

City of Edgerton, Kansas
Minutes of City Council Regular Session
April 9, 2026

A Regular Session of the City Council was held in the Edgerton City Hall, 404 E. Nelson, Edgerton, Kansas on April 9, 2026. The meeting convened at 7:00 PM with Mayor Roberts presiding.

1. ROLL CALL

Donald Roberts	Present
Clay Longanecker	Present
Josh Lewis	Present
Deb Lebakken	Absent
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, Trey Whitaker
- City Clerk, Dusti Callahan
- Public Works Director, Dan Merkh
- Development Services Director, Zach Moore
- Parks and Recreation Director, Levi Meyer
- Construction Inspector, Todd Veeman
- Senior Accountant, Justin Vermillion
- CIP Project Manager, Rhoderic Montgomery
- Public Works Foreman, Chase Forrester

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 26, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting

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

Yes: Longanecker, Lewis, Conus, Malloy

Absent: Lebakken

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Regular Agenda

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

6. **Public Comments.**

Mr. Charlie Troutner stated that the work from the new trash company is less than satisfactory. His trash has not been dumped several times and he has heard the same from several others. He stated he has given the new company time to learn. A pattern should have been established and a routine by this point. Yesterday was a prime example. It was so windy that trash was blowing everywhere late in the afternoon. He knows the City contracts with this company, but there have been major problems. Most people put their bins out on Tuesday night. Sometimes it is Thursday or Friday before the trash is getting picked up. Some people have been lucky with no problems, but some have not.

Business Requiring Action

7. **CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 04-09-2026A APPROVING A FIVE-YEAR CITY/COUNTY STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 2027-2031**

Public Works Director, Dan Merkh, gave information on the CARS (County Assistance Road System) Program. The CARS program provides funds to the cities of Johnson County to construct and maintain their roadways. Johnson County selects and allocates funds. The County pays 50% of the project's construction and construction inspection costs. Prior to LPKC, Edgerton did not frequently participate in the program due to the local match requirement to receive funding. With new sources of revenue available from LPKC and surrounding development, Edgerton has identified potential projects to be submitted for consideration of the next annual 5-Year CARS program. Staff is working with City Engineer/BG Consultants to provide project estimates and scopes for these projects. That additional information will be submitted with the CARS 2027-2031 Program Submission. The five-year plan has flexibility to move projects throughout the plan years, as well as addition or removal of projects. For the projects for 2028 W 8th Street: W. Braun/207th Street to South City Limits Project, and 2031 West Braun/207th Street; W. 8th Street East to Grade Separation Project, the City portion will be funded by RHID.

Councilmember Longanecker moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Malloy to approve Item 7. The motion carried 4-0 by the following vote:

Yes: Longanecker, Lewis, Conus, Malloy

Absent: Lebakken

8. **CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 2194 FOR LEVYING A CITY RETAILERS' SALES TAX IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE PERCENT (1%) FOR THE PURPOSE OF**

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OBTAINING FUNDS FOR THE REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT OF STORMWATER AND STREET INFRASTRUCTURE

Assistant to the City Administrator, Trey Whitaker, stated on November 13, 2025, Council approved Resolution No. 11-13-2025C for the Special Election Ballot language. On March 3, 2026, qualified electors voted in favor of the Special Sales Tax. On March 12, 2026, the Johnson County Election Office gave the Final Certification of Election Results and was shared with City Council at the March 12, 2026, Council meeting. This Ordinance (No. 2194) represents the final action required by the City Council before staff submit the necessary documents to Kansas Department of Revenue to initiate the process for the City of Edgerton to begin collecting the Special Sales Tax and to be eligible for distribution. Staff will notify KDOR before July 1, 2026, of the request to levy the one percent City Retailers' Sales Tax. The tax collection will begin on October 1, 2026, and the first distribution will be by the end of December 2026.

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

Yes: Longanecker, Lewis, Conus, Malloy

Absent: Lebakken

9. Report by the City Administrator

- CIP Update

Rhoderic Montgomery, CIP Project Manager, and Dan Merkh, Public Works Director, gave the CIP Update.

Mr. Montgomery thanked fellow staff for the help, and the citizens in attendance for being here for the presentation. He explained the handouts given to Council before the presentation started. There are \$7.2M in active grants and loans currently being used on projects. Mr. Montgomery went over the actively funded CIP Projects first. There are four different categories for the projects: concepts, design/planning, construction, and final acceptance. The 2nd Street Reconstruction is still in the construction phase. Projects in the design/planning phase are the 2026 Street Preservation, Edgerton Safety Action Plan, Dwyer Farms Sanitary Sewer (Sites 2 & 3), Martin Creek Park Exploration, ERP Software Acquisition, and the Technical Specifications, Design Criteria & Unified Development Code. Projects in the concept phase are the W. Martin and W. McDonald PER, W. 8th Street: W. Braun – South City Limits, Dwyer Water Improvements, 191st Street Reconstruction, W. 8th Street and W. Nelson A & B, City Facility Security Exploration, City Website and Codification System, and Residential Property Tax Update. The only project in the final acceptance stage is The Greenspace.

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Upcoming projects include the H2S Manhole Lining, 2027 Sanitary Sewer Rehab Project, 2027 Street Preservation Program, 191st Street Reconstruction, W 8th St; W Braun – South City Limits (Dwyer Farms Waterline Improvements included).

Completed projects are the 2025 CDBG Sanitary Sewer Rehab, (Federally Funded Sanitary sewer rehab, included lining and point repairs of identified sanitary sewer lines), and 2025 Street Preservation – Concrete (concrete curb & sidewalk improvements completed across the City). The PCI portion of the 2025 Street Preservation program is still ongoing. It will be completed in the early fall of 2026.

The Active Grant and Funding Summary includes \$2.2M in total Active Grants and Technical Assistance being utilized. There is a \$5M KDHE SRF Low-Interest Loan being utilized. Another \$1M in KDOT Cost Share for 2nd Street, and there are currently 3+ active grant applications.

City Administrator, Beth Linn, stated that as for The Greenspace, there are pink marks for sections in the concrete to remove and fix. As you may remember, we identified these issues last year. Where they had sealed the concrete, there was little degradation. Having to replace the concrete is the worse part. It speaks both to what Combes did and on recognizing there is a product to assist us in this. We have to be diligent about this going forward, with adding that special additive to continue to be added to concrete in the future. We were hoping not to have to replace the whole amount.

She also discussed the ongoing street reconstruction project. Ms. Linn stated she understands what it means to live in construction. April, May, and June are the rainiest months. Time frames can change as we cannot control the weather. 2nd Street still needs sod and streetlights. It is drivable but further work needs to be done. Edgewood is mostly torn up. They have to do driveways, grading, and streetlights. Ms. Linn wants to be honest from the start about what might feel like substantial completion, is not total completion.

Mayor stated that even when it looks done, things might not be totally complete.

Ms. Linn stated that she knows people are over this long construction, but it is great that the product is being used. Sidewalks and streets are very nice. There are still small details to button up before full completion.

Councilmember Longanecker stated that it does look better, and in just a few weeks.

Mr. Montgomery stated we have been very lucky with Kansas Heavy; they really want to get this done and give the City a good product.

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Councilmember Longanecker asked about the grants. He was impressed to hear they had stepped forward.

Mr. Montgomery stated that staff tries to apply for every grant opportunity to stretch dollars farther.

Ms. Linn stated that this is a great opportunity for the governing body to have conversations about how to be strategic for work, to have match funds available and what to do for the right projects. It changes every year. The projects are different about how you package a project to be grant ready, and they often require matching dollars and what are the right priorities.

10. Report by the Mayor

Mayor reminded the Council of the future meetings.

- April 14: Planning Commission Meeting
- April 23: City Council Meeting
- May 12: Planning Commission Meeting
- May 14: City Council Meeting
- May 28: City Council Meeting

11. Adjourn

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

Yes: Longanecker, Lewis, Conus, Malloy

Absent: Lebakken

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

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