



# City Council Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2022  
6:00 p.m.

**Mayor:** Carolyn Caiharr  
**Councilmember** Chuck Adams      Mark Bishop      Garrett Mellott  
Margaret Shriver      Greg Scott

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*Prior to the start of the regular business, Mayor Caiharr asked that attendees please keep recently passed away EFD Volunteer Firefighter Avery Hotchkiss and her family in their thoughts and prayers*

1. **Consider approval of consent agenda items**
  - a) **Approve minutes of February 14, 2022**
  - b) **Statement of bills paid in the amount of \$183,783.45**
    - **Motion:** Councilmember Mellott made the motion to approve the consent agenda items
    - **Second:** Councilmember Scott seconded the motion
    - **Vote:** Passes 4-0-1, with Councilmember Adams abstaining.
2. **Requests or Comments from the public**
  - No comments from the public.
3. **Consider appointments for the following citizen advisory boards:**
  - a. **Cemetery, Parks, and Public Spaces (CPPS) Board**
    - i. **One (1) position expiring February 2025**
      - Assistant City Manager Zack Daniel reviewed this item, noting that Luis Fasani is not seeking reappointment to the Board.
      - Michelle Parker is the resident who is being recommended by the Mayor for appointment. Her application materials are in the packet. If approved, this would be a full three-year appointment.
      - Mayor Caiharr provided some of Ms. Parker's background, including her history as an accountant.
      - **Motion:** Councilmember Adams made the motion approve the mayoral appointment to the Edwardsville Cemetery, Parks, and Public Spaces Board.
      - **Second:** Councilmember Shriver seconded the motion
      - **Vote:** Passes, 5-0
4. **Consider Mayoral appointment of the Municipal Court Judge**
  - Assistant City Manager reviewed this item, noting that David Duckers is being recommended for appointment for the Municipal Court Judge. Mr. Duckers is currently serving as the Judge Pro Tempore, filling in for the regular judge in his absence.
  - The City's previous Judge, Richard Wetzler, is retired effective January of this year and Mr. Duckers has been serving in the judge capacity for all of the 2022 court dockets.
  - Mr. Duckers comes highly recommended by court staff and the police department.
  - Mr. Daniel noted that a new pro tem judge would need to be named at a later date.

- **Motion:** Councilmember Scott made the motion to accept the Mayor's appointment of David Duckers as the Municipal Court Judge
  - **Second:** Councilmember Bishop seconded the motion
  - **Vote:** Passes, 5-0
5. **Consider a motion to recess into executive Session pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for consultation with legal counsel which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship as it relates to a development agreement involving the Kincaid Project**
- **Motion:** Councilmember Bishop made the motion to recess into executive session for the reasons stated with the regular session to resume at 6:25
  - **Second:** Councilmember Adams seconded the motion
  - **Vote:** Passes, 5-0
  - The Council conducted their executive session, returning at 6:27
  - **Motion:** Councilmember Adams made the motion to return to executive session
  - **Second:** Councilmember Mellott seconded the motion
  - **Vote:** Passes, 5-0
  - No official action was taken.
6. **Consider a motion to recess into executive Session pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6) for preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property in the City's industrial park**
- **Motion:** Councilmember Adams made the motion to recess into executive session for the reasons stated with the regular session to resume at 7:00
  - **Second:** Councilmember Mellott seconded the motion
  - **Vote:** Passes, 5-0
  - The Council conducted their executive session, returning at 7:00
  - **Motion:** Councilmember Mellott made the motion to return to regular session
  - **Second:** Councilmember Adams seconded
  - **Vote:** Passes, 5-0
  - No official action was taken.
7. **Consideration of the 2022 update to the Wyandotte County Emergency Operations Plan and take any necessary actions**
- Wyandotte County Emergency Management Director Matt May gave a presentation highlighting the changes to the plan, noting that this update is being done before the regular 5-year interval due some changes made at the state level.
  - Mr. May reviewed select areas, noting where there are changes to the previous versions of the plan.
  - A typo related to the location of Edwardsville was noted by Police Chief Mathies.
  - Mayor Caiharr asked for confirmation that the City is the governing agency for emergencies effecting Edwardsville. Mr. May noted that it depended on the exact nature of the disaster, but that decisions for Edwardsville would be made locally.
  - Fire Chief Whitham noted that the overall procedures and processes have not changed from this version of the plan to previous versions.
  - Councilmember Scott noted the work he has done with Emergency Management in the past and noted that he was comfortable moving forward.
  - After additional discussion, a consensus was reached to table final action on this item to allow for more time to review the document.
  - **Motion:** Councilmember Shriver made the motion to table final action on this item until the March 14, 2022 City Council meeting.
  - **Second:** Councilmember Scott seconded the motion.

- **Vote:** Passes, 4-1, with Councilmember Adams dissenting.

**8. Consider request from KC Disposal regarding solid waste charges detailed in the 2020 Municipal Waste and Recycling Agreement and take any necessary actions**

- Assistant City Manager Zack Daniel introduced this item, noting the City currently has a contract with KC Disposal that includes an automatic rate escalator of 1.5%.
- Mr. Daniel introduced Matt Gibson from KC Disposal to discuss a request to amend rates outside the scope of the contract.
- Mr. Gibson reviewed the market changes from when the contract was initially approved in late 2020 compared to now. He focused on the increase cost for fuel and motor oil, in addition to increased costs for parts and repairs. Mr. Gibson also noted that he has been forced to make compensation changes for his employees in order to remain competitive in the labor market.
- Councilmember Mellott asked for an estimated amount of the increase, which Mr. Gibson noted would be about \$19.97, equating to roughly a 25% increase.
- Mr. Daniel noted that the current per-address charge from KCD of \$15.92. He also noted that the responses from the 2020 RFP process for this contract were all within the \$17-\$23 dollar per address range at the current level of service.
- Mr. Gibson reviewed the current state of the KCD fleet.
- Mayor Caiharr asked if KCD's other clients are being asked for a similar increased, which Mr. Gibson confirmed that all of his customers are having a similar request.
- Mr. Webb noted that staff will continue to work with KCD on developing a workable rate to present to the Council along with strategies to minimize the impact this change would have on the customers.
- No action was taken at this time,

**9. City Manager Report**

- City Manager Michael Webb updated the group on the recent BASE Grant application made for infrastructure projects in the industrial park.
- Dates on a possible City Council workshop were discussed, with a general consensus for March 26.
- Fire Chief Whitham updated the group about funeral arrangements and shift coverage to allow staff to attend Avery Hotchkiss's funeral.

**10. Council and Mayor Comments**

Councilmember Bishop noted he had a check to donate to the Hotchkiss memorial fund.

Councilmember Mellott thanked Michelle Parker for serving on the CPPS Board. He also expressed his condolences for the Hotchkiss family and noted that the former Bonner Springs EMS Director John Claxton also passed away.

Councilmember Shriver thanked Michelle Parker for wanting to serve on the CPPS Board. She also thanked Chief Whitham for setting up the memorial fund for Avery Hotchkiss.

Councilmember Scott thanked the Public Works crews for their work on snow removal.

Mayor Caiharr reminded attendees about the upcoming Harvester's Food Pantry event.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

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City Clerk