

City of Edgerton, Kansas
Minutes of City Council Regular Session
OCTOBER 9, 2025

A Regular Session of the City Council was held in the Edgerton City Hall, 404 E. Nelson, Edgerton, Kansas October 9, 2025. The meeting convened at 7:00 PM with City Council Mayor Roberts presiding.

1. ROLL CALL

Donald Roberts	Present
Clay Longanecker	Present
Josh Lewis	Present
Deb Lebakken	Present
Bill Malloy	Absent
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
City Clerk, Dusti Callahan
Public Works Director, Dan Merkh
CIP Project Manager, Holly Robertson
City Attorney, Todd Luckman
Finance Director, Karen Kindle
Development Services Director, Zach Moore
Senior Accountant, Justin Vermillion
Parks and Recreation Director, Levi Meyer
Construction Inspector, Todd Veeman

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 September 11, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting
5. Approve Minutes from September 25, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting
6. Approve the Project Close Out for Glendell Acres Park and Manor Park and Authorize to Transfer Remaining \$8,719 Funds to the General Fund.
7. Approve the Final Acceptance of Phase 1 of the Dwyer Farms Water Connections and Authorize Final Payment to Redford Construction Inc.
8. Approve the Final Acceptance of Contract with Incite Design Studio for the Space Needs Study and Authorize Transfer of Unused Funds to the General Fund.

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9. Approve the Trails Master Plan
10. Approve the Resolution No. 10-09-25A Establishing Fees and Rates for Permits, Licenses and Services for the City of Edgerton, Kansas.

Councilmember Longanecker moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Lebakken to approve Items 4 through 10. The motion carried 4-0 by the following vote:

Yes: Longanecker, Lewis, Conus, Lebakken
Absent: Malloy

Regular Agenda

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

12. Public Comments

Mayor welcome Mr. Bill LaFalce, an Edgerton resident, to proceed with his public comments. Mr. LaFalce wants to wish everyone an early Happy Columbus Day and Happy Italian American Heritage month. He is glad to be a part of the Latin community. He asked Council, for the CIP meeting, to consider all his time and energy pleading his case for his neighborhood to receive funding for stormwater management. It is important as the community grows to address these problems correctly and promptly. He has submitted videos of these concerns to the City and invites all to come to his house and look at the property on a heavy rain to understand the impact of the water. It is important to take care of the community as we are doing with other streets. He is asking to consider revising estimates and the priority. His subdivision is the most expensive but delaying the project only allows it to become much more expensive year after year. If it is mitigated now, it will minimize property damage, increasing values, therefore collecting more taxes. Mayor thanked Mr. LaFalce for coming.

Business Requiring Action

13. CONSIDER A CONTRACT WITH RAFTELIS FOR ASSISTANCE IN RENEWING WATER CONTRACTS WITH MIAMI COUNTY RURAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 2 AND JOHNSON COUNTY RURAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 7

Public Works Director, Dan Merkh, the City of Edgerton has two options to purchase water: City of Baldwin and Miami County Rural Water District No. 2 (Mi2). The water purchased from Mi2 is transported by Johnson County Water District No. 7 (J7). Last year, the City renewed the contract with City of Baldwin, however contracts for both J7 and Mi2 expire in 2026, one goes with the other. The City of Edgerton uses Raftelis for rate studies and contract negotiations based on their knowledge of water operations. Their assistance was vital during negotiations with the City of Baldwin. Staff requested Raftelis to prepare a scope and fee to assist in the negotiations with Mi2 and J7. The amount is based on an hourly rate with reimbursables for technology and mileage the overall cost is a not-to-exceed amount of

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\$19,550.00. Funding for this work was not included in the 2025 or 2026 operating budgets. Staff have identified a combination of Water Fund remaining 2025 operating budget and unencumbered fund balance to cover the cost of this.

Mayor stated that when Raftelis helped with the Baldwin contract, it straightened out some issues that had been around for many years. He stated the City came away with a much better product that is understandable by everybody and can be used for the future.

Councilmember Lewis asked how long the contract is for the suppliers.

City Administrator Beth Linn answered 40 years.

Mr. Merkh stated this current staff, and Council will likely not see the end of it.

Ms. Linn states this is why it becomes so archaic. It is really good to have that expertise to help us refresh and modernize the calculation pieces. Raftelis does work all over for a wide variety of water systems. They have a very large breath of knowledge about the industry standards in these pieces.

Mayor says the beauty of this is that they see many contracts and so they understand better than most utilities around here.

Councilmember Lewis asked why the city did not budget for Raftelis in the 2025 or 2026 operating budget.

Ms. Linn responded that she did not think we recognized how valuable they would be in the Baldwin process. Staff did not know what we did not know at that moment.

Mr. Lewis states he was curious because he knows we are usually pretty good at staying on top of planning, so he was surprised.

Councilmember Lewis moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Longanecker. The motion carried 4-0 by the following vote:

Yes: Longanecker, Lewis, Conus, Lebakken

Absent: Malloy

14. Report by the City Administrator

City Administrator, Beth Linn, invited CIP Project Manager Holly Robertson to the podium. She stated tomorrow is Holly's last day with the City of Edgerton. She is leaving us to become the Project Manager for the City of Leawood. Ms. Linn stated we are very excited for her, but we want to say a huge thank you for all the work she has done. As you all know, we kind of went over the grant funding we got, two weeks ago. Holly is the person who did the heavy lift for

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that. She leaves big shoes to fill. We are very, very thankful for all that she has done for Edgerton. You will get to see some of the fruits of her labor here in a few minutes.

Mayor stated Holly really dove in deep to work on grants that otherwise we probably would not have applied for at the time, due to moving parts.

Ms. Linn says you know you are winning unexpected grants when people are asking Holly to lead classes to teach others how to win grants. We wish her the best.

Councilmember Lebakken states she will be very missed.

Mayor says if Holly could clone herself, that would be great.

Ms. Robertson replies that maybe there is a grant for that.

15. Report by the Mayor

No report tonight.

16. CONSIDER RECESSING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE ATTORNEY/CLIENT EXCPITION TO INCLUDE CITY ATTORNEY, CITY ADMINISTRATOR, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, AND CIP PROJECT MANAGER FOR THE PURPOSES OF CONSULTATION WITH AN ATTORNEY DEEMED PRIVILEGED IN THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT RELATIONSHIP (K.S.A. 75-4319(B)(2))

Councilmember Longanecker moved to approve Item 16 entering Executive Session at 7:14 for 15 minutes, seconded by Councilmember Lebakken. The motion carried 4-0. The open meeting will resume in the Council Chambers.

Councilmember Lewis moved to return to open session with no action being taken. Seconded by councilmember Lebakken. Motion passed unanimously and the open session resumed at 7:30 PM.

17. Future Meeting Reminders

- October 14: Planning Commission Meeting
- October 23: City Council Meeting & CIP Work Session
- November 13: City Council Meeting
- November 27: City Council Meeting CANCELLED
- December 11: City Council Meeting

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- December 25: City Council Meeting CANCELLED

Mayor would like to remind everyone of the event for Sherriff's Town Hall which will be on Saturday, October 11, 2025, from 10 AM to 12PM at The Greenspace. This is for anyone who would like to address the Sherriff. It is a great opportunity to meet the Sherriff and share any concerns. Senior Lunch on October 15, 2025, will be chili.

18. **Adjourn**

Councilmember Lewis moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Lebakken. The motion carried 4-0 by the following vote:

Yes: Longanecker, Lewis, Conus, Lebakken

Absent: Malloy

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Submitted by Dusti Callahan, City Clerk.

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