

**WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting – City Hall**  
**6:30 p.m. – September 2, 2025**

**1. Call to order by Mayor Garrett Edgar at 6:30 p.m.**

**2. Roll Call.**

Present:	Garett Edgar, Mayor Amy Anderson, Council Member Mary Ann Crome, Council Member Terry Morse, Council Member Carolyn Pinnick, Council Member
Absent:	Jerry Fuhrken, Council Member
Staff Present:	Carl Chalfant, City Administrator Denise Powell, City Clerk
Others:	Cynthia Scheer, Washington County News Deb Ohlde, North Central Regional Planning Commission Rob Peschel, CES Group Dean Randolph, CES Group

**3. Approval of Agenda.**

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Pinnick and seconded by Morse.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson  
Mary Ann Crome  
Terry Morse  
Carolyn Pinnick

**4. 2026 RNR and Budget Hearings.**

Motion to open public hearing for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to revenue neutral rate and proposed tax rate by Pinnick and seconded by Morse.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson  
Mary Ann Crome  
Terry Morse  
Carolyn Pinnick

Motion to close the public hearing by Anderson and seconded by Pinnick.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson  
Mary Ann Crome  
Terry Morse  
Carolyn Pinnick

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION 2025-07 OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, KANSAS TO LEVY A PROPERTY TAX RATE EXCEEDING THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE by Pinnick and seconded by Morse.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson  
Mary Ann Crome  
Terry Morse  
Carolyn Pinnick

Motion to open public hearing for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax detailed in the proposed 2026 budget by Anderson and seconded by Crome.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson  
Mary Ann Crome  
Terry Morse  
Carolyn Pinnick

Motion to close the public hearing by Crome and seconded by Anderson.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson  
Mary Ann Crome  
Terry Morse  
Carolyn Pinnick

Motion to adopt the 2026 Budget as published by Crome and seconded by Anderson.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson  
Mary Ann Crome  
Terry Morse  
Carolyn Pinnick

**5. Citizens Comments.**

None.

**6. Minutes.**

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 4, 2025, and adjourned meeting August 6, 2025, by Anderson and seconded by Crome.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson  
Mary Ann Crome  
Terry Morse  
Carolyn Pinnick

**7. Appropriations Ordinance 2025-09.**

Motion to approve appropriations ordinance 2025-09 by Pinnick and seconded by Crome.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson  
Mary Ann Crome  
Terry Morse  
Carolyn Pinnick

**8. Mayoral Appointment.**

Motion to approve Mayor Garrett Edgar's appointment of Mike Kongs to the Tree Board by Pinnick and seconded by Crome.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson  
Mary Ann Crome  
Terry Morse  
Carolyn Pinnick

**9. Fire Hose.**

Motion to accept the bid from Weis Fire as presented for fire hose and adapter in the amount of \$21,703.15 plus freight for the adapter by Crome and seconded by Pinnick.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson  
Mary Ann Crome  
Terry Morse  
Carolyn Pinnick

**10. Engine 6 Repair.**

Motion to accept the quote of Exline for repairs to the number four cylinder and rings and rod bearings for the number two cylinder on the Nordberg engine six not to exceed the amount of \$30,940.31 by Anderson and seconded by Pinnick.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson  
Mary Ann Crome  
Terry Morse  
Carolyn Pinnick

**11. East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Request.**

Motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Contractor's Application for Payment No. 1 of the East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Rehab/Reconstruct project of Inline Construction in the amount of \$197,280.89 upon KDOT approval by Pinnick and seconded by Morse.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson  
Mary Ann Crome  
Terry Morse  
Carolyn Pinnick

**12. Fall Fest Request.**

Motion to approve the street use permit from Taylor Miller for a 5K at 8 a.m. on Saturday, September 20, 2025 contingent upon receipt of proof of liability insurance by Crome seconded by Morse.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson  
Mary Ann Crome  
Terry Morse  
Carolyn Pinnick

**13. Playground Bid.**

Deb Ohlde, NCRPC; Rob Peschel and Dean Randolph, CES Group were present to visit with about the playground bid.

Move to go into executive session under attorney client for preliminary contract negotiations to include Mayor Council, Attorney, City Administrator to resume at 7:54 p.m. by Anderson and seconded by Pinnick.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson  
Mary Ann Crome  
Terry Morse  
Carolyn Pinnick

Move to go into executive session under attorney client for preliminary contract negotiations to include Mayor Council, Attorney, City Administrator, Dean Randolph, Rob Peschel and Deb Ohlde, NCRPC to resume at 8:10 p.m. by Pinnick and seconded by Anderson.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson  
Mary Ann Crome  
Terry Morse  
Carolyn Pinnick

**14. Cold Mix.**

Motion to ratify the purchase of 300 tons of cold mix from Hall Brothers at a cost of \$98.58 per ton delivered to be paid out of the Special Highway Fund by Anderson and seconded by Crome.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson  
Mary Ann Crome  
Terry Morse  
Carolyn Pinnick

**15. Code Violation, 321 W 5<sup>th</sup> Street.**

Staff reached out to KDHE for verification on structures located at 321 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street to see if they would require asbestos testing since they are public buildings. Logan Jones, KDHE, confirmed they would. Staff contacted Mike Chavanu, Great Plains Asbestos Compliance, for a quote to inspect the buildings. The cost will be \$1,500 per building and three buildings are identified in the violation. If asbestos is found, a certified Class II asbestos supervisor will be required as well as meeting any other requirements as set by the Bureau of Air.

**16. LKM Voting Delegates.**

Motion to appoint City Administrator Carl Chalfant as a 2025 voting delegate and Council Member Terry Morse as 2025 alternate voting delegate to represent the city in the conduct and management of the affairs of the League of Kansas Municipalities by Crome and seconded by Anderson.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson  
Mary Ann Crome  
Terry Morse  
Carolyn Pinnick

**17. City Administrator Report.**

- a) **Sewer Lining 2025 Project.** Staff received a bill from Mayer Specialties for lining sewers. There is still 398 linear feet of 10" pipe to be installed and was not included on the invoice #2025416. The plant that manufactured the liner went down before the last section was made. Ethan Skidmore, Mayer, said they hope to have the liner installed by the end of September.
- b) **East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Project.** The Notice to Proceed on the East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street/Rehab/Reconstruct was executed as of Aug. 18, 2025, for the East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Project. The number of days for substantial completion is 240 days from the start date, April 15, 2026. There will be a construction meeting at 9 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at city hall.
- c) **Code Violations.** Staff has been working on code violations as time allows. Staff sent a code violation notice to the Sheriff Department to be served on a resident for grass and nuisance vehicles on August 8<sup>th</sup> and as of August 29<sup>th</sup>, it still has not been served. Delinquent pet license citations have still not been issued, and they were submitted to the Sheriff's Office in July. Multiple follow up emails to the sheriff and the secretary have not received responses. Council asked that someone visit with Sheriff Cordry.
- d) **Oil Distributor.** Art Schottel, Washington, spent several hours assisting staff with operations and settings on the new oil distributor truck, as he had experience with this same model while employed with KDOT. As a token of thanks, the consensus of the council was to send a thank you along with \$50 in Chamber scrip.
- e) **KDHE Water Supply and Distribution Inspection.** Marsha Fleming, KDHE performed an inspection Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> of the city's water supply and distribution. No critical deficiencies were noted at time of inspection. She recommended an addition to the emergency water plan.
- f) **Planned Power Outage.** The planned power outage for repairs in the Power Plant's substation went very well and according to plans and schedule. Power to the affected feeder lines was shut off right at 7:00 a.m. and repairs were completed with the power restored promptly at 9:20 a.m. Staff greatly appreciated everyone's patience and cooperation.

**18. City Clerk's Report.**

- a) **Kansas Gas Service.** Staff still has had no communication from Colby Roche with Kansas Gas pertaining to the why meter reads did not match with the dates on the bills. At this point, the reads are correct. There will probably not be an explanation as to why it wasn't addressed sooner.
- b) **Reports.** August fire minutes and Library Board minutes were given to the Council to review.

**19. Council Reports.**

**Terry Morse.**

- a) **Electric Distribution Monthly Report.** Morse asked if the Council read Journeyman Lineman Jason Thom's report. He stated he is wanting to get stuff done on power lines.
- b) **Grinder.** Asked if a grinder was rented for the East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. City Administrator Chalfant stated he put the teeth on the grader because milling tool did not work with the age of the city's skid loader.

**Mary Ann Crome.**

- a) **Camera.** Crome asked if the borrowed camera was up at the pickleball court. She stated if we are done with it she needs to get it returned.
- b) **2<sup>nd</sup> & C Street.** Discussed poor visibility at the intersection of 2<sup>nd</sup> and C Street due to vehicle parking.
- c) **City Owned Building.** Crome received a call from Julie Long, Washington, about a city owned building at 100 B Street. She may try to visit with the Council at the October meeting to discuss a plan for a community center. There was discussion about the future plans of the building and whether the city would sell or rent the building or explore other options.
- d) **Ambulance.** Crome asked about the ambulance service. Mayor Edgar stated it is in the hands of the commissioners.

Motion to adjourn by Pinnick and seconded by Anderson.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson  
Mary Ann Crome  
Terry Morse  
Carolyn Pinnick

Adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

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**Denise M. Powell, City Clerk**