

City of Edgerton, Kansas
Minutes of City Council Regular Session
February 12, 2026

A Regular Session of the City Council was held in the Edgerton City Hall, 404 E. Nelson, Edgerton, Kansas on February 12, 2026. The meeting convened at 7:01 PM with City Council Mayor Roberts presiding.

1. ROLL CALL

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

With a quorum present, the meeting commenced.

Staff in attendance:

- City Administrator, Beth Linn
- City Attorney, Todd Luckman
- Assistant to the City Administrator, Kara Banks
- Assistant to the City Administrator, Trey Whitaker
- City Clerk, Dusti Callahan
- Public Works Director, Dan Merkh
- Finance Director, Karen Kindle
- Development Services Director, Zach Moore
- Parks and Recreation Director, Levi Meyer
- Public Works Foreman, Chase Forrester
- Construction Inspector, Todd Veeman
- Maintenance Technician II, Colton Hamilton

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 January 22, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting
5. Approve Addendum No. 1 to the Post-Issuance Tax Compliance Services Proposal from Gilmore & Bell for the Series 2021A Home Rule Revenue Bonds
6. Approve an Annual Agreement for Portable Restroom Services with Gerken Rent-All

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Councilmember Longanecker moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Lewis to approve items 4-6 on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried 3-0 by the following vote:

Yes: Longanecker, Lewis, Conus

Absent: Lebakken, Malloy

Regular Agenda

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

8. **Public Comments.** There were no public comments made.

8.5. **Mayor introduces Parks and Recreation Director, Levi Meyer, to recognize Colton Hamilton.**

Mr. Meyer stated that in first snow event, Colton Hamilton, Maintenance Technician II, was on his route in the snow truck and noticed a community member who had fallen in their driveway. Colton was able to get out of the truck and provide aid and support. Mr. Meyer brought Mr. Hamilton up to the podium and a round of applause was given for Mr. Hamilton going above and beyond.

City Administrator, Beth Linn, stated the connection between staff and the community is really important. She praised him for noticing when something was wrong and reporting it to make sure the resident was helped.

Business Requiring Action

9. **CONSIDER AGREEMENT FOR TEMPORARY WORKSPACE WITH SOUTHERN STAR CENTRAL GAS PIPELINE, INC.**

Public Works Director, Dan Merkh, stated this agreement has been brought back to the table from the last council meeting on January 22, 2026. The City has a gas line located at the southeast corner of the Big Bull Creek Wastewater Plant. Southern Star is requesting Temporary Workspace for construction activities, as well as staging equipment. The agreement states restoration will be made of any areas impacted by construction. This agreement was tabled with direction to include clear language regarding the term of the agreement. The new verbiage added includes that the term shall remain in effect for a period not to exceed 12 months from the date of execution, or until completion of the associated project activities. Whichever occurs first.

Councilmember Longanecker moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Lewis to approve Item 9. The motion carried 3-0 by the following vote:

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Yes: Longanecker, Lewis, Conus

Absent: Lebakken, Malloy

10. CONSIDER AGREEMENT WITH OLSSON FOR MARTIN CREEK PARK EXPLORATION PROJECT

Parks and Recreation Director, Levi Meyer, stated on October 23, 2025, City Council approved the 2026-2030 CIP. The Martin Creek Park Exploration Project budget of \$125,000 was included in the approved CIP. There was a total of thirteen submissions received and reviewed by the selection committee. The selection committee recommends Olsson as the best, most qualified team for the project. Their project approach emphasizes scalable, multipurpose park amenities that can evolve over time as community needs change. They showed a clear understanding of balancing recreation, maintenance, operational feasibility, and long-term flexibility while providing practical operations for phased implementation. The proposed agreement with Olsson, Inc. includes a not-to-exceed amount of \$105,300 plus reimbursables per the schedule. Upon approval, work is expected to begin immediately. The master planning effort is expected to be completed later this year following public engagement and Council consideration. Mr. Meyer stated that Kelly Thompson from Olsson is here in attendance for any other questions.

Councilmember Longanecker asked what Olsson has been involved with the city in previous projects.

City Administrator, Beth Linn, answered this question by responding that they have been involved in the stormwater master plan and the streetlighting master plan.

Mr. Thompson gave more background on Olsson. Mr. Thompson stated they are excited for the opportunity.

Councilmember Longanecker moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Lewis to approve Item 10. The motion carried 3-0 by the following vote:

Yes: Longanecker, Lewis, Conus

Absent: Lebakken, Malloy

11. CONSIDER AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE LOAN AGREEMENT WITH KDHE FOR KDHE PROJECT NO. C20 3097 01.

Karen Kindle, Finance Director, reminded City Council of the loan agreement with KDHE for the Dwyer Sewer Sites Project 1, 2, & 3. The City can postpone the first payment from March 1, 2026 to March 1, 2027. The project is still in progress, and as a result, staff requested an amendment with KDHE to adjust the repayment schedule. She stated there is no change to the amount or project scope, rather this is just postponing the first payment.

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Councilmember Longanecker moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Conus to approve Item 11. The motion carried 3-0 by the following vote:

Yes: Longanecker, Lewis, Conus

Absent: Lebakken, Malloy

12. CONSIDER CHANGE ORDER #4 TO KANSAS HEAVY CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR THE EAST 2ND STREET/EDGEWOOD AND EAST 3RD STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,664.30.

Public Works Director, Dan Merkh, stated during construction staff identified discrepancies between the bid item quantities and the quantities shown on the approved construction plans. This change order revises the bid quantities to conform to the approved plan quantities. Change Order # 4, including details by line, is attached for review and lists of change orders as summarized.

Councilmember Longanecker asked where the discrepancies came from.

Mr. Merkh stated that in the 120-page long plans, some items were not added correctly. He explained that some of the adjustments came when crews started work and found items that may have been different than the drawings. Some occurrences are because certain items were not differentiated, like Type 1 curb vs Type 2 curb.

Mayor stated that there are additions and subtractions shown on the Change Request.

Ms. Linn states this contract gives overall percentage in change, which is 3.51%. While this is a lot of money, proportionally, it is very small.

Councilmember Longanecker thanked staff for finding these discrepancies and getting them addressed and taken care of.

Councilmember Lewis moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Longanecker to approve Item 12. The motion carried 3-0 by the following vote:

Yes: Longanecker, Lewis, Conus

Absent: Lebakken, Malloy

13. Report by the City Administrator

City Administrator Beth Linn highlighted the use of the Greenspace. She celebrated how many kids were at the Greenspace playing basketball and volleyball. She added it is exciting to see

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the building being utilized. Even today, there were kids who rode bikes there and used Wi-Fi and hung out outside. The investment has been a great addition to the community.

- Q4 Community Development Report

Development Services Director, Zach Moore, first presented on the Animal Control side of development. There were 35 loose animals, 5 barking complaints, 3 deceased animals removed, 1 citation issued, 5 unregistered pet violations, and 3 dog bite cases. For Code Enforcement there were 67% abated and 33% open cases including 52 new violations, 74% officer driven, 4 citations issued, 26% resident driven. As for building permitting, \$5,499,878 is the total permit valuation. There were 326 total inspections in Q4. 1,059 total inspections were completed in 2025, doubling what was done the previous year. Dwyer Farms has had 82 total permits issued, 70 of those in 2025. Edgerton currently estimates 1,854 as the population. Phase 2 of new homes begin in March. Phase 3 land disturbance work is underway. For Planning and Zoning, there were 3 planning development applications approved, 7 sign permits issued, and 2 work sessions in the 4th quarter. Maverick opened mid-December. Per the Work Sessions mentioned, sessions held discussed the updated Article 6 of Unified Development Code, which is a planning and development tool. A draft has been created of new Article 6 that will hopefully streamline the processes and help developers. This draft is being handed out tonight to councilmembers and City Attorney. This is step one in a pretty lengthy process. The goal is to address this at the next council meeting with any feedback and comments for a final copy to adopt.

Councilmember Conus asked what the 7 zoning violations were.

Mr. Moore stated he did not know specifically but could follow up with specifics. An example would be improper use of residential property. Zoning violations are different, they carry a lengthy time, so they are able to rectify the issue with more time usually. Junk in the yard is a 10-day period to fix. Zoning issues like wrong fencing or storing an RV wrong gets a 30-day window for fixing.

- STORMWATER & STREETS Update

Assistants to the City Administrator, Trey Whitaker and Kara Banks, presented the update for STORMWATER & STREETS. Mr. Whitaker stated there was a public open house last Saturday. There was a short presentation with questions answered for the public. There are boards with information from that public open house that are also here tonight. Most questions were about ballots. The ballots should arrive in mailboxes this week, and they are due March 3, 2026. There is a ballot drop box behind the library.

Ms. Banks handed out the draft for the new personnel manual. The current manual was last updated in 2009.

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Ms. Linn stated the goal is in 2 weeks to have the employee manual on the Council agenda. There are many policies being the same, like workplace safety and emergency closures. There are no changes in accrual. We have worked on other policies, and added some that we needed to have, like social media and AI.

14. Report by the Mayor

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

- February 17: Blood Drive
- February 19: Om Grown Yoga
- February 24: Toddler Gym Jam
- February 26: City Council Meeting
- February 26: Easter Egg Wreath
- February 26: Om Grown Yoga
- March 10: Planning Commission Meeting
- March 10: Tales for Tots – Potatoes
- March 10: Scrappy Porch Bunny with The Barefoot Builder
- March 12: City Council Meeting
- March 24: Toddler Gym Jam
- March 26: City Council Meeting
- April 9: City Council Meeting
- April 14: Planning Commission Meeting

15. Adjourn

Councilmember Lewis moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Conus to approve to adjourn. The motion carried 3-0 by the following vote:

Yes: Longanecker, Lewis, Conus

Absent: Lebakken, Malloy

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.
Submitted by Dusti Callahan, City Clerk.

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