

City of Edgerton, Kansas
Minutes of City Council Regular Session
September 10, 2026

A Regular Session of the City Council was held in the Edgerton City Hall, 404 E. Nelson, Edgerton, Kansas on September 10, 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	Present
Bill Malloy	Present
Ron Conus	Present

With a quorum present, the meeting commenced.

Staff in attendance:

- City Administrator, Beth Linn
- City Attorney, Tom Barnes
- Assistant to the City Administrator, Trey Whitaker
- Assistant to the City Administrator, Kara Banks
- City Clerk, Dusti Callahan
- Public Works Director, Dan Merkh
- Development Services Director, Zach Moore
- Parks and Recreation Director, Levi Meyer
- Finance Director, Karen Kindle
- Public Works Foreman, Chase Forrester
- Recreation Superintendent, Brittany Paddock
- Senior Accountant, Justin Vermillion
- Maintenance Technician I – Public Works, Nathan Hiner
- Maintenance Technician I - Utilities, Clayton Culley

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 August 27, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting
5. Consider Final Acceptance Of The Contract With Combes Construction LLC For The Greenspace Project

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6. Consider Final Acceptance For The 2026 Street Preservation Program – Pavement Marking Project

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

Yes: Longanecker, Lewis, Lebakken, Conus, Malloy

Regular Agenda

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

8. **Public Comments.**

William LaFalce, an Edgerton Resident, criticized the mayor for sitting with the plaintiff's counsel during a recent court case involving the City of Edgerton. He argued that this action undermined public trust and indicated alignment against constituents. The court had ruled the City's lawsuit as a SLAPP and ordered the City to pay the defendant's attorney fees. Mr. LaFalce requested the mayor to issue a public statement explaining the choice of seating and also provided letters of resignation for the council members and staff, should they choose to resign. He also provided a Dubai flag, stating that is who was being worshipped.

Kim Twente, an Edgerton resident, expressed frustration regarding the city's approach to citizen engagement. She criticized the city for hiring outside consultants and conducting surveys that she believes are designed to suppress citizen input. Ms. Twente argued that these steps are a waste of taxpayer money and do not provide a true platform for residents' voices to be heard. She also claimed a lack of open comment section in city surveys and insufficient documentation of public meeting comments, which she believes limits meaningful citizen participation.

9. **Introduction of New Employees**

Dan Merkh, Public Works Director, invited Clayton and Nathan to join him at the podium. Nathan Hiner is at Public Works and Clayton Culley is in Utilities

Maintenance Technician I – Public Works, Nathan Hiner, introduced himself and stated he works for the Public Works department and resides in Spring Hill.

Maintenance Technician I – Utilities, Clayton Culley, introduced himself and stated he works for Utilities Department. He grew up in Baldwin City and is happy to be here and contribute to the City's workforce and growth.

Council welcomed the new hires.

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10. Presentation by ElevateEdgerton! Of Award from Southern Economic Development Council (SEDC)

James Oltman, President of ElevateEdgerton!, presented an award from the Southern Economic Development Council (SEDC) recognizing the city for its Dwyer Farms Housing Development. This project was awarded the SEDC Community Economic Development Award in the under 5,000 population category. Dwyer Farms is set up to add 279 single-family homes, increasing Edgerton's housing inventory by nearly 45%. The project was commended for addressing workforce housing needs and for influencing legislative changes that made more communities in Kansas eligible for housing development incentives. It represents over \$21 million in new residential construction, supported by nearly \$1 million in federal funding for infrastructure. The award highlights Edgerton's collaborative efforts and a significant impact on local and regional economic development.

Business Requiring Action

11. CONSIDER A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR WELLSVILLE 1ST ANNUAL RZR/RANGER RUN WITHIN THE CITY OF EDGERTON, KANSAS

Trey Whitaker, Assistant to the City Administrator, stated in early July 2026, Mystic Mastin, proposed this event with the third stop being in Edgerton. The event is set for October 3, 2026, the "run" would arrive around 4:15 PM and leave around 5:30 PM. This event aims to raise money for USD 289 negative school lunch balances. If granted, staff recommends all other requirements of Ordinance 2086 be required for participants and their vehicles, and that vehicles participating in the event be marked or identified.

Councilmember Longanecker asked what the route into town would be.

Ms. Mastin stated they would ride in on backroads, right to Full Draw and then go right back out the same way. There is a form circulating online for all participants information to get names, machine counts and head counts, which was required by Eudora. Payments are asked to be made to the USD 289.

City Administrator Beth Linn suggested the UTV's be marked in some way, like a flag and sticker, to help law enforcement easily identify participant vehicles.

Councilmember Longanecker motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Lebakken, business action item nine approving the special event and requiring some type of identifier per UTV for the event, waive the annual permit, and retain all other requirements of Ordinance 2086. The motion carried 5-0 by the following vote:

Yes: Longanecker, Lewis, Lebakken, Conus, Malloy

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12. CONSIDER THE 2027 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

Karen Kindle, Finance Director, stated staff began on May 28, 2026, for funding requests from outside agencies. On July 9, 2026, was the budget work session and recommended mill rate discussion. During the work session, council consensus was to use same mill rate from 2026 to calculate the tax revenue. Staff published the RNR and Budget public hearing notices on August 3rd, 2026. During the RNR hearing, held on on August 27, 2026, Council approved Resolution No. 08-27-26A authorizing an estimated mill rate of 29.592 for the 2027 budget.

Councilmember Lewis motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Longanecker, business action item twelve. The motion carried 4-1 by the following vote:

Yes: Longanecker, Lewis, Lebakken, Malloy

No: Conus

13. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 09-10-26A AUTHORIZING THE CLOSURE OF CERTAIN PUBLIC STREETS FOR MOTORS AND MONSTERS

Brittany Paddock, Recreation Superintendent, introduced a new event called Motors and Monsters. This is a community car show and trunk-or-treat event taking place on October 10 from 11 AM to 4:30 PM. The plan includes road closures and no parking zones to accommodate these activities. Key closures include parts of Nelson Street from 8 AM to 6 PM, with certain intersections remaining open for emergency vehicle access. The event is free to attend for local community members, the \$20 car entry fee will go towards Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund to contribute to local families in need during the holiday season. There will be an owl demonstration for families while kids can enter the Halloween costume contest. Taco Via will have food available for purchase starting at 11 AM and live music will begin at Noon. Families can then participate in trunk-or-treating with the cars entered into the contest and even cast their own vote for the "People's Choice" car award. There will be additional flyers for information and registering, if car show participants would like to guarantee their spot.

Ms. Linn stated she is interested to see what the turn out this event will be.

Ms. Paddock stated staff will notify surrounding residents who would be affected, as well as the Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Johnson County Consolidated Fire District #1 and Johnson County Med-Act of the proposed closings.

Councilmember Longanecker motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, business action item thirteen. The motion carried 5-0 by the following vote:

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14. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 09-10-26B FOR TEMPORARY NO PARKING RELATED TO MOTORS & MONSTERS

Ms. Paddock discussed Resolution No. 09-10-26B, focusing on establishing temporary no parking zones for the Motors and Monsters event on October 10, 2026. The no parking zones are to support the event logistics while ensuring emergency vehicles have access. These zones will be effective from 7 AM to 6 PM on the event day. Staff asked Council to decide how to best assess the parking on the Horseshoe near Nelson Street, considering its proximity to the car show site. The council debated whether to implement parking restrictions on just one side of the street or leave it open this year to observe the outcome. They decided to leave it open this year to not inconvenience residents who already park on both sides of the road.

Councilmember Longanecker motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Malloy, business action item fourteen with the exception to remove the restrictions on lines 13 through 15 on Resolution 09-10-26B. The motion carried 5-0 by the following vote:

Yes: Longanecker, Lewis, Lebakken, Conus, Malloy

15. Report by the City Administrator

- Ms. Paddock provided details about the upcoming Meat Inferno BBQ event, highlighting the participation of 33 KCBS teams and 22 kids in the kids' competition. The event includes a live band, a fire and LED show, and community judging for the Kids Q competition. Ms. Paddock mentioned there is free competition BBQ food for the community, which is provided by GBA from 5 PM to 8 PM by Greenspace, while supplies last. Cops N Bobbers event celebrates 30 years this Saturday. Every kid is a winner and will take home a prize. Check in starts at 9 AM, and the competition starts at 10 AM.

Mayor reminded Council that this is the second year for GBA to provide to the community, and encourages everyone to participate.

- Ms. Linn has two items related to the Edgerton Community Food Pantry. The first is the 913 Day food drive at the New City Church for collection from 8 AM to 10 AM. Their goal is 913 pounds or more of food.

Mayor asked what was recommended by the Edgerton Community Food Pantry, and he was told canned meats like tuna would be great.

Ms. Linn stated the other item related to the Edgerton Community Food Pantry is the Steps to Stock Shelves 5K fun run. This event takes place on October 10, 2026, the morning of Motors and Monsters. There will be lots of fun in Edgerton

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that day. The run starts at Martin Creek Park and goes through the beautiful trail systems.

- Dan Merkh, Public Works Director, provided information for homework for the PCI conversation assessments, sharing examples of road conditions and deterioration for council review. This segment included discussions around the typical deterioration rates of streets and ongoing maintenance efforts, such as creek sealing, to preserve road quality.

16. Report by the Mayor

Mayor reminded the Council of the future meetings.

September 10: City Council Meeting
September 24: City Council Meeting
October 8: City Council Meeting
October 13: Planning Commission Meeting
October 22: City Council Meeting

17. CONSIDER RECESSING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE ATTORNEY/CLIENT EXCPTION TO INCLUDE CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE PURPOSES OF CONSULTATION WITH AN ATTORNEY WHICH WOULD BE DEEMED PRIVILEGED IN THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT RELATIONSHIP (K.S.A. 75- 4319(B)(2))

Councilmember Longanecker motioned to approve going into executive session pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(B)(2) regarding pending litigation for 20 minutes at 8:00 PM in council chambers, seconded by Councilmember Lewis. The motion carried 5-0 by the following vote:

Yes: Longanecker, Lewis, Lebakken, Conus, Malloy

Councilmember Lewis motioned to approve returning into open from executive session pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(B)(2) at 8:20 PM in council chambers with no action taken, seconded by Councilmember Lebakken. The motion carried 5-0 by the following vote:

Yes: Longanecker, Lewis, Lebakken, Conus, Malloy

18. Adjourn

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

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.
Submitted by Dusti Callahan, City Clerk.

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