

City of Edgerton, Kansas
Minutes of City Council Regular Session
SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

A Regular Session of the City Council was held in the Edgerton City Hall, 404 E. Nelson, Edgerton, Kansas September 11, 2025. The meeting convened at 7:00 PM with City Council Mayor Roberts presiding.

1. ROLL CALL

Donald Roberts	Present
Clay Longanecker	Present
Josh Lewis	Absent
Deb Lebakken	Absent
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
Assistant to the City Administrator, Trey Whitaker
City Clerk, Dusti Callahan
Public Works Director, Dan Merkh
CIP Project Manager, Holly Robertson
City Attorney, Todd Luckman
Finance Director, Karen Kindle
Development Services Director, Zach Moore
Public Works Foreman, Chase Forrester
Maintenance Technician II, Colton Hamilton
Parks and Recreation Director, Levi Meyer
Construction Inspector, Todd Veeman

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 28, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting
5. Approve the State of Kansas Setoff Program Agreement

Councilmember Longanecker moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Conus to approve Item 5 and pull Item 4. The motion carried 3-0 by the following vote:

Yes: Longanecker, Conus, Malloy

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Absent: Lewis, Lebakken

City Administrator, Beth Linn, brought Item 4 up for discussion. She wanted to clarify changes made for the minutes of August 28, 2025. Item 10 of said minutes were changed to state Absent instead of no for Councilmember Lebakken. Other changes included adding a footnote disclaimer to explain the purpose of the minutes.

Councilmember Conus moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Malloy, to approve Item 4. The motion carried 3-0 by the following vote:

Yes: Longanecker, Conus, Malloy

Absent: Lewis, Lebakken

Regular Agenda

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

7. **Public Comments**

Mayor stated the public comment is to address concerns, on or off the agenda.

Mayor welcomed Mr. Bill LaFalce, an Edgerton resident, who thanked the Mayor and Council for the platform for free speech. He praised the City staff and stated he planned to address the issue of publishing records and results tonight, but the last couple of weeks have been heard on his heart. Mr. LaFalce showed several pictures of people who have been targeted for using their free speech rights, explaining this could be you, your family, wife, son etc. Individuals have a right to free speech, but we have to be tempered in our words. He appreciates the opportunity to be here to show future generations, as a society, what we did for them. He added that we should be civil and kind.

Mayor welcomed Lori Winsler, a Gardner resident, who is requesting a waiver of usage fees for The Greenspace for Girl Scouts Service Unit #682. This is a nonprofit, volunteer lead organization. They want to continue their positive impact. She explained some of the ways the scouts have given back to the community. She stated with the Council's support they can continue to help the community. Please consider this request, as they value their relationship and partnership with Edgerton. Mayor thanked Ms. Winsler for coming.

Mayor welcomed Ms. Olivia Baken, an Edgerton resident. She stated she read the minutes and disagrees with some of the synopsis. She believes the minutes need more accuracy. Referencing her statement in the minutes, she states she said population is declining, not the town itself declining. About recordings, she has researched some grants to make streaming meetings a possibility. She strongly feels if the City tried for these grants, we could get it. It would give the transparency she thinks is lacking. She referenced digital equity grants, technology grants, and innovative technology programs. The City could argue that bringing meetings to the community through recording would be an innovative step, and that could be a good reason. If we put more effort into looking into these grants,

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hopefully we could even add a portal and watch the video recording. She stated she sees some flaws and by working together we can make things better.

Business Requiring Action

8. CONSIDER A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CITY OF EDGERTON TO ACCEPT FUNDING THROUGH THE INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY GRANT PROGRAM OF \$34,000 FOR 2025 STREET PRESERVATION PROGRAM.

CIP Project Manager, Holly Robertson, explains the Innovative Technology Grant Program Agreement with KDOT. In November of 2024, City staff applied to the KDOT for the Innovative Technology Grant Program. The application included using artificial intelligence and machine learning to develop Pavement Condition Index (PCI). This technology uses a more accurate, safer, and less labor-intensive inspection of the road system. A refresh of the 2020 PCI was identified in the Street Preservation Program to take place in 2025. This project includes scoping and planning future rehabilitation projects for next 5 to 10 years. On September 17, 2025, City Staff received the final agreement noting \$34,000 grant through KDOT and City match of \$12,202 for a total of \$46,202. This grant does require contractual provisions, progress reporting, and meticulous financial documentation. There are two contracts coming up to perform the work related to the PCI. The City Attorney has reviewed this agreement.

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

Yes: Longanecker, Conus, Malloy

Absent: Lewis, Lebakken

15. Report by the Mayor

Mayor Roberts stated he was going to do his report now, instead of waiting until the end of the meeting. Mayor thanked Ms. Winsler for attending and addressing her public comments. He suggests she work with Parks & Recreation Director, Levi Meyer, to bring her ideas and plan. Once they can get that as an actual agenda item, council would be able to take action on the issue.

Discussion of 2025 November/December Council Meeting Schedules -

There are two scheduled regular council meetings on Thanksgiving, November 27, 2025, and Christmas Day, December 25, 2025. It is suggested to cancel both referenced regular meetings, as they are on Holidays. Special meetings will be called if needed.

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

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Absent: Lewis, Lebakken

9. CONSIDER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ALFRED BENESCH & COMPANY FOR A LUMP SUM OF \$20,372.00 FOR THE 2025 STREET PRESERVATION PROGRAM

CIP Project Manager, Holly Robertson, states this is a continuation of the last item. This is an agreement on the professional services for Item 8. May 8, 2025 council approved a contract with Sunflower Paving. Inc. for \$87,440.02 to finish the curb work portion of the 2025 Street Preservation Program. On July 25, 2025, submissions of qualifications were received from five qualified consultants. Alfred Benesch & Company was selected based on their knowledge of the KDOT Innovative Technology Program and PCI. The scope of services includes GIS coordination of PCI results and a 10-year pavement management plan. PCI is driving factor leading to data to prepare for capital improvement programs.

City Administrator, Beth Linn, stated this uses innovative technologies to feed data and give more information for CIP projects. She stated this is like street master planning. City attorney has reviewed this agreement.

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

Yes: Longanecker, Conus, Malloy

Absent: Lewis, Lebakken

10. CONSIDER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH STREETSCAN FOR A LUMP SUM OF \$25,830.00 FOR THE 2025 STREET PRESERVATION PROGRAM.

CIP Project Manager, Holly Robertson, state this is the other piece for Innovative Technology Grant Program. In Benesch statement of qualifications, the project included Streetscan/CityLogix using innovative technology to gather road data and use AI/Machine learning to process the data into a PCI. Staff selected an individual contract with Streetscan/CityLogix due to the longer-term software subscription for road asset management and PCI. The scope of services includes vehicle mounted scan and 360 imagery of the road system, pavement condition data processing, and three years of StreetLogix Asset Management software of the road network. City Attorney has reviewed and approved the agreement.

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

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Absent: Lewis, Lebakken

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11. CONSIDER A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CITY OF EDGERTON TO ACCEPT FUNDING THROUGH THE KANSAS INFRASTRUCTURE HUB GRANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF \$3,250 FOR GRANT WRITING ASSISTANCE RELATED TO STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ADJACENT TO DWYER FARMS.

CIP Project Manager, Holly Robertson, stated this is a new program to go after federal funding. More people are requesting assistance in the grant writing and administrative services. In August of 2025 City applied to the Kansas Infrastructure Hub for the Grant Assistance Program. This program provides financial assistance for Kansas municipalities to support grant writing or grant administration services. On September 10, 2025, the City received final grant agreement which noted the \$3,250 grant through the GAP program with no City match required. City Attorney has reviewed the grant agreement with no comments. Approval of this item would add this as project to our CIP, authorizing the budget to be funded and reimbursed with this grant.

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

Yes: Longanecker, Conus, Malloy

Absent: Lewis, Lebakken

12. CONSIDER A CONTRACT WITH GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE SERVICES FOR A LUMP SUM OF \$3,250 FOR GRANT WRITING ASSISTANCE FOR THE RURAL AND TRIBAL ASSISTANCE PILOT PROGRAM RELATED TO STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ADJACENT TO DWYER FARMS.

CIP Project Manager, Holly Robertson explained October 8, 2025, is the deadline to deliver the RTA grant application. The Government Assistance Services (GAS) was selected as a recommended consultant from the Kansas Infrastructure Hub to perform the grant writing and assistance. The RTA grant will provide technical assistance like environmental review, preliminary design, project scoping and fundings for transportation related projects.

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

Yes: Longanecker, Conus, Malloy

Absent: Lewis, Lebakken

13. CONSIDER AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO SAK CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR THE 2025 CDBG – 3RD AND HULETT SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$149,150.

CIP Project Manager, Holly Robertson stated the City submitted an application to Johnson County for the 3rd and Hulett Sanitary Sewer Project for Community Development Block Grant

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(CDBG) funding. In January of 2025, Johnson County notified staff of the proposed award of the maximum funding request of \$200,000. The amount is based on estimated funding, as the County has not received their allocation. On September 15, 2025, the City held a public bid opening. Three bids were received, opened, and read aloud to the public. Bids consisted of a base bid and one alternate item. Base bids ranged from \$130,750 to \$188,726. GBA provided an opinion of probable cost. GBA recommends SAK as most qualified, apparent low bidder.

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

Yes: Longanecker, Conus, Malloy

Absent: Lewis, Lebakken

14. Report by the City Administrator

- Biannual Marketing & Communications Report

Assistant to City Administrator, Kara Banks, gave an update on Marketing and Communications. The largest spike in website views came for July 3rd. She stated 55% of website traffic is on desktop, the rest is on mobile devices. Most people find us by organic search, direct search, and some organic socials where they go directly into Facebook. On Facebook there was an increase of 323 followers since April 1, 2025. The City's Facebook page has had 115.3k views on Facebook since April 2025.

- Biannual Municipal Court Report

City Administrator, Beth Linn, explains the Sheriff's office report had a change in their records system, so we are hoping to do that report in December at their annual contract renewal.

Assistant to City Administrator, Kara Banks, gave the Municipal Court Update. There was a total of 710 citations from January 2025 to August 2025 with an average of 44 cases per docket. Currently there are 9 active payment plans, and 36 warrants have been issued with 22 being cleared. Time to disposition within 30 days from January 2025 to August 2025 is 27%, while within 90 days it is 74%. The compliance rate is 90%.

- Third Quarter Public Works Report

Public Works Foreman, Chase Forrester, stated between May and August 2025, Public Works has graded 6.5 linear miles of gravel roads and used 26.5 tons of rock. 340 lane miles of street sweeping have been completed.

Councilmember Longanecker asked how the new street sweeper is. Mr. Forrester stated it is not any faster than the previous one, but it does clean better, which requires fewer passes.

Councilmember Longanecker says this is good and saves time.

Mr. Forrester states there were 5 work orders for pavement striping, 35 cubic yards of tree trimming, adding a dump truck bed is approximately 10 to 15 cubic yards, 240 cubic yards of brush burned, most coming from citizens. There were also 110 tons of asphalt patching. Some sign work included 32 sign work orders, decals for trucks and the new sweeper, and three

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traffic control detour route setups. Other duties include vehicle and equipment maintenance, jetting programs, valve exercising, 136-man hours of training, and nine on call activations. Councilmember Conus asked what the on-call activations are.

Mr. Forrester responds there is wide range, from jetting, to lift stations, to a truck running over a signal pole at LPKC, etc.

Mayor Roberts states anything anyone calls in for immediate response is an on-call activation.

Mr. Forrester states these are only on-call activations. There are usually 5 to 6 more than that in physical calls, but some of those can be managed next day or by another department.

- 2025-2026 Winter Operations Presentation

City Administrator, Beth Linn, wants to remind everyone that the brush pile is open by appointment only.

Public Works Director, Dan Merkh, presented the 2025-2026 Winter Operations Presentation. Crews will work 12-hour shifts. Treatment is determined by the forecast. There are two types of response, proactive and reactive. Pretreatment is based on the forecast. Notifications of weather and plans are accessible through Notify JOCO. The City uses salt and brine. Enhanced salts melts ice faster than other de-icers. Brine is used for pretreatment. There is a set plowing procedure; Priority 1 is major thoroughfares with higher traffic, Priority 2 are neighborhood roads, Priority 3 is cul-de-sacs and alleys. Mr. Merkh showed maps of the priorities. Dwyer Farms has been added to Priority 2. There will be a dedicated employee for all public buildings. Public buildings sidewalks will be cleaned prior to opening business hours. Residents are responsible for clearing sidewalks and private drives.

Councilmember Conus asked how many street temperature sensors we have and where.

Mr. Merkh states they are on the vehicles, and we have two. Stormwatch has sensors in the road, and Weather or Not utilizes that data.

Mayor asks when the first snow is.

Mr. Merkh states that is the million-dollar question and hopefully predicts no ice and five inches of total snow.

City Administrator, Beth Linn, gave an update on the 2nd Street Reconstruction Project. She stated after conversation with Kansas Heavy, a change in phasing will be coming. These details may be rolled out prior to next council meeting, but everyone will be notified. Delays in private utility relocations forced the changes to the construction schedule.

Ms. Linn would like to propose an action to ratify prior Ordinance No. 2184 regarding the pole sign on September 11, 2025. The numbering was incorrect; the number should change from 2184 to 2186.

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Absent: Lewis, Lebakken

City Administrator, Beth Linn, reminded everyone of the CIP work session in 2 weeks.

Mayor Roberts stated the first CIP work session is usually for gathering of information. Citizens will be able to comment on the CIP, usually that comes at the second meeting in October. Citizens can come to the work session to listen and learn about proposed projects.

Ms. Linn also has the requested grant information 2023 that Councilmember Conus requested. Some examples of the grants are \$960k for Dwyer Sanitary Sewer, \$1 million in KDOT cost share for 2nd Street, \$25k waste tire at Glendale, \$400k in general from CDBG. There is a total of approximately \$2.6 million in grant funds since 2023. She stated the Kansas Infrastructure Grant is now here to help cities in navigating the federal grant process. We are very excited about that grant for more successes.

Mayor Roberts added that a grant can sound great, but it isn't always great. All grants come with different guidelines and stipulations.

Mayor reminded the Council of the future meetings for the Council and Planning Commission.

- September 25: City Council Meeting
- October 9: City Council Meeting & CIP Work Session
- October 14: Planning Commission Meeting
- October 23: City Council Meeting & CIP Work Session
- November 13: City Council Meeting
- November 27: CANCELLED
- December 11: City Council Meeting
- December 25: CANCELLED

16. Adjourn

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

Yes: Longanecker, Conus, Malloy

Absent: Lewis, Lebakken

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Submitted by Dusti Callahan, City Clerk.

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