the remaining easements. Passing that resolution does not prohibit the City from continuing to negotiate and/or acquire the easements.

Ms. Linn emphasized that the 207<sup>th</sup> Street Grade Separation Project will be fully funded by the Public Infrastructure Fund which is financed through the agreements with BNSF Railway and Edgerton Land Holding Company for Logistics Park Kansas City (LPKC) and no funds will come from the City General Fund.

Motion by Longanecker, Second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 01-09-20A with addition of updated language.

Motion passed, 5-0.

**13. Report by the City Administrator**

- Kansas Rural Water Association Voting Delegate
- 2021 Budget Calendar

Beth Linn, City Administrator, stated that the Kansas Rural Water Association Conference is quickly approaching and that a voting delegate needs to be selected. Mayor Roberts stated that Council Members should decide by next meeting if they would like to go to the Conference and the voting delegate would be selected from the group attending the Conference.

Ms. Linn stated that the 2021 Budget Calendar was included in the packet.

Dan Merkh, Public Works Director, briefed Council on the upcoming Winter Storm. Mr. Merkh walked through the precautions and preparations the Public Works team is undertaking. Due to the nature of the storm, there are more variables to manage than the average snowstorm.

#### 14. **Report by the Mayor**

Mayor Roberts extended a big thank you to the Johnson County Sherriff's Department because January 9 is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.

Mayor Roberts announced that the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund was able to help 74 Children, 41 adults, and 50 Seniors. Turkeys for Thanksgiving and Hams for Christmas were also provided at the Edgerton Community Food Pantry. Mayor Robert said this was a pretty good year of helping people and appreciated all of the donations to the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund.

#### 15. **Future Meeting Reminders:**

- January 14<sup>th</sup>: Planning Commission – 7PM
- January 23<sup>rd</sup>: City Council Meeting – 7PM

#### 16. **Adjourn**

Motion by Smith, Second by Beem to adjourn.

Motion was approved 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

## EVENTS

January 13<sup>th</sup> – Youth Cooking Class: Old-Fashioned Candy

January 21<sup>st</sup> – Adult Nutrition Class

January 24<sup>th</sup> – Paint Nite

February 1<sup>st</sup> – Princess Tea Party