

**City of Edgerton, Kansas**  
**Minutes of City Council Regular Session**  
**December 11, 2025**

A Regular Session of the City Council was held in the Edgerton City Hall, 404 E. Nelson, Edgerton, Kansas December 11, 2025. The meeting convened at 7:02 PM with City Council Mayor Roberts presiding.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Donald Roberts	Present
Clay Longanecker	Present
Josh Lewis	Present
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  
City Attorney, Todd Luckman  
City Clerk, Dusti Callahan  
Public Works Director, Dan Merkh  
Finance Director, Karen Kindle  
Development Services Director, Zach Moore  
Public Works Foreman, Chase Forrester  
Parks and Recreation Director, Levi Meyer

**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 November 13, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting
5. Approve Application Consider Application FP2025-0001, Final Plat for Replat of Lot 26A and Tract E of Dwyer Farms Phase 1, Located At 20889 Starside Street.
6. Approve Appointment of Adam Draskovich to the City of Edgerton Planning Commission for a term ending in September 2028
7. Approve Resolution No. 12-11-25A Declaring the Boundaries of the City of Edgerton, Johnson County, Kansas
8. Approve Resolution No. 12-11-25B Consenting To The Execution Of Certain Documents Relating to The City's Industrial Revenue Bonds (ELHC VI, LLC Project), Series 2017, And Industrial Bonds ELHC VIII, LLC Project), Series 2016

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9. Approve A Grant Agreement Between the Treasurer of The State Of Kansas and The City of Edgerton to Accept Funding Through the Build Kansas Matching Grant Of \$45,000 For the Edgerton Safety Action Plan.
10. Approve Renewal of a Cereal Malt Beverage License for Jay Kay Inc., DBA D's Mini Mart for 2026.
11. Approve Renewal of a Cereal Malt Beverage License for LVPKS LLC, DBA TA Express Edgerton for 2026.
12. Approve Cooperative Contract with Weather or Not®, Inc. to provide Weather Forecasting Services for 2026.
13. Approve Large Animal Permit for Michael Mabrey at 1200 West Braun Street
14. Approve Large Animal Permit for Glyn Powers at 1606 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street
15. Approve Termination and Release of Permanent Drainage Easement At 31800 W. 196th Street, Edgerton, Kansas.

Councilmember Longanecker moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Lebakken to approve Items 4 - 15. The motion carried 5-0 by the following vote:

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

### **Regular Agenda**

16. **Declaration.** Council members had nothing to declare.
17. **Public Comments.** There were no public comments made.
18. **Official Results of 2025 General Election**

City Clerk Dusti Callahan read the election results aloud as follows.

- Edgerton Mayor:  
Donald Roberts     139 Total Votes  
Write-In             20 Total Votes
- Edgerton Council At-Large:  
Joshua Lewis       131 Total Votes  
Bill Malloy          116 Total Votes  
Write-In             13 Total Votes

### **19. Installation of Councilmembers.**

City Clerk, Dusti Callahan, administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Governing Body of Donald Roberts, Mayor; Joshua Lewis, Councilmember; and Bill Malloy, Councilmember.

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## **20. Election of President of City Council.**

Mayor Roberts stated he did not know how many years Councilmember Clay Longanecker has been President of City Council, but he has done a great job and recommends he remains as so.

Councilmember Conus moved to approve Clay Longanecker as President of City Council, seconded by Councilmember Lebakken. The motion carried 5-0 by the following vote:

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

Mayor would like to take a moment to say thank you and enjoy some goodies. He suggested taking a 10-minute recess to congratulate our Governing Body and enjoy refreshments. Afterwards, we will jump back into item 21.

## **21. Presentation.** Presentation by Johnson County regarding Johnson County Consolidated Fire District No. 1 (JCCFD1) Advisory Board.

Mayor brought the meeting back to order at 7:25

Peg Trent, Chief Counsel for Johnson County. She appreciates being able to come to give an overview. She apologizes for not making it sooner than now. She has provided an FAQ to give an overview. This is a big change to consolidate two fire districts together. She stated the County believes the BOCC (Board of County Commissioners) is the governing body for the newly consolidated fire district and retains ultimate management, control, and decision-making authority. The Advisory Board serves as a conduit for stakeholder input and expertise. It is a seven-member advisory body created by the BOCC to provide guidance and recommendations on JCCFD1's budget, resource allocation of fire protection services, operations and management, and review of operating policies. The four BOCC-appointed members serve three-year terms. City appointees serve as long as their position within the city/employment. All county appointed members must be residents of JCCFD1. She acknowledged that Edgerton has voiced concerns about how resident voices are being heard.

Mayor Roberts stated the concern is that the members that actually control the fire district are not part of the taxing jurisdiction. Not one BOCC member, who are the ones who can remove members at will, lives within the taxing jurisdiction.

Ms. Trent states she is not familiar with the residence of the commissioners, but she understands the Mayor's concern that none of the commissioners live within the consolidated fire district boundaries.

Mayor stated that while he believes the commissioners care and do a good job, this is not about particular people. A different commissioner in the future may not care.

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Ms. Trent says the consolidated district will follow the bylaws. Come January 1, the Advisory Board will meet to set meeting schedules and time location. Minimum requirement is quarterly meetings. She stated she has been doing work to reorganize the boards. What we recommend is that The Advisory Board has authority for approval. The BOCC has standard policies, personnel policies. All standards of operational policies go to the Advisory Board for approval before the BOCC. BOCC is a huge operation. They do a lot of oversight with a lot of delegations. MOU's (Memorandum of Understanding) are needed for legal services. Johnson County Counsel Office pays for outsourcing conflict.

Mayor asked if there is a Public Works MOU for the county. The Sheriff's Office is controlled by the BOCC, so why need an MOU?

Ms. Trent responded the reason for the MOU is because this is a separate taxing entity.

Councilmember Lebakken stated the BOCC has more representatives than we do. They have 4 and the cities have 3.

Ms. Trent states she views this as a partnership and collaboration. She added being at the table is important to partner for safety and this consolidation is not about controlling and power.

Councilmember Lebakken hopes everyone agrees with her.

Ms. Trent says that is where we have trust, and trust is earned and built.

JCFD #1 Fire Chief Trig Morley came to the podium to speak. Fire District 1 today is the fire service provider for City of Edgerton. He stated the fire district needs to change. There has been a lot of change since Fire District 1 was created 50 years ago. With all of the growth and development, the new consolidated district will improve service and keep up with the pace of development. He stated we are no longer a small rural department. We are breaking records every year due to the contribution of developments coming in. You deserve professional oversight and services. This is an opportunity for all communities to try it through county resources. There is no harm or risk to Edgerton just to try this. You get the same men, women, and service. By cleaning up government structure, processes will make us stronger, as shown with multiple consolidations.

She stated the BOCC appointed members to the consolidate board, but they were still waiting for the nominees from the City of Gardner, Spring Hill, and Edgerton. Those will then be referred over to the BOCC for approval. The consolidated fire district advisory board will proceed regardless, so it is important to get those referrals to the County.

Commissioner Shirley Allenbrand from the BOCC requested to speak. She offered to submit a nominee's name for someone that the Council wants to include on the board.

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She volunteered Chief Morely to give the City a mill reduction report. She also commended Mark Budolski, who served on the fire board for the last 35 years.

Mayor Roberts thanks Commissioner Allenbrand. He also praised Mark Burdolski. Mark was given a round of applause.

He stated we asked Ms. Trent to come and speak. The Council will be getting a finalized fire report. We could try for a year and not like it and change. The county would help if we wanted to de-annex from the Fire District. He confirmed with Ms. Trent that the County would allow the City to de-annex. She agreed.

He recommended the City appoint a member for the consolidated board tonight during the Mayor's report. He stated that the City needs to be part of this from the beginning. He added if the City later decides not to be a part of it, we can change things at a future date.

### **Business Requiring Action**

#### **22. CONSIDER CHANGE ORDER #3 TO KANSAS HEAVY CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR THE EAST 2ND STREET/EDGEWOOD AND EAST 3RD STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47,191.36.**

Public Works Director, Dan Merkh, stated that during construction, staff found that some of the pipe sizes and locations were different from those in plans, resulting in a price increase to purchase materials such as 12" pipe vs the bid item of the 8" pipe. Also, there was a relocation of the water main at 820 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and had to be rerouted due to storm drainage and concrete conflicts. This change order includes the work needed to convert to the new pipe size and to improve the waterline system. The total for Change Order #3 is \$47,191.36. This will be funded from the project contingency and therefore is within the project budget.

Councilmember Lebakken asked why the pipes connect between Edgewood and Meriwood.

Mr. Merkh said there was an existing service line going towards the Co-Op. The design was different from what was surveyed and in a different location. They had to reroute to connect the Co-Op to water system.

Councilmember Longanecker moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Malloy. The motion carried 5-0 by the following vote:

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

#### **23. CONSIDER CHANGE ORDER #1 TO SUNFLOWER PAVING, INC. FOR THE 2025 STREET PRESERVATION PROGRAM CURB WORK IN THE AMOUNT \$10,554.24.**

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Public Works Director, Dan Merkh, stated that due to the bid pricing being lower than expected and available budget, additional curb work was completed during construction on West 7<sup>th</sup> Street and West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, resulting in curb construction increase from 1180 LF to 1438 LF. The original contract was for \$87,440.03. The price for this change order is \$10,554.24. With the new change order, the new contract will be \$97,994.26. The increase is within project budget.

Councilmember Lebakken moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Longanecker. The motion carried 5-0 by the following:

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

**24. CONSIDER AGREEMENT FOR MANHOLE INSPECTIONS WITH TREKK DESIGN GROUP LLC.**

Public Works Director, Dan Merkh, stated in November, City staff requested a proposal for inspections of existing sanitary sewer manholes from TREKK Design Group LLC. TREKK has significant existing knowledge of our system and have developed a proprietary camera for manhole inspections called the TREKK360. This tool allows for safer inspections, and time savings from having to rely on man-entry to the structures. The agreement is a lump sum cost of \$5,000.00 covered by operating budget from Utility Department.

Councilmember Lewis moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Malloy. The motion carried 5-0 by the following vote:

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

**25. CONSIDER AN AGREEMENT WITH THE JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR THE PROVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026**

City Administrator, Beth Linn, addressed the annual contract with Johnson County Sheriff's Office for 2025 Law Enforcement services. This agreement is the same as services provided in 2025, providing law enforcement duties customarily rendered by the Sheriff under the statutes of this State and the ordinances of the City. The Cost for the Total Agreement was provided by the Sheriff's Office during the preparation of the 2026 Annual Budget. There is sufficient funding available, the total agreement cost of \$623,747 including budgeted overtime of \$5,000 makes up the total of \$628,747.

Councilmember Longanecker moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Malloy. The motion carried 5-0 by the following vote:

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

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**26. CONSIDER AGREEMENT WITH JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AT THE GREENSPACE IN EDGERTON, KANSAS**

Parks & Recreation Director, Levi Meyer, stated the renewal for 2026 is the same as the previously agreed upon contract for The Greenspace in 2025. The funding source will be from The Greenspace Facility Rental Fees.

Councilmember Lebakken moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Longanecker. The motion carried 5-0 by the following vote:

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

**27. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE WATER AND SEWER TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS AND STANDARD DETAIL**

Public Works Director, Dan Merkh, stated last meeting Council was provided with the specifications. He invites David Hamby, City Engineer with BG Consultants to the podium. He stated these plans are approved by KDHE. They are ready to recommend adoption from council.

City Engineer David Hamby stated the first part of the technical specifications are for water and sewer. This is sanitary sewer pipes, manholes, and trenching and backfill. The second part of that is water lines, water service lines, and how to test those. This covers baseline for what a contractor needs to install. It makes it simpler for the City to know what is expected and the contractor, and engineer to know what to do.

Councilmember Longanecker, asks if these specifications are similar to Olathe's.

Mr. Hamby says it is similar, but material changes and tweaks. Every year or 2 we will review that to tweak as changes come along.

Councilmember Lewis stated we should have a standard like other municipalities.

Councilmember Lewis moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Longanecker. The motion carried 5-0 by the following vote:

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

**28. Report by the City Administrator**

- HOME Grants 2025 Year-End Report

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Assistant to the City Administrator, Kara Banks, stated the total allocation of \$25,000 was made available for the Helping Owners Make Exterior (H.O.M.E) Improvements Grant for 2025. Not all of the budget was allocated in 2025. The average grant awarded was \$1,696. Applications for 2026 will open to the public on January 1. Residents must submit a completed application before work begins to be awarded funding. The application consists of a full bid or quote for work to be done and/or a detailed cost breakdown of the project, "before" photos and a W-9. She showed pictures of some of the completed projects to Council.

City Administrator, Beth Linn, reminded everyone that the remaining funds can roll over to future years.

- Senior Property Tax Rebate 2025 Year-End Report

Ms. Banks stated the total allocated funds were \$65,000. A total of \$50,394.81 was refunded to residents aged 65+ during the 2025 application period. 75 homeowners applied for the rebate. In 2026, there is \$65,000 allocated. Applications for the 2026 Senior Property Tax Rebate will be available starting January 19, 2026. Owner-occupants aged 65+ will qualify for up to \$792.11 in 2026. Property taxes will need to be paid in full before any rebates are issued.

Ms. Banks reminded everyone of the Holiday Home Contest. Voting is now available on the City website. There are six submissions. The top three will win a gift card and a yard sign that highlights their holiday spirit. Please go online and vote!

- WALK ON ITEM: Resolution 12-11-25C

Ms. Banks brought Resolution 12-11-25C for approval. This resolution assigns the contract with Gardner Disposal Services, Inc. to Eco Waste Solutions, Inc. Gardner Disposal is being sold. Councilmember Conus asked if there would be price increases with this change.

Tim Henry, owner of Gardner Disposal Services, stated he can't speak for another company, but the City's current contract expires December 31, 2027. His position is the only one going away.

Mayor Roberts has spoken to the new owner. The owner wants the employees to stay and maintain their reputable service. They want to push into the Kansas City market.

Councilmember Conus wanted to say great job on all overturned cans in the wind this week. Mr. Henry stated it was a challenge.

Councilmember Lewis moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Lebakken. The motion carried 5-0 by the following vote:

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

Ms. Linn gave her thanks to Tim and his staff. They have done a fantastic job.

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## 29. Report by the Mayor

Mayor stated the ribbon cutting is set for tomorrow at 10am for Maverik. He has been in once since the soft opening. It is a nice, clean store. He has already heard reviews on burritos and pizza. Councilmember Lebakken agreed, saying the pizza is good. She added remember to support local business.

Mayor brought up the holiday schedule. This year Christmas is on a Thursday, so he recommended giving staff the 24th and 26th off.

Councilmember Longanecker moved to approve the additional days off, seconded by Councilmember Lebakken. The motion carried 5-0 by the following vote:

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

Mayor Roberts then returned to the Consolidated Fire District Advisory Board. He requested that he become the City's delegate.

City Attorney Luckman interjected saying that he is concerned about the idea of "trying out" the consolidated fire district. He stated that everything promised here may or may not be covered by state statute. He made a recommendation for some language to include with the motion that states the City does not agree with the consolidation.

Councilmember Lebakken asked about a specific timeline for the nominee. Mr. Luckman stated we can change out our nominee at will.

Council member Longanecker read the motion to appoint Mayor Donald Roberts for the Advisory Board for Consolidated Fire District No. 1, including the following language: This appointment is made with the understanding, and in reliance upon that the County will allow the City to detach from the Consolidated District and create it's own Fire Department free of Fire District taxation, and further, that the City, by this appointment, does not waive any dispute it has over the legality or propriety of the creation or continued governance of the Consolidated District by the County. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion.

The motion carried 5-0 by the following vote:

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

Mayor reminded the Council of the future meetings for the Council and Planning Commission, as well as the events scheduled at The Greenspace.

- December 12: Kids Night Out
- December 23: Toddler Gym Jam
- December 25: City Council Meeting - CANCELLED

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- January 6: Culinary Kids – Mac & Cheese
- January 8: City Council Meeting
- January 9: Mocktail Class
- January 13: Planning Commission Meeting
- January 22: City Council Meeting
- January 24: Cultural Passport
- January 27: Toddler Gym Jam
- February 10: Planning Commission Meeting
- February 12: City Council Meeting
- February 26: City Council Meeting

### 30. **Adjourn**

Councilmember Lebakken moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Lewis. The motion carried 5-0 by the following vote:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.  
Submitted by Dusti Callahan, City Clerk.

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