

**CITY OF OSAGE CITY
COUNCIL MEETING**

June 24, 2025

ROLL CALL: Now on this 24th day of June, 2025, the Governing Body of the City of Osage City, Kansas, met at the Osage City Council Chamber in said City. The following members being present and participating to wit: Mayor: Brian Stromgren. Council Members: Kathy Ayers, Shirley Bausman, Mike Gilliland, Mike Handly, Susan Smith, and Jeff Tice. Absent: Cathryn Houghton and Jeanette Swarts. City Staff present: Sadie Boos, City Treasurer; Rick Godderz, City Attorney; Fred Hallowell, Street & Sanitation Superintendent; Katie Hodge, City Manager, Amy Woodward, City Clerk; Absent: Dale Schwieger, Utilities Director. Others Present: Jodi Tillman, Daniel Hendricks.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: None

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of June 10th, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

1. **Discussion about the volume of traffic on Lakin (Discussion) – Daniel Hendricks, resident of Osage City**

Resident Daniel Hendricks addressed Council regarding the volume of traffic on Lakin Street, noting that it is a residential street. He pointed out that those who are passing through are being routed down Lakin Street due to it being a faster route. Routing traffic on a residential street that bypasses downtown is a disadvantage to our local businesses. Hendricks suggested lowering the speed limit to 20 MPH which would change the logarithm in Google Maps to route traffic through Market Street.

2. **Discussion on implementing a new policy allowing kayaks, paddleboards and boats with elective motors on the City Lake (Discussion) – Jodi Tillman, resident of Osage City**

Resident Jodi Tillman requested Council allow kayaks, paddleboards and boats with electric motors on the City Lake, noting the convenience of using the resources available in town vs. traveling to another lake. Tillman provided examples of other communities with City Lakes as a water source have developed ways to permit these activities, which also generates a source of income for the City.

Council expressed concern regarding zebra mussels invading the City's secondary source of water.

Motion made by Gilliland, second by Smith to move we reject allowing any boating activity/flotation device on the City Lake, keeping with the current city code. The motion was declared carried (6-0).

3. Approval of the 2025 Street Maintenance Project bid by Killough Construction (Action Required) – Fred Hallowell, Street & Sanitation Superintendent

Street & Sanitation Superintendent, Fred Hallowell, shared the bid information with Council regarding the 2025 Street Maintenance Project. The City received a favorable bid from Killough Construction in the amount of \$290,258.77.

Motion made by Tice, second by Ayers to approve Killough's bid of \$290,258.77. The motion was declared carried (6-0).

4. Approval of Change Orders No. 1, East Area Sewer Project (Action Required) – Katie Hodge, City Manager.

City Manager, Katie Hodge reviewed with Council the change order details.

Motion made by Gilliland, second by Tice to approve Change Order No. 1 not to exceed \$52,042.46. The motion was declared carried (6-0).

5. Appointment of Dale Schwieger KMGGA Board of Directors (Action Required – Katie Hodge, City Manager)

City Manager, Katie Hodge reviewed with Council the appointment of Utility Director, Dale Schwieger to the KMGGA board of directors.

Motion made by Bausman, second by Ayers, to approve Dale Schwieger, Utilities Director, to serve a two-year term as the Osage City representative on the Kansas Municipal Gas Agency Board of Directors. The motion was declared carried (6-0).

6. Council Member Parade Participation

Mayor Stromgren shared he had received a letter indicating it would be nice to have City Council members participate in the upcoming parade. If Council Members have an interest, confirm with the City Clerk by Wednesday, July 9th.

7. Work Session – July 8th at 6:30 p.m. for members of the City Manager Evaluation sub-committee.

City Manager, Katie Hodge, explained the new Kansas Open Meetings Act's clarification on rules regarding sub-committee meeting notification. Due to this update, we are notifying the public of the work session to be held July 8th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. for members of the City Manager Evaluation Sub-Committee.

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

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

ATTESTED: Amy Woodward
Amy Woodward, City Clerk

