

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 13, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.**

The Council met in regular session on Monday, April 13, 2026, in the Community Room at City Hall. Mayor Nobby Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Crawford, Marquez, Johnson, McDaniel, Lassman, Francis and Ames. Councilmembers Bingaman was absent. Also present: City Administrator Cole Herder, City Clerk Staci Johnson, Pastor Cameron Carter, Eddie Harner, Pastor Jerry Neeley, Nick Reynolds – The Humboldt Union, Susan Lynn – Iola Register, Ryan Scarrow, Sheri Modlin, Cindy Holinsworth, Alisha Turner, Donita Gardner, Maria Parker, Amy Roeder, Camille Lavon – Director of Allen County Economic Development, Rosan Williams – PSI Insurance, Pat Zirjacks – Thrive Allen County, Joe Works, Sarah Hart and City Attorney Fred Works.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Cameron Carter gave the invocation.

Public Comments:

Pat Zirjacks, Thrive Allen County encourages all to attend the Humboldt Community Conversation, Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at the Humboldt Public Library.

Rosan Williams, PSI Insurance presented to the Council a dividend check in the amount of \$21,754.31,

Councilmember Johnson wanted to thank the Council for the plant that was at his wife's funeral.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, March 9, 2026
- b. Warrant Ordinance No. 371 dated April 13, 2026, in the amount of \$778,991.61
- c. Warrant Ordinance No. 372 dated April 28, 2026, in the amount of \$57,612.00

Motion by McDaniel, second by Crawford to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Representatives from CASA, Hope Unlimited and Kansas Children's Service League presented the council with a proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Motion by Ames, second by Francis to approve Mayor Davis to sign a proclamation proclaiming the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Motion carried unanimously

Leah Carman and Ella Schomaker members of the Junior Class would like to have permission to have their Grand March on the square April 18th, 2026, starting at 6:30 pm. Motion by Lassman, second by Crawford to approve this request. Motion carried unanimously.

April 25th is Independent Book Store Day, Sarah Hart owner of Bridge Street Books is participating and is asking for approval to have Black Sheep Donuts food truck park in front of her building. Motion by Lassman, second by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Works, owner of Walnut Creek Development, spoke to the council about managing water and sewer services for the Walnut Creek housing development. After discussion the Council would like a more formalized plan and to bring back to the next Council Meeting on May 11, 2026. Motion by Lassman, second by Ames. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Nobby Davis made the following annual appointments:

- City Attorney: Fred Works
- City Treasurer: Lora Hunt
- Municipal Judge: Patti Miklos
- City Inspector: Jeremy Bulk
- Chamber of Commerce Representative: Herder & Peters
- Swimming Pool, Parks and Buildings: McDaniel, Crawford & Ames
- Ordinances, Insurance and Claims: Marquez, Francis & Johnson
- Utilities (Utility Hearing, Gas, Water and Sewer) Marquez, Johnson & Francis
- Public Safety (ADA, Fire, Police, Animal Control): Crawford, Ames & Bingaman
- Finance and Licenses: Marquez, Crawford & Lassman
- Personnel: Ames, McDaniel & Marquez
- Growth Committee: Johnson, Francis & Lassman
- Street Committee: McDaniel, Ames & Lassman
- Sick Leave Pool Committee: Herder, Bulk & James Barton

Motion by Crawford, second by Ames to accept the Mayor's appointments. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Francis, second by Lassman to appoint Otis Crawford as President of the Council. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Herder would like the approval of pay request on project #22-1372 application #6 in the amount of \$437,923.40 to NPL Construction for the Water Project. Motion by Lassman, second by McDaniel to approve pay request #22-1372 application #6 and to move to Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously

City Administrator Herder discussed the potential of solar power at City Hall, Water Plant, and Sewer Plant. After discussion City Administrator Herder will bring back to the next meeting a better clarity of proposal.

Cindy Holinsworth and Sheri Modlin wants the Council to consider their request of placing a shipping container near the new dog pound. City Attorney Fred Works said, "they would need to get the area rezoned, file a variance with the board of zoning appeals." Motion by Francis, second by Lassman to give permission to City Attorney Fred Works and City Administrator Herder to work on an Ordinance allowing a shipping container at this location. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Herder provided an update on state legislative developments affecting municipal budgets and governance transparency.

Motion by Johnson, second by Ames that the Governing Body recess to executive session as authorized by the Open Meetings Law for discussion of non-elected personnel. Meeting will be recessed for five minutes at 7:48 p.m. and will resume regular session at 7:53 p.m. City Administrator Herder, City Attorney Fred Works, City Clerk Staci Johnson and Councilmembers were requested to be present in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting resumed regular session at 7:53 p.m. No action was taken.

City Administrator's Report:

City Hall Carpet: Carpet installation started early and is in process.

Job Openings: We have openings for Police Officer, Police Lieutenant, Maintenance, City Hall Custodian, Pool Managers, and Lifeguards.

I'm excited that we have received three applications for pool manager and eight applications for Lifeguards. This is the earliest that we have had that many applications.

Owl Creek Jamboree: Will be hosted at Camp Hunter on April 17 – 19.

Humboldt Community Conversation: Thrive Allen County will lead a community conversation on Tuesday, April 28th, at 6 pm, at the Humboldt Public Library Community Room.

Big Kansas Road Trip (BKRT): The Kansas Sampler Big Kansas Road Trip for 2026 will converge on Humboldt on May 2nd.

Budget Preparation: I will be requesting budget input from department heads this week.

Kansas Government Journal: The KGJ has some great articles.

Motion by McDaniel, second by Crawford to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



Nobby Davis, Mayor

Attest:



Staci Johnson, City Clerk

