

**City of Kanopolis**  
**September 9, 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 September 9, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Kanopolis City Hall.

Present: Council members Jim Zvolanek, Drew Miley, Rebekah Tripp & Levi Schneider  
Presiding: Mayor Michelle Schwerdtfeger  
Citizens: Karen Bonar, Cecil Hashenberger & Shawnka Goode

The council met to discuss the 2026 Budget. Jim Zvolanek motioned to approve Resolution 2025-R-03 to exceed the RNR for 2026, Levi Schneider 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried. Jim Zvolanek motioned to approve the 2026 budget as prepared, Levi Schneider 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**Approval of minutes:** Levi Schneider motioned to approve the minutes dated August 12, 2025, after amending attendees to include Drew Miley & Rebekah Tripp, Drew Miley 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

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

**Citizens:**

- Shawnka Goode was here to ask the council to hire a temporary Librarian because the current Librarian, Maria Meier, is too overwhelmed by having a full time job. Maria agreed to do all of the paperwork, order and reports to keep the Library open if the council would allow Tania Wilkinson to run. Shawnka suggested \$12.00 per hour starting wage. Jim Zvolanek motioned to approve hiring Tania Wilkinson at \$12.00 per hour as the part time Librarian with Maria Meier remaining in the managerial position, Rebekah Tripp 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**Old business:**

- Water Project – Thaniel Monaco emailed & said that he has been coordinating with the contractor. The contractor is preliminarily planning to start the watermain work later this month or first part of October. They plan to have the watermain materials ordered and delivered to the site by the end of the month. You should expect to receive your first pay request for your October meeting.

**New Business:**

- New Utility billing software – Debbie Kralik received a quote from Thoroughbred Utility Billing Software to replace gWorks. She said that she has had nothing but problems with the gWorks software including charging a customer's card at least 18 times, changing the city to Kanopolis for all of the out of town bills & the lack of reports available. Jim Zvolanek motioned to approve changing to Thoroughbred Software, Levi Schneider 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
- Temporary New hire – Debbie let the council know that she received 3 applications for the temporary maintenance position. Mike Bunch said he thinks it's a waste of time because mowing season should be over in about 3 weeks. Mayor Schwerdtfeger asked if there was a need for a 2<sup>nd</sup> maintenance person if he could handle everything himself, Mike said yes because he can't run a backhoe & crawl in the ditch at the same time. Drew Miley suggested tabling the hiring until we know more about Aaron's situation. The council asked Debbie to contact the applicants to let them know the hiring process has been tabled.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- City Employees – Nothing to report.
- 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 – Levi asked about where they would be storing the materials for the water tower project. Mike said there was plenty of space at the new water tower site or at the city shop.
- Mayor – Mayor Schwerdtfeger – Nothing to report.
- President of Council – Jim Zvolanek – Nothing to report.
- City Clerk – Debbie Kralik – Nothing to report.
- Code Enforcement Officer – Mike Bunch – The council asked Mike how code enforcement was going. Mike said he sent 6 letters to residents regarding abandoned or junk vehicles. Mayor Schwerdtfeger said she would like to start the abatement process on some of the properties around town. Mike said that he

thought the worst were 206 S Kansas, 420 S Iowa & 109 W A Street and he would begin the abatement process with them.

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

**Adjournment:** Drew Miley motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 p.m., Jim Zvolanek 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Mayor Michelle Schwerdtfeger  
Levi Schneider  
Jim Zvolanek  
Drew Miley  
Rebekah Tripp

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Debra S. Stroede-Kralik  
City Clerk