



**City of Lansing**  
800 First Terrace  
Lansing, Kansas 66043

**City Administrator's Report**  
July 17, 2025

**Agenda Items:**

The Leavenworth County Port Authority will provide an update to the City Council regarding a community education campaign for economic development. This campaign will focus on the value of economic development, transparency, and building public trust and support. Greg Kaaz of the LCPA will be in attendance to brief the City Council.

Resolution B-5-2025 would allow for the City to open a public hearing for the consideration of the Riverbend Heights RHID. Prior to the public hearing, representatives on behalf of the developer will give a briefing to the Council on the proposal and answer any questions from the governing body.

Ordinance No. 1134 would establish the Riverbend Heights RHID. The proposal is currently for 406 houses over six phases, capturing 80% of the new tax revenue in the district, for twenty years. Over the course of the twenty years, the City would capture 20% of the new property taxes, or about \$1,300,000. Upon completion of the district, the full subdivision would be fully taxable to all government entities. The developer bears responsibility for all utility connections and extending utilities.

An application to the Board of Zoning Appeals from Brian Payne is on the agenda.

A 15-minute executive session for attorney client privilege is on the agenda for Thursday night.

**Parks & Recreation:**

The aquatic center has sold 315 season passes thus far. Of these, 219 are household passes, 57 are individual passes, and 39 are senior passes.

Registration for fall sports begins in July and concludes on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Fall Parks & Recreation sports include youth soccer, youth football, and youth cheerleading. Residents can register online at [www.lansingks.org/parksrec](http://www.lansingks.org/parksrec) or in person at the Parks & Recreation office.

**Library:**

The Library and the Friends of the Library worked together on a new patio project that is providing a great outdoor space for programs, patrons, and staff. The project is being funded through a combination of the Development Grant—made possible by the Library's recent regional accreditation—and support from the Friends of the Library 501c3, who are covering half the cost. The patio gives the Library more flexibility for things like story times, book clubs, and other library events.



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**Public Works:**

J.M. Fahey, the contractor for this summer's Capital Improvement Plan, has begun curb replacement throughout town. The asphalt mill and overlay should take place over the next four weeks. This year's budget for capital improvements totals \$822,000. This maintenance work was approved at the April 17<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

Staff is working with the property owner to repair a lingering drainage issue near Nine Mile Creek on Robin Road. We are hopeful to bid the repairs this August and have the contractor make the repairs this fall.

Staff is hoping to bid repairs for the bridge at Bernard Park. We have engineered plans for repairs and are hopeful we can bid the work later this summer, with repairs to occur in fall/winter to minimize the impact. We have a gravel secondary entrance to Bernard Park that was created during the park improvements of 2022-2023.

The West Kansas streambank stabilization project approved last month is slated to begin in the next week.

**Wastewater:**

Construction on the Town Centre Trunk Sewer Replacement Project began on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approximately 925 linear feet of sewer line has been installed, and the project is gradually proceeding as they grind rock. The temporary bypass for W Kansas has been relocated to the roadway alignment as the contractor moves south toward W Kay Street. This project is scheduled to be completed by mid to late September.

Pipe installation for the Ida/Gamble project began on July 10<sup>th</sup>, and the contractor is making quick progress. The existing pipe abandonment portion of the project will occur the week of July 14<sup>th</sup>. Beginning July 14<sup>th</sup>, the intersection of Ida and Gable will be closed to traffic for three to four weeks, depending on weather. The project will relocate sewers near this intersection that are oversized for current flows to the new 7 Mile 36" interceptor.

Smoke testing for the Inflow and Infiltration Project began on July 14<sup>th</sup> and will last for two to three days. Field crews from George Butler & Associates completed the manhole survey and evaluations in May. Ace Pipe Cleaning has completed cleaning and televising the sewers within the project area.

**Year End Sales Tax Update:**

The total non-food sales tax rate in Lansing is broken down as follows:



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6.5% State Sales Tax (varies on food)  
1% Countywide Sales Tax  
1% City General Sales Tax-General Fund  
.45% DeSoto Road & Park Improvements (20 years)  
.45% Aquatic Center (20 years)  
9.4% TOTAL  
1% Community Improvement Dist. (Mainstreet Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram property only)

The special sales tax to pay for the Aquatic Center generated \$360,848 this year. The special sales tax to pay for DeSoto Road and Bernard Park Improvements also generated \$360,848 (both special sales taxes are for the same amount, .45%). At this rate, both special sales taxes would generate \$721,696 by the end of the year.

### **Meetings & Announcements:**

The City is receiving opioid settlement money through the Kansas Attorney General's Office to treat and fight opioid addiction. Government agencies throughout Kansas will receive over \$340 million over the next 18 years to treat and fight opioid addiction. Lansing is on pace to receive over \$166,000 over the life of the opioid settlement. Thus far, the City is considering utilizing these funds to fund AEDs and mobile radios to assist our first responders in responding to overdoses. The City can also utilize funds to partner with agencies that fight the opioid crisis at its root cause, mental health/homelessness, etc.

There are multiple openings for Police Officer I/II. Starting pay for police officers is competitive, with abundant opportunities for overtime. Officers with experience, education, or certification can be started higher on the pay scale. Additionally, the City offers a \$3,000 sign-on bonus for new, uncertified police officers! The City also has seasonal Parks & Recreation Laborer positions available. Interested candidates can apply by clicking on the "How Do I?" tab under the website and selecting Job Opportunities.

For the last four years, the City has partnered with the Lions Club and Kiwanis Club to sponsor a blood drive in the Community Center every three months. Last week's blood drive generated 47 units, which can be used to assist nearly 150 people. Betty Klinedinst organizes the blood drive.

A question was raised about annexing a property at a previous City Council meeting. If a parcel is in another municipality's jurisdiction, that parcel could not be annexed unless another municipality de-annexed it. There are examples of communities in Johnson County that have reconfigured boundaries when it benefits both municipalities; however, this would require consent of both municipalities.



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- Wednesday, July 16      Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
  - Fairlane Townhomes Site Plan
  - Monroe Manor Preliminary Plat
- Thursday, July 17      City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Thursday, July 31      City Council Work Session, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Thursday, August 7      City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Thursday, August 21      City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
  - Budget Public Hearing
- Thursday, August 28      City Council Work Session, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Monday, September 1      Labor Day Holiday, City Offices Closed
- Thursday, September 4      City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall

Sincerely,

Tim Vandall