



City of Lansing  
800 First Terrace  
Lansing, Kansas 66043

**City Administrator's Report**  
July 3, 2025

**Agenda Items:**

A contract to sell three acres to Kansas City Kansas Community College for \$95,000 is on the agenda for Thursday evening. This will bring their total land amount in Lansing to 15 acres. The City will have a right of first refusal (ROFR) should the property not develop. KCKCC President Dr. Greg Mosier will be in attendance to give an update on their timeline and current progress.

An application for Ginger Riddle to be reappointed to the planning commission is on the agenda for Thursday night.

A five-year service agreement with IdeaTek Telcom, LLC for \$69,180 is on the agenda. The City received three quotes from service providers for this update. Staff will be present to provide an update to the Council about the background that sparked the necessity for this upgrade.

Pursuant to Chapter 16, Section 16-116 and 16-209(e) of the City's Code of Ordinances, a copy of Ordinance No. 1133 listing the account name, property address, and delinquent amounts for customers who are at least two months past due is attached for review. 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. There are presently 114 properties with a total delinquency of \$131,429.97. Staff does not submit this until August 25<sup>th</sup>, so residents have time prior to that date to pay the balance or begin a payment plan.

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

A 15-minute executive session for land acquisition is on the agenda for Thursday night.

**Library:**

The Library and the Friends of the Library are working together on a new patio project that will provide a great outdoor space for programs, patrons, and staff. If all goes smoothly, the work could be complete by mid-summer. The estimated \$10,000 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 will give the Library more flexibility for things like story times, book clubs, and other library events.



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**Parks & Recreation:**

The aquatic center has sold 258 season passes thus far. Additionally, including daily fees, punch cards, and season passes, the aquatic center has generated \$48,067 thus far.

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.

**Public Works:**

J.M. Fahey, the contractor for this summer's Capital Improvement Plan, plans to begin work on curb replacement in early July, with asphalt work beginning shortly thereafter. The contractor should put out notifications in neighborhoods where they are working prior to the improvements. This year's budget for capital improvements totals \$822,000. This 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 875 linear feet of sewer line has been installed, and the project is gradually proceeding as they grind rock. This project is scheduled to be completed by mid to late September.

Manholes have been ordered for the Ida/Gamble project and should arrive after the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. The existing pipe abandonment is scheduled to begin sometime during the week of June 30<sup>th</sup>. Construction will begin during the school summer break, as Ida Street and Gamble Street will need to be temporarily closed. The project will relocate sewers near this intersection that are oversized for current flows to the new 7 Mile 36" interceptor.



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Field crews from GBA completed the manhole survey and evaluations in May. Ace Pipe Cleaning has completed the cleaning and televising of sewers within the project area. Future work includes smoke testing and dyed water testing during the drier ground conditions.

**Year End Sales Tax Update:**

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

- 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.



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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.

- Thursday, July 3                      City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Friday, July 4                        Independence Day Holiday, City Offices Closed
- Wednesday, July 16                Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- 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

Sincerely,

Tim Vandall