

CITY OF LANSING
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 3, 2025

Call To Order:

The regular meeting of the Lansing City Council was called to order by Mayor McNeill at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Mayor McNeill called the roll and indicated which Councilmembers were in attendance.

Councilmembers Present:

Ward 1: Gene Kirby

Ward 2: Don Studnicka and Jake Kowalewski

Ward 3: Kerry Brungardt and Jesse Garvey

Ward 4: Dan Clemons and Pete Robinson

Councilmembers Absent: Kevin Gardner

OLD BUSINESS:

The Regular Meeting minutes of June 17, 2025, were provided for review.

Councilmember Brungardt made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2025, as presented. Councilmember Kowalewski seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Kowalewski, Garvey, Robinson, Clemons, Brungardt, Studnicka, and Kirby; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Councilmember Gardner; The motion was approved.

Audience Participation:

Paul Cromer – 23916 131st St Leavenworth, KS

- Expressed opinion regarding KCKCC Lansing campus.

Presentations:

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Kansas City Kansas Community College Lot Purchase

KCKCC President Dr. Greg Mosier was in attendance to update Council. Kansas City Kansas Community College (KCKCC) is proposing to purchase Lot 3 of Lansing Towne Centre 2nd Replat, a 3-acre lot, from the City to expand the potential size of the proposed Lansing campus. The College and the City have agreed to a purchase price of \$95,000 for 3 acres. Staff recommends the City Council discuss selling Lot 3.

- Dr. Mosier gave a presentation discussing:
 - Original vision from 2021.
 - Kansas City, Kansas location inspiration for development in Leavenworth County.
 - Additional lot would allow for a Community Workforce Center and increased parking.
 - Possible programs offered.
 - Statistics of economic impact.

Discussion continued between Council and Dr. Mosier regarding construction start date, number of employees, foot traffic at site, and scholarship opportunities.

Councilmember Kirby made a motion to sell Lot 3 of Lansing Towne Centre 2nd Replat to Kansas City Kansas Community College for a total of \$95,000. Councilmember Studnicka seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Kowalewski, Garvey, Robinson, Clemons, Brungardt, Studnicka, and Kirby; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Councilmember Gardner; The motion was approved.

Planning Commission Appointment

Ginger Riddle submitted an application to re-apply for the Planning Commission. If appointed, Ms. Riddle's term would end on April 30, 2028.

Councilmember Robinson made a motion to appoint Ginger Riddle to the Planning Commission for a term ending on April 30, 2028. Councilmember Kowalewski seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Kowalewski, Garvey, Robinson, Clemons, Brungardt, Studnicka, and Kirby; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Councilmember Gardner; The motion was approved.

IdeaTek Telcom Phone Contract

The City solicited 3 quotes from providers to modernize and consolidate the telecommunications infrastructure. IdeaTek Telcom, LLC submitted a proposal that includes hosted phone system services for 75 users, technical setup and training, and one analog line for fax services. The agreement offers competitive pricing at \$1,153.00 per month, with the first month free and installation fees waived with a 5-year term. The full term would be worth an estimated \$69,180. Staff recommends approval of the proposed five-year service agreement with IdeaTek Telcom, LLC.

Councilmember Garvey made a motion to approve the service agreement with IdeaTek Telcom, LLC and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement and any related documents. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. Discussion continued between Community and Economic Development Director Joshua Gentzler and City Council regarding other bids

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Kowalewski, Garvey, Robinson, Clemons, Brungardt, Studnicka, and Kirby; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Councilmember Gardner; The motion was approved.

Ordinance No. 1133 – Sewer and Solid Waste Assessments

Pursuant to Chapter 16, Utilities, Section 16-116 and 16-209 (e), the City Council is to be presented with a list of delinquent accounts and the customer's information. Upon adoption by the City Council and subsequent publication in the Leavenworth Times, this Ordinance shall constitute a lien against the real estate for which service is supplied. One hundred fourteen (114) properties with a total delinquency of \$131,429.97 are listed in the ordinance. The Staff does not submit this ordinance for assessment until August 25, 2025. Residents are given the opportunity to be removed from the Ordinance by setting up a payment plan with the city before that date.

Councilmember Robinson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1133 for assessment of delinquent sewer and trash bills. Councilmember Clemons seconded the motion. Discussion continued between Finance Director Beth Sanford and City Council regarding collections process and payment plans.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Kowalewski, Garvey, Robinson, Clemons, Brungardt, Studnicka, and Kirby; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Councilmember Gardner; The motion was approved.

Executive Session – Consultation with Attorney

Councilmember Kirby made a motion to enter into Executive Session for consultation with the Attorney for the City which would be deemed privileged in an Attorney-Client relationship, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for 15 minutes beginning at 7:35 PM and returning to the Council Chambers at 7:50PM and to include the Governing Body, City Administrator, City Attorney, David Powell and City Clerk. Councilmember Kowalewski seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Kowalewski, Garvey, Robinson, Clemons, Brungardt, Studnicka, and Kirby; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Councilmember Gardner; The motion was approved.

Councilmember Kirby made a motion to return to Open Session at 7:52PM. No binding action was taken. Councilmember Clemons seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Kowalewski, Garvey, Robinson, Clemons, Brungardt, Studnicka, and Kirby; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Councilmember Gardner; The motion was approved.

Executive Session – Preliminary Discussion of Real Property Transaction

Councilmember Brungardt made a motion to go into Executive Session for the preliminary discussion of Real Property, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6) for 15 minutes, beginning at 7:53PM and returning to the Council Chambers at 8:08PM and to include the Governing Body, City Administrator, City Attorney, and Economic Development Director. Councilmember Kowalewski seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Kowalewski, Garvey, Robinson, Clemons, Brungardt, Studnicka, and Kirby; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Councilmember Gardner; The motion was approved.

Councilmember Kirby made a motion to return to Open Session at 8:08PM. No binding action was taken. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Kowalewski, Garvey, Robinson, Clemons, Brungardt, Studnicka, and Kirby; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Councilmember Gardner; The motion was approved.

REPORTS:

Department Heads: none.

City Attorney: none.

City Administrator: none.

Governing Body:

Councilmember Kowalewski:

- Thanked Ginger Riddle for volunteering.
- Independence Celebration was awesome. My family enjoyed it.
- Been to the pool 7 days in a row.

Councilmember Garvey:

- Thanked Mrs. Riddle and all the volunteers for the city.
- Independence Celebration was awesome.
- Thank you to staff regarding smooth traffic flow after event.

Councilmember Robinson:

- Echoed what everyone else said.
- Thanked staff on the 4th of July celebrations.

Councilmember Clemons:

- Gave update on Leavenworth County Port Authority and Leavenworth County Development Corporation budget proposal.

Councilmember Brungardt:

- Commented on working with staff at the Independence Celebration.
- Excited about the pool.

Councilmember Studnicka:

- Attaboy to all the staff on the Independence Day Celebration.
- Happy 4th of July.

Mayor McNeill:

- Thanked staff for the Independence Day Celebration.

Councilmember Kirby:

- Echoed what everyone else stated.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Kirby made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Clemons seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Kowalewski, Garvey, Robinson, Clemons, Brungardt, Studnicka, and Kirby; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Councilmember Gardner; The motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14PM.

ATTEST:

City Clerk Tish Sims, CMC