

**City of Edgerton, Kansas**  
**Minutes of City Council Regular Session**  
**May 22, 2025**

A Regular Session of the City Council was held in the Edgerton City Hall, 404 E. Nelson, Edgerton, Kansas May 22, 2025. The meeting convened at 7:00 PM with Mayor Roberts presiding.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Donald Roberts	Present
Clay Longanecker	Present
Josh Lewis	Absent
Deb Lebakken	Present
Bill Malloy	Present
Ron Conus	Present

With a quorum present, the meeting commenced.

Staff in attendance:

- City Administrator, Beth Linn
- Assistant to the City Administrator, Kara Banks
- Assistant to the City Administrator, Trey Whitaker
- Interim City Clerk, Alex Firth
- City Attorney, Todd Luckman
- CIP Project Manager, Holly Robertson
- Senior Accountant, Justin Vermillion
- Development Services Director, Zach Moore
- Parks and Recreation Director, Levi Meyer
- Construction Inspector, Todd Veeman
- Public Works Foreman, Chase Forester

**2. WELCOME.** Mayor Roberts welcomed all in attendance.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consent Agenda** *(Consent Agenda items will be acted upon by one motion unless a Council member requests an item be removed for discussion and separate action)*

4. Approve Minutes from May 8, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting

Councilmember Lebakken moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Malloy. The minutes were approved, 4-0.

**Regular Agenda**

5. **Declaration.** Council members had nothing to declare.

6. **Public Comments.**

Mr. Bill LaFalce at 516 W 4<sup>th</sup> St addressed the Council. He thanked Council for giving him Mr. Moore's contact information to follow-up regarding the flooding in his yard and neighborhood. Mr. LaFalce brought a loaf of bread as a symbol to Council that when his issue is resolved he will break bread with City Council.

- Darel Mason, Home Sales Consultant for Rausch Coleman homes at Dwyer Farms, invited all to the Dwyer Farms grand opening on June 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am-1pm. Mr. Mason stated he would be happy to provide tours.
- Jason Sowers at 19911 Peppertree Ln. sent an email that was read into the record by Interim City Clerk, Alex Firth. The text is below:

Dear City of Edgerton,

I am writing to formally submit a claim regarding the incomplete planting of trees intended to serve as a landscaping screen along my property located at 19911 Pepper Tree Ln.

As part of the original landscaping plan detailed in Ordinance 905 there was commitment to install a landscape screen adjacent to my home. While some trees have been planted, the project remains unfinished, and the gaps in planting significantly reduce the intended effect of the landscape screen. The landscaping screen, in accordance with Ordinance 905, was supposed to be completed at the time of the first development of the Edgerton Crossing development of the site.

I respectfully request that the city prioritize this issue with the site's developers, and completes the tree planting as originally committed to.

Please let me know the anticipated timeline for resolving this matter. I have been working with Zachary Moore since August 2024 on this request, and would like to see this issue resolved before the weather turns hot and creates unfavorable conditions for tree survival. I would be happy to meet or discuss further to provide any additional information needed to help facilitate the completion of this project.

Thank you for your attention to this request, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,  
Jason Sowers

## 7. **Outside Agency Funding Request Presentations**

Mayor Roberts stated at Council's direction, staff made some changes to the outside agency budget request process for the 2026 budget. These changes include an application showing the benefits for Edgerton residents.

Ms. Banks introduced five outside agencies that requested funds this year and stated that there are 2 agencies that have requested funds in the past and did not submit fund requests this year.

- Johnson County Human Services Utility Assistance

Joanne Hayworth and Sarah Wyland presented to the council. They gave an overview of the Utility Assistance and Emergency Assistance Program for low-income residents. The program offers financial help to qualifying households for past due utility bills through a partnership with cities, utility companies, faith-based organizations and family support services. They reviewed the qualifications for residents to apply and requested \$4,000 for 2026 budget year due to increased years. They stated so far this year, eight Edgerton households have received assistance for a total of \$1517.

Mayor Roberts commented that this fund is 100% utilized in Edgerton only and if not used it carries over to the next year.

Mr. Longanecker stated that he wished that the funding request for this entity had remained at \$1,800. He understands that they are in more need now looking at the growing number of those who helped. Mr. Malloy agreed and stated that with the amount of additional people that they have helped in just May means that more funding is necessary

Councilmember Longanecker made a motion to approve the \$4,000 funding request for the 2026 budget. Councilmember Lebakken seconded the motion. The funding request was approved, 4-0.

- United Community Services (UCS) of Johnson County Human Service Fund

Erika Garcia Reyes presented to the Council. Her agency is requesting \$5,000. In existence since 1990, this fund is made up of general tax dollars awarded to non-profits on an annual basis. Edgerton has contributed since 2012. This fund helps provide aid to those that are at or near the 200% poverty line. This accounts for about 10% of the county's population, or 1 in 10 residents. This fund is a pool of general tax dollars from 14 jurisdictions and Johnson County Government including Edgerton. She emphasized that about 100 or 4% of Edgerton residents receive support through UCS programs.

Mr. Mayor stated that he did not have any questions for Ms. Reyes but that this fund is the largest combined pool.

Councilmember Conus made a motion to approve the \$5,000 funding request for the 2026 budget. Councilmember Malloy seconded the motion. The funding request was approved, 4-0.

- GEHS Project Grad

Jennie Adrian presented the Project Grad request to Council. She explained the program offers a safe, fun, and substance-free celebration for seniors on graduation night. She stated there are approximately 30 Edgerton students out of the 2026 Graduation Class out of 427 total students.

Mayor Roberts stated he did some quick math and Edgerton would pay for \$166.67 per student and with the funding request up from last year for 30 students that would be a donation of \$233.34 per student. If we were to apply that amount to Gardner per student, they would be paying \$41,665 in total if they were to donate \$233.34 per student.

Mr. Conus asked about the attendance rate for the recent 2025 celebration. Mr. Malloy stated that Ms. Adrian did not say but since Mr. Malloy had a graduate this year, he stated there was an amazing turn out. Mr. Malloy stated that he is very appreciative of the safe environment that Project Grad provides for our high school graduates.

Mr. Conus stated that he feels that this amount is way too much based on only having 7% of the graduating class being from Edgerton.

Mr. Malloy said he would feel comfortable at \$5,000. The City Council unanimously agreed that they would like to encourage Gardner to step up and fund more from previous years since they have significantly more students than Edgerton does graduating from the high school.

Mayor Roberts stated that this is a safe environment for the kids, and you cannot put a price on one life. Ms. Lebakken agreed to this and stated that it takes a village.

Councilmember Longanecker made a motion to approve the \$5,000 funding request for the 2026 budget. Councilmember Lebakken seconded the motion. The funding request was approved, 4-0.

- Edgerton Frontier Days

Tina Mathos, Treasurer of Edgerton Frontier Days, presented their request to the Council. She stated Frontier Days is a time for our community to get together and have a good time and the amount requested does not include hours of Edgerton employees. Ms. Mathos stated that Frontier Days could not be more excited to make use of the new Greenspace, and they are looking to do an "Edgerton's Got Talent" competition on Saturday. They are asking for an increase for next year from \$30,000 to \$35,000 to bring back larger performances and explore rides for the carnival again.

Mayor Roberts stated that Frontier Days put on the application that they are expecting 300 residents instead of 200 from last year. He stated that this would be a 17% increase from last year if we grant to increase for budget.

Mr. Malloy stated that he does not feel comfortable with an increase for Frontier days due to the amount of staff time and effort put into the event. Mr. Malloy suggests the amount of \$30,000 due to the amount of time and effort that city staff puts into this event as well. Ms. Lebakken agreed with this and stated that \$30,000 would be enough as the City does a lot for Frontier Days.

Councilmember Malloy made a motion to approve the \$30,000 funding request for the 2026 budget. Councilmember Lebakken seconded the motion. The funding request was approved, 4-0.

- ElevateEdgerton!

James Oltman, President of ElevateEdgerton!, presented to the Council. He reviewed some of the major highlights from the past year, including the construction and sale of more than a dozen new homes with hundreds more planned. He highlighted the new businesses in Edgerton, including Lennox at LPKC, Maverik at Edgerton Crossing, IHOP and Scoopy's Café. For 2026, Mr. Oltman requested the same amount as 2025, which is \$67,500 cash contribution and \$10,000 in-kind for Ms. Banks assistance with marketing and communications.

Mr. Conus asked what percentage of Edgerton's funding makes up the funding for ElevateEdgerton!. Mr. Oltman stated that the percentage can vary based on memberships, but it is around 25%.

Mr. Conus said that when Mr. Oltman first came in Mr. Conus was skeptical of the change and wanted to see some development from Mr. Oltman. Mr. Conus said that he is happy to see the success of the organization. Mr. Conus also thanked Mayor Roberts and Staff for their contributions to the development and growth of the city.

Ms. Linn stated that the two entities that did not make a funding request will not be added to the draft budget for next year. Mayor Roberts agreed that if they were not able to meet our deadline that they should not be rewarded for not making out deadline. We have a deadline for our budgets and must hold to that.

Councilmember Conus made a motion to approve the \$67,500 funding request for the 2026 budget for ElevateEdgerton! Councilmember Lebakken seconded the motion. The funding request was approved, 4-0.

## 8. **New Employee Introduction** – Cody Walton

Mr. Levi Meyer, Director of Parks and Recreation, introduced Cody Walton.

Mr. Walton stated he is excited about working for the city. Before this, Mr. Walton worked in special education, and he is excited to get back outside.

**Business Requiring Action**

**9. CONSIDER A CONTRACT WITH LK POWER SYSTEMS FOR GENERATOR MAINTENANCE AND TESTING SERVICES**

Trey Whitaker, Assistant to the City Administrator, presented to City Council.

On April 8, 2025, City Staff solicited bids for onsite generator maintenance for seven (7) generators. Six (6) of these units are in the Utility Department and provide backup power to the City lift stations and the Big Bull Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant (BBCWWTP). The seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) generator is the new unit that was installed with the construction of The Greenspace.

Generators are relied upon when there is an interruption of power. Maintenance includes inspections every 6 months to include the checking of oil, filters, coolant and taking fuel samples. This service contract also includes a two (2) hour load bank test, which puts the generator under load to ensure it can handle the power demands should a power interruption occur.

Three quotes were submitted, ranging \$11,050 to \$15,727. Staff recommend the selection of the lowest and best bid from LK Power Systems. This contract/agreement is for a term of 3 years.

Councilmember Longanecker asked how often they perform maintenance. Mr. Whitaker stated that it is every year. LK Power is a new group for the City. In the past, he stated the City has used Foley, but LK Power came in with the lower bid. Staff did check references.

Councilmember Longanecker asked what happens if there is a problem. Mr. Whitaker stated that there is an emergency response for this contract if there is something wrong with the generator. Councilmember Conus asked if we would have to shut off power to the Greenspace to test. Mr. Whitaker stated they would make sure maintenance is scheduled for good weather and the building would be running off normal power and would not need the generator.

Councilmember Longanecker moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Lebakken. The motion carried, 4-0.

**10. CONSIDER CHANGE ORDER #4 AND FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT WITH BEEMER CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR SITE #1 OF THE DWYER FARMS SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT**

Holly Robertson, CIP Project Manager, presented the item to the council. This is the final change order for Beemer Construction as part of the Dwyer Farms Sanitary Sewer Extension Project, Site 1.

The change order presented tonight includes the final quantities for the project and includes costs associated with fuel for a pump to lower the water level around the bore pit after excessive rain and snow from October 2024 through March 2025. Additionally, the pumps could not run during freezing temperatures early in 2025 resulting in additional labor to defrost the pumps each workday. The table included in the packet summarizes the charges.

The price for Change Order #4 is \$38,991.14. The original contract with Beemer was \$747,900, and final contract amount is \$839,821.75. She stated funding for this project initially comes through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) State Revolving Loan Fund. The long-term funding source will be Rural Housing Incentive District (RHID).

Councilmember Longanecker moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Malloy. The motion carried, 4-0.

#### **11. Report by the City Administrator**

- Annual Review of Water Emergency and Water Conservation Plans

Mr. Whitaker presented the Annual Review of Water Emergency, Water Conservation Plans to City Council. He stated there were no major changes to the plans, except to update the language regarding the new water purchase contract Council approved with Baldwin City.

#### **12. Report by the Mayor**

- Mayor Roberts stated Council after Council tabled this item last time, they needed to consider Resolution No. 05-22-25A to approve appointments certain public officials.

The Resolution includes the following appointments to serve the City of Edgerton:

Alex Firth as Interim City Clerk  
Karen Kindle as City Treasurer  
Todd Luckman as City Attorney  
Nate Sutton as Municipal Judge  
Tom Barnes II as Municipal Prosecutor  
David Hamby as City Engineer

Councilmember Lebakken motioned to approve Resolution N. 05-22-25A, seconded by Councilmember Longanecker. The motion passed 4-0.

#### **13. Future Meeting Reminders**

Mayor Roberts reminded the Council of the future meetings for the Council and Planning Commission.

#### **14. Adjourn**

Councilmember Longanecker moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Lebakken. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm with a 4-0 vote.

Submitted by Alex Firth, Interim City Clerk.