

City of Kanopolis
March 11, 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 March 11, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Kanopolis City Hall.

Present: Council members Michelle Schwerdtfeger via phone call, Jim Zvolanek & Levi Schneider
Absent: Rebekah Tripp & Drew Miley
Presiding: Mayor Anthony Hopkins
Citizens: Karen Bonar, Kenny Bernard, Greg Heller, Cynthia Edgerle, Lucas Barta, Delaney Smith

Approval of minutes: Jim Zvolanek motioned to approve the minutes dated February 11, 2025, Levi Schneider 2nd. Motion carried.

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

Citizens:

- Ellsworth County Sheriff Kenny Bernard attended the meeting to discuss our law enforcement situation. Sheriff Bernard said that the sheriff's office will patrol as much as they possibly can. He said that they would also saturate the area when there are special events such as Fort Harker Days. He asked his employees if anyone was interested in a part time job & they all declined. Sheriff Bernard said that he might possibly try to tie into the Kanopolis Lake contract to add the city for that patrolman. He said they would do all of the criminal cases but will not do code enforcement. Mayor Hopkins asked the council if they want to hire a police chief or expand Mike Bunch's role as a code enforcement officer. Mayor Hopkins said he thinks the city just needs a code enforcement officer. The code enforcement officer will work with the city attorney. The council decided to have Mike try for a few months. Mayor Hopkins asked Debbie Kralik to put on next month's agenda to discuss pay requirements.
- Greg Heller & Cynthia Edgerle with the Ellsworth County Historical Society attended the meeting to ask the council to use the Community Center on March 3, 2025, for a military ball free of charge & to ask for a donation from the city for Fort Harker Living History Days. Greg said that they are needing help with food & mileage for the attendees. Debbie said that the community center was booked for that day by Independent Salt Company. Mayor Hopkins asked Debbie to contact Independent Salt Company to see when they would be finished and if

before 6:30 the Historical Society could use it. Jim Zvolanek motioned to allow the use of the community center on May 3, 2025, if it will be available & a \$1,000.00 donation to the Ellsworth County Historical Society to help with food & mileage for the attendees, Michelle Schwerdtfeger 2nd. Motion carried. Mayor Hopkins asked Debbie to put the flyer on the marquee.

Old business:

- Water Project – Mayor Hopkins announced that the City received the grant from the Kansas Water Office for the full amount of \$1,196,141.00.

New Business:

- Insurance Renewal for 2025 – Lucas Barta presented 2 quotes for renewal. One was from EMC for \$34,009.00 & the other was from Continental Western Group for \$35,284.00. Lucas gave the pros & cons for each company. Jim Zvolanek motioned to approve EMC Insurance quote for \$34,009.00, Levi Schneider 2nd. Motion carried.
- 2024 Audit – Delany Smith with Adams Brown presented the audit. She went over the key points with no disagreements. She discussed recommendations that need to be implemented such as using the Profit & Loss report from QuickBooks to tie into the Treasurer's report, reviewing payroll liabilities, and making sure encumbrances are recorded at year end.
- Street resurfacing – Mayor Hopkins received a call from the sealing company asking if we had the list of roads that we wanted done for 2025. Mayor Hopkins asked Mike if he had any roads that he thought needed sealed. There is a spot on North Iowa that will need to be fixed & C Street in front of the fire department. Will put on the agenda for next month to discuss.
- 2025 Elections – Debbie said that she has to certify the elections to the County by May 1, 2025. She noted that everyone except Michelle Schwerdtfeger will be up for election. Mayor Hopkins & Jim Zvolanek both said they would not be running.

Committee Reports:

- City Employees – Mike Bunch – Mike talked to Wilson Communications about the alleys in town where they dug to bury their cable. He was told that Wilson Communications was going to bring in rock & a backhoe to fix them. Michelle said that D Street was in need of rock/dirt mix. Debbie said that the City does not maintain that street, but it should be the City's responsibility to pay for mix since it is in the city limits. Mike to talk with Gary Falk before ordering any mix. Mike said that he looked into getting a tranquilizer gun for the loose animals but said they won't allow anyone but veterinarians to have. He said he also looked into a catch pole that was 7 feet long for \$150.00. Mike said that he noticed an electric car hooked up to the light pole in the park charging their car. Mayor Hopkins will contact some other cities to see how they handle electric cars.
- Municipal Judge – Absent.

- City Properties – Rebekah Tripp – Absent.
- Sewer & Cemetery – Jim Zvolanek – Nothing to report.
- Streets & Alleys – Drew Miley – Absent.
- Water – Levi Schneider – Nothing to report.
- Mayor – Mayor Hopkins – Nothing to report.
- President of Council – Michelle Schwerdtfeger – Nothing to report.
- City Clerk – Debbie Kralik – Debbie Kralik said that she was contacted by Wilson Communications to get internet set up at the fire department. She said that she has never paid for the internet for the fire department before so she was unsure if she should allow it. Mayor Hopkins thought they received internet free through Vyve Broadband. Debbie to contact Josh Kempke or Dusting Neuman to find out. Debbie let the council know that KDOT has their cost share grant available until March 28, 2025. Mayor Hopkins said he doesn't want to apply at this time but wait until the fall program. Debbie let the council know that Mike will be attending the Mosquito workshop in Salina on April 2, 2025. Debbie let the council know that the Sentricon system is up for renewal for \$270.00. Debbie wanted to point out to the council that she received a bill for the fire department from C & J Ag which is owned by one of the firemen. She just wanted to point out that this should be considered a conflict of interest. Mayor Hopkins doesn't think it's an issue.
- Chief of Police – Vacant

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

Adjournment: Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m., Levi Schneider 2nd. Motion carried.

Mayor Anthony Hopkins
Michelle Schwerdtfeger
Levi Schneider
Jim Zvolanek
Drew Miley

ATTEST

Debra S. Stroede-Kralik
City Clerk