

CITY OF OSAGE CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
December 9, 2025

ROLL CALL: Now on this 9th day of December, 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, Mike Gilliland, Mike Handly, Susan Smith, Jeannette Swarts, and Jeff Tice. Excused: Shirley Bausman, Cathryn Houghton. City Staff present: Donnie Bailey, Parks & Facilities Superintendent; Sadie Boos, City Treasurer; Rick Godderz, City Attorney; Katie Hodge, City Manager; Dale Schwieger, Utilities Director; Amy Woodward, City Clerk.

Others Present: Alexa Hazelton & Eric Johnson, with Kirkham & Michael; Kendall Brock, with All American Fencing & More, LLC., Gregg Carson, with Osage City Municipal Golf Course.

Mayor Stromgren called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion by Smith, second by Ayers, to approve the agenda. The motion was declared carried (6-0).

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Joe Ryan

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of November 11, 2025 No Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of November 18, 2025 Rescheduled Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of November 25, 2025 No Meeting Minutes
4. Approval of CMB Licenses
 - a. Marilynn's Restaurant
 - b. White's Foodliner
 - c. Casey's General Store #1255
 - d. Osage City Municipal Golf Course
 - e. HAAG, Inc (BP)

Motion by Gilliland, second by Tice to approve the consent agenda. The motion was declared carried (6-0).

BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

1. **Cancel the January 13, 2026 regularly scheduled meeting and set a special meeting for January 12, 2026 for new council member induction and other business – Katie Hodge, City Manager**

Due to K.S.A. 25-2120, newly elected officials must be sworn in and assume office on the second Monday of January.

Motion made by Gilliland, second by Tice to cancel the January 13, 2026 regularly scheduled council meeting. The motion was declared carried (6-0).

Motion made by Gilliland, second by Tice to schedule a special meeting for Monday, January 12, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at 221 S 5th Street for the following items to be placed on the agenda:

- a) Approval of the agenda to the point of Sine Die*
- b) Approval of the December, 2025 minutes*
- c) Approval of the December 23, 2025 no meeting minutes*
- d) Adjourn Sine Die*

- a) Approval of the newly elected officials*
- b) GAAP Waiver*
- c) Appropriation by Fund*
- d) Official City Newspaper*
- e) Official Depositories of Funds*
- f) Council Orientation*

The motion was declared carried (6-0).

2. New Airport Runway Grading Project Discussion and contract approval – Eric Johnson, Project Manager & Alexa Hazelton P.E., Kirkham Michael

Johnson & Hazelton addressed Council to share details on the upcoming runway project. The plan design was reviewed, as well as projected project phases and costs.

Motion made by Handly, second by Ayers to approve the Kirkham Michael contract for the Grading Phase of the New Runway 18/36 Airport Project in an amount not to exceed \$464,974.54. The motion was declared carried (6-0)

3. Discussion related to nuisance geese at the Osage City Municipal Golf Course – Katie Hodge, City Manager

Hodge, reviewed the concern brought to City Hall by Greg Carson regarding geese damaging the golf course greens. Carson addressed council to explain the steps they have taken, and why a controlled hunt would assist in resolving the issue.

Motion made by Swarts, second by Tice, to request the City Manager review our insurance policy to determine if a controlled hunt would be allowed on City Property with a three to five-person maximum participation, with the event coordinated by Utility Director, Dale Schwieger, if it is deemed to be allowed. The motion was declared carried (6-0).

4. Cemetery Mowing Contract discussion – Katie Hodge, City Manager

Donnie Bailey, Parks & Facilities Superintendent, and Hodge shared concerns with Council regarding the 2025 cemetery mowing season. Numerous complaints regarding the quality of the work were received throughout the season. Despite discussions with the contractor, improvements were not made and the quality of the work completed did not meet the requirements of the contract.

Motion made by Tice, second by Ayers to terminate the mowing contract for the American and Union Cemeteries with All American Fencing, providing a 30-day notice of termination, and to authorize the solicitation of new bids for these services. The motion was declared carried (6-0).

5. Approval of Ordinance No. 1710 amending the Osage City Planning and Zoning Regulations to Establish Standards and Requirements for Outside Storage in Industrial Zoning Districts – Katie Hodge, City Manager

Hodge reviewed the proposed Ordinance with Council next steps following approval, to address non-compliance with property owners located within Industrial Zoned Districts.

Motion made by Swarts, second by Smith to approve Ordinance No. 1710 amending the Osage City Planning and Zoning Regulations to include the addition of an “outside Storage” definition under Article 2, Section 2-3: Definitions, and to add Section 15-9, 15.901: “Outside Storage Requirements” under Article 15, establishing the City’s standards and requirements for the storage of materials outdoors. The motion was declared carried (6-0).

6. Approval of a new pump for Casey’s lift station – Dale Schwieger, Utilities Director

Schwieger, reviewed the issues with the sewer lift station. He proposed purchasing a new pump and also repairing the existing pump to assure no future interruptions of service during heavy rainfall events.

Motion made by Smith, second by Ayers to approve the bid from Hickman Construction in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. The motion was declared carried (6-0).

7. Approval of Ordinance No. 1696 Surcharge for All Electric Customers – Katie Hodge, City Manager

Hodge reviewed previous discussion on this matter with Council earlier in 2025, at which time Council requested City Staff set the surcharge at a fixed rate. Hodge presented Council with Ordinance 1696, which sets the surcharge at \$0.022/kWh for all electric customers. The purpose of the surcharge is to recover expenses associated with purchasing, building, or repairing additional or existing generation

equipment. The surcharge also accounts for the loss of kWhs previously consumed by ORBIS.

Motion by Gilliland, second by Tice to approve Ordinance No. 1696 establishing a surcharge for all Osage City electric customers to recover expenses associated with purchasing, building, or repairing additional and existing electric generation equipment. The motion was declared carried (6-0).

8. Osage City's Christmas Holiday Luncheon on December 15 – Amy Woodward, City Clerk

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ADJOURNMENT: *At the request of Council Member Swarts 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

