

**CITY OF OSAGE CITY**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 12, 2025**

**ROLL CALL:** Now on this 12th day of August, 2025, the Governing Body of the City of Osage City, Kansas, met at the Osage City Council Chamber in said City at 7:00 p.m. The following members being present and participating to wit: Mayor: Brian Stromgren; Council Members: Kathy Ayers, Shirley Bausman, Mike Gilliland, Mike Handly, Cathryn Houghton, Susan Smith, Jeanette Swarts, and Jeff Tice. City Staff present: Sadie Boos, City Treasurer; Craig Croucher, Utilities Supervisor; Dale Schwieger, Utilities Director; Rick Godderz, City Attorney; Tom Harm, Police Chief; Katie Hodge, City Manager, Amy Woodward, City Clerk. Others Present: Carrie Potter, Timothy A. Potter, Robert Edwards, Norma Edwards.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

*Motion by Tice, second by Swarts to approve the amended agenda. The motion was declared carried (8-0).*

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:** None

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Approval of July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

*Motion by Houghton, second by Tice to approve the consent agenda. The motion was declared carried (8-0).*

**BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:**

1. **Approval of Ordinance No. 1703 Schenk Street – Katie Hodge, City Manager**

Property owner, Carrie Potter, asked for clarification regarding Section 3 of the proposed ordinance. Godderz provided explanation.

A drawing of the area by Utilities Director, Dale Schwieger, was reviewed by all parties.

City Manager, Katie Hodge, reviewed the proposed Ordinance with Council.

*Motion made by Houghton, second by Ayers to adopt Ordinance No. 1703 repealing Ordinance No. 1387 and re-establishing a part of Schenk Street in Schroeder's Addition, Osage City, Osage County, Kansas with an easement of 20 ft to the north and 40 ft to the south from the center of Schenk Street. The motion was declared carried (8-0).*

**2. Resolution No. 1140 to set a public hearing for 510 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street for structure(s) deemed unsafe, dangerous, and unfit for habitation – Katie Hodge, City Manager**

City Manager, Katie Hodge, reviewed the property details with Council and the recommendation to move forward with condemnation.

*Motion made by Bausman, second by Tice to approve Resolution No. 1140 Fixing a Time and Place and Providing for Notice of a Hearing before the Governing Body of the City of Osage City, Kansas, on September 23, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Room located at 221 S. 5th Street in Osage City, at which time the Owners, and/or any Lienholders of Record and Occupants of the Property and Structure located at: Part of Southeast ¼, Section 23, Township 16, Range 14 Osage County, Kansas, Beginning 100 ft. North of Northeast CORNER INTERSECTION MISSOURI PACIFIC RAIL ROAD AND 6TH STREET; THEN North 150 ft.; East 150 ft.; South 150 ft., West 150 ft.; TO POINT OF BEGINNING, Original Town of Osage City, Kansas commonly known as 510 N. 6th Street, may appear and show cause as to why such structures should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished as unsafe, dangerous and unfit for habitation structures. The motion was declared carried (8-0).*

**3. Review of high service pump and related parts for the Water Plant – Dale Schwieger, Utilities Director**

Utilities Supervisor, Craig Croucher reviewed bids with Council.

*Motion made by Smith, second by Ayers, to approve the purchase of two high service pumps from Alexander Pump & Service Inc in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00. The motion was declared carried (8-0).*

**4. Approval of Red Hangar Purchase Agreement – Katie Hodge, City Manager.**

City Manager, Katie Hodge, reviewed with Council the Purchase Agreement between the City and Hawkeye Helicopter for the Red Hangar.

*Motion made by Houghton, second by Handly, to approve the Purchase Agreement between the City of Osage City and Hawkeye Helicopter, LLC and to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.*

Discussion was then had regarding the Red Hangar land lease, the Hawkeye Helicopter tan hangar land lease, and the fuel pump land lease agreements for the land that is being leased underneath the these structures.

*Motion made by Handly to table this until the lease agreement has been rewritten with \$300 annual lease payment.*

*Mayor Stromgren declared the motion dead for lack of a second.*

*Motion by Bausman to combine the land and fuel pump leases for \$300.00 annually.*

*Mayor Stromgren declared the motion dead for lack of a second.*

*Motion by Bausman, second by Handly to combine the leases for the land the hangars sit on and fuel pump land for \$300.00 annually. The motion was declared carried (8-0).*

**5. Approval of the Building Rental policies for the Community Building and the Santa Fe Depot – Katie Hodge, City Manager.**

City Manager, Katie Hodge, explained the changes to the rental policy.

*Motion made by Ayers, second by Tice, to approve the updated rental policies as presented for the Community Building and Santa Fe Depot with the clause of allowing non-routine auctions in the Community Building with approval granted by the City Manager. The motion was declared carried (8-0).*

**6. Approval of the updated Credit Card & Travel Policies – Katie Hodge, City Manager.**

City Manager, Katie Hodge, reviewed with Council the proposed changes to these policies.

*Motion made by Tice, second by Handly, to approve the updated Credit Card policy as presented. The motion was declared carried (8-0).*

*Motion made by Ayers, second by Tice, to approve the updated Travel policy as presented. The motion was declared carried (8-0).*

**7. 2026 Budge Review – Sadie Boos, City Treasurer.**

City Treasurer, Sadie Boos, reviewed notable items from the proposed 2026 Budget.

**8. Set the 2026 Annual Budget Public Hearing – Sadie Boos, City Treasurer.**

City Treasurer, Sadie Boos proposed to set the public hearing for the 2026 Budget for September 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

*Motion made by Houghton to set a public hearing on September 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax for the 2026 budget*

Gilliland asked if we could change the wording in the motion from “objections” to “questions or concerns”.

Hodge confirmed, the wording could be updated.

*Motion made by Gilliland, second by Houghton, to set a public hearing on September 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of hearing and answering questions and comments or concerns of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax for the 2026 budget. The motion was declared carried (8-0).*

**9. Lincoln Park grant announcement – Sadie Boos, City Treasurer.**

City Treasurer, Sadie Boos shared information with Council regarding the award of \$46,500 Jones Foundation grant to the City to complete the pour and play surface that will be placed under the new swing set and toddler playset area to soon be installed at Lincoln Park.

**10. Blueprint to Build – Katie Hodge, City Manager.**

City Manager, Katie Hodge, reviewed the Blueprint to Build program with Council, proposing a potential future project for a new community center. Hodge asked Council to begin thinking about potential options, and to consider the Blueprint to Build program.

**11. Community Input Session for Downtown Revitalization – Katie Hodge, City Manager.**

City Manager, Katie Hodge, shared with Council the Information Session scheduled for Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Santa Fe Depot, to discuss Downtown Revitalization.

**ADJOURNMENT:** *At the request of Council Member Smith and on her motion, seconded by Council Member Tice and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned.*

APPROVED: Brian D. Stromgren  
Brian D. Stromgren, Mayor

ATTESTED: Amy Woodward  
Amy Woodward, City Clerk

