



## City Commission Agenda Item

Meeting Date: October 7, 2025

From: Kyle Blubaugh, Environmental Services Superintendent

Item: Recognition of Employee Achievement – KDHE  
Class IV Wastewater Certification – J. Helphingstine

**Purpose:** Recognize Jess Helphingstine in earning his Class IV Wastewater Certification from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE).

### **Background:**

Staff wishes to recognize **Jess Helphingstine** for earning his **Class IV Wastewater Certification** from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, a significant professional accomplishment that reflects both dedication and expertise.

Since joining the City, Jess has demonstrated a strong work ethic, a positive attitude, and a commitment to continuous learning. He regularly attends classes and conferences, diligently prepares for examinations, and has invested substantial time into professional development.

At the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Jess has been an asset in multiple areas, including equipment monitoring, preventative maintenance, and laboratory operations. Over the past year, he has taken the lead on accredited testing, recordkeeping, and sampling, proving himself reliable and detail-oriented. He has also begun preparing for his Class IV

Water Certification, further showing initiative and dedication to his profession.

Jess consistently goes above and beyond expectations, often working late or after hours to ensure the plant operates smoothly. His achievements highlight both personal dedication and the high standards of the City's utility staff.

### **Commission Options:**

1. No action required, recognition only.

### **Approved for Agenda by:**

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Randy Frazer, City Manager