

City of Edgerton, Kansas
Minutes of City Council Regular Session
March 26, 2026

A Regular Session of the City Council was held in the Edgerton City Hall, 404 E. Nelson, Edgerton, Kansas on March 26, 2026. 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
- 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
- Construction Inspector, Todd Veeman
- Senior Accountant, Justin Vermillion

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 March 12, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting
5. Approve Application FP2026-0001, Final Plat for Replat of JCCC CDL Training Facility
6. Approve the Final Acceptance of the Contract with SAK Construction, LLC for the 2025 CDBG – 3rd and Hulett Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project.
7. Approve an Annual Agreement for Bridgewater Lake Treatment Services

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Councilmember Lebakken moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Longanecker to approve items four through seven on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried 4-0 by the following vote:

Yes: Longanecker, Conus, Lebakken, Malloy

Absent: Lewis

Regular Agenda

8. **Declaration.** Councilmember Lebakken mentioned an email Council received. Mayor stated he shared the email with staff, and he did communicate back with the resident as well.

9. **Public Comments.**

There were no public comments made. City Clerk Dusti Callahan read an emailed comment sent in by Mr. Jason Sowers, an unincorporated county resident. Mr. Sowers expressed his concern with the verbiage included as part of Item 13, using the word may to replace with something like, "will require this unless..." to the UDC regarding industrial or light industrial zoning directly abutting residential property. Mayor Roberts thanked Mr. Sowers for submitting his comment for Council.

10. **PROCLAMATION FOR APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

City Administrator, Beth Linn, read aloud the proclamation and Mayor Roberts proclaimed the month of April 2026 as Fair Housing Month. This is an annual process for the application process to qualify for CDBG grants.

Business Requiring Action

11. **CONSIDER FACILITY USE AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH EDGERTON COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**

Parks and Recreation Director, Levi Meyer, stated last March, the Edgerton Food Pantry during was approved to utilize space at Greenspace for storage for their operations. They have a new 501c status for the operation, which is the only change in the new agreement from the one in 2025. This agreement is valid for the rest of the calendar year beginning March 26, 2026, through December 31, 2026. Either party may elect not to renew with two months prior notice. Last year, City Council set the rent at \$2 for the entirety of that agreement year.

Councilmember Lebakken moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Conus to approve Item 11 with a \$2 annual fee. The motion carried 4-0 by the following vote:

Yes: Longanecker, Conus, Lebakken, Malloy

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Absent: Lewis

12. CONSIDER RENEWAL OF CORPORATE INSURANCE POLICY FOR APRIL 1, 2026, TO MARCH 31, 2027

City Administrator, Beth Linn, stated that included for this item is a summary that we have used for the last several years. Kevin O'Brien, with Reilly Insurance, is here to give explanation of changes.

Kevin O'Brien with Reilly Insurance is the broker for the City. He began by thanking staff for their hard work during the renewal process. He stated three years ago Council favored EMC Insurance because they had something called a dividend program for municipalities in Kansas. After they pay the claims for the policy year, they then refund the excess to the policyholder in that program. Last June, he presented a check for \$7,066 for the year 2024. For the year 2025, Mr. O'Brien presented Council with a dividend check of \$10,215.11.

He then moved onto the changes for the 2026-27 renewal period. He stated in general, we are still seeing premium increases. Property is not as bad as it used to be but there are increases in deductibles. In auto, there are increases due to higher repair costs and larger verdicts on jury awards. Cyber continues to pose a challenge because ransomware is an issue, and insurance companies are starting to see more impersonation claims, like money being paid for fraudulent invoices submitted to businesses. AI is playing a part in making that more difficult to control. Premiums for property are down even though we have increased values by 4%. The museum was not previously in the blanket coverage but is now included. There were no changes in equipment for General Liability, and that premium went down slightly.

He stated last year at end of year, we found out EMC considers inflatables as a mechanical amusement device, which is why Council has a page just for special events. He stated the City considered going back to Travelers to make sure inflatables were covered, but they could not get close to the price for wind and hail damage that EMC offers. The overall increase is approximately \$366 for renewals.

City Administrator, Beth Linn, gave a huge thanks to Kevin and his team. She stated it truly takes a village.

Councilmember Longanecker moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Malloy to approve Item 12. The motion carried 4-0 by the following vote:

Yes: Longanecker, Conus, Lebakken, Malloy

Absent: Lewis

13. CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 2193 AMENDING ARTICLE 5 – INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICTS – OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE (UDC) OF THE CITY OF EDGERTON, KANSAS AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

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Development Services Director, Zach Moore, stated that the UDC is intended to implement the planning goals and policies contained in the Envision Edgerton 2050 Comprehensive Plan, other planning documents, and policies of the City Council and Planning Commission. Mr. Moore addressed Mr. Sowers' comment. He stated he understands the concern, but the wording allows for flexibility based on a number of factors. If staff finds buffering to be needed, then it shall be required. The code does require different buffer types for uses adjacent with different types of properties. There is a scale the City uses in the UDC for these defining widths, plants, screening, heights, etc.

Councilmember Lebakken asked what specifically Mr. Sowers was referring to in the UDC. Mr. Moore stated that is on page 8 of Article 5 under section I, number 3, part D.

Mayor stated in his opinion, the City's codes on buffering are great compared to most. He recommended Council compare LPKC to other industrial parks. He pointed to Kubota as a great example, with a berm and lots of shrubbery.

City Administrator, Beth Linn, stated that a berm, instead of solid wall, shows there are many ways to make that transition. This allows creativity or flexibility.

Councilmember Longanecker moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Malloy to approve Item 13. The motion carried 4-0 by the following vote:

Yes: Longanecker, Conus, Lebakken, Malloy

Absent: Lewis

14. Report by the City Administrator

- 2024-2025 Municipal Court Report

Assistant to the City Administrator, Kara Banks, reviewed the data from Municipal Court from the past two years. She stated the total warrants in 2024 was 71, and in 2025 was 50. The total number of citations in 2024 was 375, and the total in 2025 was 324. \$109,000 total fine fees in 2024 with a 90% compliance rate and \$88,530 total in fines for 2025 with a 94% compliance rate.

- Q1 Municipal Court Report

Ms. Banks presented the report, which shows there were 52 total citations for the first quarter in 2026. The average number of cases per docket is 43. There were 24 warrants issues, with 9 cleared and 2 recalled. \$25,931 in fines were ordered, and \$15,313 fines were collected. There is a 59% compliance rate.

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15. Report by the Mayor

Mayor reminded the Council of the future meetings.

- April 9: City Council Meeting
- April 14: Planning Commission Meeting
- April 23: City Council Meeting
- May 12: Planning Commission Meeting
- May 14: City Council Meeting

16. Adjourn

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

Yes: Longanecker, Conus, Lebakken, Malloy

Absent: Lewis

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.
Submitted by Dusti Callahan, City Clerk.

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