



City of Sedgwick
City Council Meeting
October 21, 2026

TO: Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT: Staff Report

INITIATED BY: Administration

Fall Festival: Fall Festival was a great time this year. Thank you to Sedgwick Connect for putting on this annual event and for their endless hours of volunteerism put in every year to make this event a success. Thank you, Councilmembers Liby, and Queen for assisting with the BBQ in the park, keeping this Sedgwick tradition alive. Lastly, thank you Councilmember Liby, Stucky Farm and Lawn, and to the citizens who helped with this year's fishing derby.

Harvey County Council of Governments: Mayor Chapman and I hosted the Harvey County Council of Governments at Station 31 this past Wednesday. We were joined by area units of government and heard a presentation from Pam Thomas, Harvey County Appraiser on the state of appraisals here in the county. Afterwards we were able to take the group on a tour of the station.

Public Works & Utilities: We will have an opening in our Public Works & Utilities team for a Utility Maintenance Worker I. This position pays between \$18-20/hour, and applications can be found online or by stopping by City Hall. First round of applications will close on Friday, November 13th.

Roofing Solicitation: The roofing and gutter solicitation for fifteen (15) various city sites is out on the street. A pre-bid conference will be held in council chambers on Friday, November 6th with bids due Friday, November 13th. Interested qualified and responsive contractors can view the solicitation online on our website at cityofsedgwick.org.

Commercial Avenue Revitalization Project: All contracts and documents have been fully executed with KDOT for the Commercial Avenue Revitalization Project. As part of contract execution, we were required to send our cash match to KDOT. This match was \$149,000 and was paid out of the sales tax fund. The earliest start date for the project is December 14, 2026, with the latest start date for the project being June 7, 2026. The total contract days for the project is set at 90 days. An official start date will be determined during a pre-construction conference with local KDOT representatives. Once we have that date, we will communicate with Council and local business owners who may be affected.

Utility Bills: This month's utility bills saw the start of the new water and sewer rates. Thus far, we have not had any complaints or anyone contacting City Hall that they were caught off guard by the increase. As a reminder these increases are in effect until January. The February bill will see an additional 3% increase per the language of the adopted resolutions. We will continue to be transparent and notify citizens in a timely manner.

4th and Madison: This intersection will soon see two (2) new stop signs affixed with solar powered red flashers on the North and South bound lanes of Madison. The total cost for the signs was \$5,359.26 and was paid from the sales tax fund. This measure was determined to be the best course of action after hearing from residents regarding and the Sedgwick Police Department. The reason given from stopped

cars for failing to stop was they did not see the signs. The 12" red flasher is a constant flasher and will function 24/7.

Safe Routes to School Sidewalk: Public Works & Utilities crews began work this past week to replace severely delapidated sidewalk squares on the SRTS sidewalk by Hiland's Pond. This is the first of many repairs that will be made to the sidewalk over the course of the next year. In total there are approximately 20 eight by eleven squares that will receive attention as part of our continued effort to maintain walkability throughout our city.