

**City of Edgerton, Kansas**  
**Minutes of City Council Regular Session**  
**January 8, 2026**

A Regular Session of the City Council was held in the Edgerton City Hall, 404 E. Nelson, Edgerton, Kansas on January 8, 2026. The meeting convened at 7:00 PM with City Council 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, Kara Banks  
Assistant to the City Administrator, Trey Whitaker  
City Clerk, Dusti Callahan  
Public Works Director, Dan Merkh  
Finance Director, Karen Kindle  
Senior Accountant, Justin Vermillion  
Development Services Director, Zach Moore  
Parks and Recreation Director, Levi Meyer  
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 December 11, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting

Mayor removed Item 4 for corrections. City Administrator Beth Linn stated the correction as presented to council, is under Item 21, paragraph 3, changing the word to commissioners in the first sentence and removing the partial sentence at the end.

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Councilmember Lewis moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Longanecker to approve the minutes from December 11, 2025, with the corrections. The motion carried 4-0 by the following vote:

**Yes:** Longanecker, Lewis, Conus, Malloy

**Absent:** Lebakken

### **Regular Agenda**

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

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

### **Business Requiring Action**

#### **7. CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 2188 CREATING A COMMON CONSUMPTION AREA FOR SPECIAL EVENTS IN DOWNTOWN EDGERTON.**

Assistant to the City Administrator, Kara Banks, presented the CCA (Common Consumption Area), which allows for the possession and consumption of alcoholic liquor in an outdoor space that is clearly marked with either a physical barrier or another apparent line of demarcation.

Ms. Banks stated this would eliminate two resolutions presented to council for those regular special events and will streamline the process.

Ms. Linn stated it would also allow us to be more proactive and allow for more spur of the moment events to occur.

Mayor stated an example would be, if you wanted to have a wine tasting, that would be possible.

Ms. Linn stated she believes it will be used mostly for City events. The special event would still have to be approved by the Council. A lot of cities have done this, like Shawnee, Lenexa, and Olathe. This is a way to encourage and streamline the process for community gatherings outdoors. Council must approve the special event, but the CCA reduces the number of resolutions required. It would also eliminate the public hearings.

Ms. Banks explained the process for obtaining a CCA under the state law. The licensee providing the alcohol under the CCA must display their license and logo on cups.

Councilmember Longanecker said he was not very comfortable with it when he read the information.

Ms. Linn states this makes regulating alcohol at events easier and clearer.

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

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**Yes:** Longanecker, Lewis, Conus, Malloy  
**Absent:** Lebakken

**8. CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 2189 AMENDING CHAPTER III OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF EDGERTON.**

Ms. Banks stated the State of Kansas has changed the way to apply for cereal malt beverage (CMB) licenses, and this amendment updates those guidelines. When staff reviewed Chapter 3, they found dated wording and language that needed to be removed for updated. These updates bring the chapter up to date with state laws. Anything that was duplicating state law was removed, as it already stands. Article 1 is the process changes, removing alcohol in community hall and allowing for alcohol inside The Greenspace, provided the renter secures a permit and security. Article 5 removes Special Events and is replaced with Common Consumption Area.

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

**Yes:** Longanecker, Lewis, Conus, Malloy  
**Absent:** Lebakken

**9. CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 2190 AMENDING THE CITY OF EDGERTON MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE 3.**

Ms. Banks stated this ordinance removes Special Events from the Beverage chapter in the Municipal Code and moves it to Chapter XII – Public Property, Article 3. This update regulates special events by requiring permits for all special events and establishes minimum safety standards to protect public health, safety and welfare during the event. It also is intended to protect nearby property owners, residents and businesses who may be impacted by a special event. This new article sets standard event hours, requires minimum insurance, allows the City Administrator to restrict parking along parade and/or demonstration routes, and requires event organizers to clean up and restore the event site at the conclusion of the event. It makes sure we have regulatory power when it comes to special events.

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

**Yes:** Longanecker, Lewis, Conus, Malloy  
**Absent:** Lebakken

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## 10. Report by the City Administrator

City Administrator, Beth Linn, updates that we are putting final touches on the Stormwater and Streets Campaign for the dedicated sales tax. The Public Meeting for this will be at the Greenspace on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at 10 am. Citizens will get a postcard in the mail and information posted on our social sites as well. We are making a postcard going to every household in the city limits. Parks & Recreation Director, Levi Meyer, will have his staff having fun activities for the kids so parents can come to the meeting, and their kids can have a great time while they attend.

Ms. Linn states the other item to address is July 3, 2026. This year is America 250 and we are excited to host the City's community picnic and firework show. This falls on a Friday. Our personnel manual states when a Holiday is on Saturday, the City observes on Friday. She requested moving the observed holiday to Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> because we will need all staff available to help with the picnic and fireworks show on Friday. Ms. Linn told staff yesterday the requests for vacation that day will be extremely limited.

Councilmember Longanecker moved to approve City Administrator's request for changing the observation of Independence Day holiday from Friday, July 3, 2026, to Monday, July 6, 2026, seconded by Councilmember Lewis. The motion carried 4-0 by the following vote:

**Yes:** Longanecker, Lewis, Conus, Malloy

**Absent:** Lebakken

## 11. Report by the Mayor

Mayor wished everyone a Happy New Year.

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

- January 6: Culinary Kids – Mac & Cheese
- January 9: Mocktail Class
- January 13: Planning Commission Meeting
- January 22: City Council Meeting
- January 24: Cultural Passport
- January 27: Toddler Gym Jam
- February 10: Planning Commission Meeting
- February 12: City Council Meeting
- February 24: Toddler Gym Jam

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- February 26: City Council Meeting
- March 10: Planning Commission Meeting
- March 12: City Council Meeting
- March 24: Toddler Gym Jam
- March 26: City Council Meeting

## 12. **Adjourn**

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

**Yes:** Longanecker, Lewis, Conus, Malloy

**Absent:** Lebakken

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.  
Submitted by Dusti Callahan, City Clerk.

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