

City of Kanopolis
October 21, 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 October 21, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Kanopolis City Hall.

Present: Council members Jim Zvolanek, Drew Miley, & Levi Schneider
Absent: Rebekah Tripp
Presiding: Mayor Michelle Schwerdtfeger
Citizens: Season Wacker, Justin Wacker, Kathy Doud, Tim Bobbett

Approval of minutes: Jim Zvolanek motioned to approve the minutes dated September 9, 2025, Levi Schneider 2nd. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Levi Schneider motioned to accept the September 2025 Treasurer's report as written, Jim Zvolanek 2nd. Motion carried.

Citizens:

- Justin & Season Wacker presented a bill from Weis Fire & Safety Equipment for 4853.90 to replace the pump that blew up on truck #527. Council will approve when paying bills. Mayor Schwerdtfeger asked that in the future, any requests for bill payments be sent to Debbie Kralik prior to the meeting.

Old business:

- Water Project – Thaniel Monaco emailed & said that shipping of supplies should begin October 23, 2025 & the construction phase should begin November 1, 2025.
- Abatement of 420 S Iowa – Mr. Weaver sent a letter explaining that he has had medical problems & part of his property is a wildflower garden. Mike will need to send a certified letter to Mr. Weaver indicating that the City intends to pursue the abatement. Council asked Debbie to have the resolution for abatement ready for the next meeting.
- Abatement of vehicles at 206 S Kansas – Mr. Kramer claims that he is running a business for those vehicles & that all are tagged & insured. Mike said that vehicles have not moved since the letter was sent to Mr. Kramer. Mike needs to send a certified letter to Mr. Kramer to show proof that he is operating a business which includes registering with the State of Kansas, obtaining a federal Employer Identification Number (EIN), register for Kansas taxes, and secure any necessary federal, state and local licenses and permits relevant to the industry and location.

Council asked Debbie to have the resolution ready for abatement of the property by the next council meeting.

New Business:

- Bulk Water Sales – Debbie pointed out to the council that there are several citizens who buy their water in bulk instead of buying through the utility service. When paying thru bulk water, the cost is extremely cheaper than through the utility service. Mike Bunch said that a new water meter would cost about \$5,000.00 & he thinks it would be cost prohibitive. Debbie & Mike suggested that buying bulk water could be by appointment only, only during working hours & raise the cost to charge the same as residents of the city. There will be signs displayed at the city shop & city hall. Levi Schneider motioned to charge \$50.00 for bulk water sales up to 2000 gallons and \$5.00 for each 1000 gallons after that, by appointment only during normal business hours, Drew Miley 2nd. Motion carried.
- KORA changes – Debbie explained to the council that the state made changes to only allow ACTUAL charges. The City of Kanopolis used to charge \$30.00 per hour & \$.10 per copy. Debbie received a similar policy from the City of Valley Falls which she mimicked to show these changes.

Committee Reports:

- City Employees – Nothing to report.
- Municipal Judge – Absent.
- City Properties – Rebekah Tripp – Absent.
- Sewer & Cemetery – Vacant.
- Streets & Alleys – Drew Miley – Nothing to report.
- Water – Levi Schneider – Nothing to report.
- Mayor – Mayor Schwerdtfeger – Nothing to report.
- President of Council – Jim Zvolanek – Nothing to report.
- City Clerk – Debbie Kralik
 - Debbie asked if the city wanted to cover Aaron's water bill until he returns to work. Drew Miley motioned to cover Aaron's water bill until the end of the 2025, Jim Zvolane 2nd. Motion carried.

- Debbie let the council know that she would like to place an ad in the paper for her replacement as she intends to retire April 2026 with her last day being February 12, 2026. She would like to have someone hired by December 1, 2025, to train them on year end procedures & new year procedures. Council approved placing the ad.
 - KMIT – workman’s comp – Debbie let the council know that no claims were filed last year.
 - Thoroughbred utility billing software – Debbie let the council know that the new software was working great & online credit cards have been coming through with no issues.
- Code Enforcement Officer – Mike Bunch
- Mike said that although he brought in proof of one vehicle, he needs to send a letter to Ross Deming to bring in proof of insurance & proof of tags for all vehicles.
 - Mike said that he will personally be helping Jason Ray clean up his yard by getting the campers out of there.

Payment of Bills: Drew Miley motioned to pay the bills, Jim Zvolanek 2nd. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Jim Zvolanek motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m., Levi Schneider 2nd. Motion carried.

Mayor Michelle Schwerdtfeger
Levi Schneider
Jim Zvolanek
Drew Miley

ATTEST

Debra S. Stroede-Kralik
City Clerk