

## **COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

Meeting Date: April 10, 2024

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**Agenda Item:** Consider Ordinance 1041 approving a Franchise Agreement with Kansas Gas

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### **Background/Description of Item**

The City's 2008 franchise agreement with Kansas Gas (Ord. No. 893) expired in December 2023. Since Spring 2023, the City Attorney's Office has been working with Kansas Gas to review and renew the franchise agreement; this occurred in concert with several other cities renewals with Kansas Gas resulting in a consistent approach to how Kansas Gas operates in area cities. Following those negotiations and legal review, the new franchise agreement is ready for City Council consideration.

### **Staff Comments/Recommendation**

This franchise agreement renewal maintains the 5% franchise fee agreed upon in 2015 (Ord. No. 965), which was an increase from the previous 2.5% franchise fee. Other provisions of the franchise agreement maintain the current relationship between the City and Kansas Gas as well.

### **Budget Impact**

None.

### *Suggested Motion*

*I move the City Council adopt Ordinance 1041 granting to Kansas Gas Service a natural gas franchise to operate in the City of Westwood, Kansas.*