

**City of Kanopolis**  
**May 13, 2025, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Kanopolis City Hall**  
**100 S Kansas**  
**Kanopolis, KS 67454**

The council of the City of Kanopolis met in regular session on May 13, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Kanopolis City Hall.

Present: Council members Rebekah Tripp, Michelle Schwerdtfeger, Drew Miley, Jim Zvolanek & Levi Schneider  
Presiding: Mayor Anthony Hopkins  
Citizens: Karen Bonar, Jamie Schultz, Shawnka Goode, Jack Modrow, Tim Bobbett, Justin & Crystal Williams

**Approval of minutes:** Jim Zvolanek motioned to approve the minutes dated March 11, 2025, Rebekah Tripp 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report:** Jim Zvolanek motioned to accept the March 2025 Treasurer's report as written, Levi Schneider 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**Citizens:**

- Justin & Crystal Williams had questions for the council regarding building an arena on their property.
  - Possibility of removal of selected parcels from city limit boundaries; Removal of road easements if any present; Mayor Hopkins said that the council had been approached by previous citizens regarding vacating city easements & the council did not pass the vacating of parcels because of the uncertainty regarding the town's growth.
  - Property grandfathered in for livestock use; Grandfathering of livestock cannot be done because the only livestock that can be grandfathered are the livestock present when the ordinance was passed. However, the council was not opposed to allowing livestock for special events so long as they are not housed within the city limits.
  - Building an arena for personal use and public events; Michelle Schwerdtfeger said she likes the idea of bringing in business. Only becomes an issue if animals are housed within city limits. Justin would need to get the property surveyed or Mike said he could make basic

measurements. Council suggested he check with the county to see if the property has been surveyed.

- Possibility of installing water meter & Sewer line;  
Mike said he could look into putting a water meter there & hooking up to the sewer.
- Jamie Schultz asked if D Street was an existing city street. He said that street materials have been disappearing from the grader ditch. Tim Bobbett was taking material from road to make new road. Mayor Hopkins said that the City maintains the road. Tim Bobbett said that the road is on his property & he is afraid if someone gets hurt on the road, he is liable. Mayor Hopkins said that if someone has an accident on a road, they cannot sue the City unless the City hasn't properly maintained the road. The same would be true for this road. A citizen suggested that a new road be built from Indiana to C Street. The council said that there would need to be a compelling argument to make a new road. Months ago, Tim & the Mayor discussed the city purchasing the property. Mayor Hopkins said that it would need to be surveyed before a purchase happened. It was suggested that a no outlet sign be placed to stop traffic from using the road but council decided against it. Michelle Schwerdtfeger said that basically Tim Bobbett & Jamie Schultz want the city to build a road to stop their argument. Levi Schneider said that if the railroad would come to town & says that we are no longer allowed to use D Street because it's on their property, we will then consider making a new street. Mayor Hopkins asked Jamie Schultz to make sure there are no children driving 4 wheelers on the road.
- Shawnka Goode – The Library board had 2 applications for city librarian & one withdrew her application. The board will offer the other applicant the position. Shawnka said that the hours would be different they would like to offer a starting wage of \$13.00 per hour. Shawnka also said that they are working on getting volunteers to get the library back open.

#### **Old business:**

- Water Project – Thaniel Monaco sent the bid award contract for signature.
- Code Enforcer – Mike Bunch asked the council what ordinances they want enforced. Mayor Hopkins said animals at large, vehicles, dog bites and yards are what they want done. Debbie Kralik let the council know that Mike can write a ticket, but he needs to also allow a court date for the recipient to dispute the ticket. Mike will need to coordinate with the City Judge for court dates.

- Results from Drilling of Wells – Letter received from Sargent Drilling indicated there was an issue. Mike Bunch called & asked the company what was considered low. We are currently at 42% pump efficiency. The company said that 35% is considered low & most are 55% or higher. Mayor Hopkins suggested that we do another test next year to compare.
- Street Resurfacing – Mayor Hopkins & Drew Miley both had what streets they wanted resurfaced. Drew will combine them together & take them to Debbie tomorrow so she can get them to South Central Sealing & Paving to get quote.
- Spraying of park – Mike Bunch said they sprayed once & will spray again when the winds aren't blowing. The council also asked him to start spraying for mosquitoes as well.
- Spring cleanup – Debbie let the council know that the spring clean up is scheduled for June 13, 14, 15 because Slechta Enterprises didn't have any dumpsters available until then.

#### **New Business:**

- Grant approved for Fire Department – Linnea Beebe was approved for a grant from Smoky Hill Charitable Foundation for \$12,457.00 for new bunker gear.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- City Employees – Mike said that the sewer was plugged at Shane Fleming's house. City Plumbing will probably be sending a bill because it was on the city's side. Mike also spent the week with Parrish Wastewater Services to clear the remaining sewer lines.
- Municipal Judge – Absent.
- City Properties – Rebekah Tripp – Nothing to report.
- Sewer & Cemetery – Jim Zvolanek – Nothing to report.
- Streets & Alleys – Drew Miley – Nothing to report.
- Water – Levi Schneider – Nothing to report.
- Mayor – Mayor Hopkins – Mayor Hopkins wanted to remind the council that whoever is planning to run for city council needs to file by June 1. Mayor Hopkins was also approached by the owner of the drive in regarding installing the 2<sup>nd</sup> meter. They are asking the city to split the cost with them. Mike said that it is the owner's responsibility to get the water lines to the meter. Mike is to have a conversation with Mitch Kempke regarding this issue. Tabled until June 2025 meeting. The city received a Thank you card from the Ellsworth County Historical Society for the use of the community center for their event. The city also received a Thank you letter from the Ellsworth High School After Prom committee for the donation that was made.
- President of Council – Michelle Schwerdtfeger – Nothing to report.

- City Clerk – Debbie Kralik – Nothing to report.
- Code Enforcement Officer – Nothing to report.

**Payment of Bills:** Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to pay the bills, Drew Miley 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Levi Schneider motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m., Drew Miley 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Mayor Anthony Hopkins  
Michelle Schwerdtfeger  
Levi Schneider  
Jim Zvolanek  
Drew Miley  
Rebekah Tripp

ATTEST

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Debra S. Stroede-Kralik  
City Clerk