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**CITY OF CARBONDALE, KANSAS**  
OFFICE OF THE  
**CITY COUNCIL**

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Kevin Seals  
Holly Hinck



ATTORNEY  
Tom Barnes II

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Date: February 2, 2026

EMPLOYEES  
Emily Bessette  
Dustin Bretsnyder  
Chief Seals  
Ashley Madden

Time: 7:00pm

Location: City Council Room, City Hall

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Anthony DaPrato, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes**

Moeller moved to approve meeting minutes from January 19, 2026, as amended with rewording a section, and adding the date and address of event, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martin, all in favor, motion carried.

**Public Comment**

The community noted that the sound on live streaming is garbled. New equipment has been purchased and should improve the visual quality as well as sound.

**Zoning**

Motion by Hinck to approve Navan Kelley's occupancy use permit to run a business out of his home, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Seals, all in favor, motion carried.

*Tom Barnes joined the meeting at 7:06pm.*

Motion by K. Seals to approve the occupancy use permit for Casey's General Store, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martin, all in favor, motion carried.

## **Mercury Fiber**

Mercury Fiber is looking for a new location to use as a laydown area. There is a spot at West Lake that will not affect any daily operations.

Motion by Hinck to approve the laydown area at West Lake for Mercury Fiber for two years at a monthly rate of \$1,000 per month, all in favor, motion carried. Attorney Barnes will draft a contract between the City and Mercury.

## **Interviews**

Motion by K. Seals to go into executive session to include the council, mayor, attorney, city clerk, maintenance supervisor and interviewees for twenty minutes at 19:19 to 19:39, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Moeller, all in favor, motion carried.

*Tom Barnes left the meeting at 7:40pm.*

The Council was in executive session for twenty minutes with no decisions made.

Motion by K. Seals to hire Gavin Smith for the Maintenance II position contingent on drug screen at the rate of \$18.00 a hour, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martin, all in favor, motion carried. Smith accepted the position.

## **Maintenance**

The Excel Reporter has been installed at the water plant.

The patch in Skips (Midtown Market) parking lot is complete and covered with AB3. When the weather warms up and stays warm it will be packed and asphalted.

RDR is currently \$16, 050 with no restocking fee. They will continue the waterline project when warmer weather stays consistent. K. Seals wondered if a camera could be ran down the existing PVC waterlines to inspect them. It is a possibility but a camera with that distance would have to be located.

Maintenance needs to revisit the idea of getting a Backhoe and Skid Steer with a larger track, Bretsnyder will get quotes. The current equipment is undersized and aged, causing frequent repairs.

A citizen's mailbox had to be replaced from the snowplow clipping it.

Moore questioned if the dump truck required a CDL with the trailer. Bretsnyder holds a CDL and would never ask any of his workers to haul anything overweight.

The work trucks are getting taillights repaired.

## **Peddlers**

The peddler ordinance needs updated. The council would like to add guidelines for felonies, misdemeanors, and a time frame of when they can be out soliciting.

## **Executive Session**

Motion by K. Seals to go into executive session for nonelected personnel to include the council, mayor, attorney, Chief of Police, and Officer Shultz for ten minutes at 20:00 to 20:10, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martin, all in favor, motion carried.

The council was in executive session for ten minutes with no decisions made.

Motion by K. Seals to go into executive session for nonelected personnel to include the council, mayor, attorney, Chief of Police, and Officer Shultz for five minutes at 20:11 to 20:16, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martin, all in favor, motion carried.

The council was in executive session for five minutes with no decisions made.

## **Police**

The council discussed that Officer Shultz has been made Seargent Shultz by Chief Seals. There was discussion on the budget and what her pay increase could be. After discussion it was decided that a 3% increase could be made with an additional 2% after a probationary period. Typically, probation is one year for police and six months for maintenance. The Council was in consensus that they wanted to recognize the promotion without going over budget.

Motion by Hinck to approve the Seargent position awards to Schultz with an increase in pay of 3% and an additional 2% at one year, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martin, all in favor, motion carried.

The police accreditation was discussed. KLEIP has given extensions. There are benchmarks that must be achieved by certain dates.

The Council was in consensus to change the sergeant position job description to include a probationary period.

Seargent Shultz presented the monthly report for the police department. Calls for service were pulled from the county CAD System which included 41 Traffic Stops within the city.

Chief Seals has \$3,000 in her training budget. Chief Seals and Seargent Shultz are the only officers who need training this year. Shultz would like to attend Internation Law Enforcement week conference in St. Lewis. It also includes train the trainer so that she can train local law enforcement. The goal is to bring a training plan to Carbondale. This one conference will get her over her required forty training hours.

Moeller moved to pay for Shultz training in St. Louis not to exceed \$1,800 from the 16<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2026, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hinck, Shultz will have hotel and food paid per policy included in the \$1,800, all in favor, motion carried.

Chief's report for calls included 1,006 calls that Carbondale officers responded to in 2025. Over the year they handed out thirty pounds of suckers to community members, hid ghosts for the kids to find, completed 38 vin inspections, and five fingerprints.

Chief read a new mission statement for her department.

The Explorer is out of the shop. She will provide the council with a list of equipment that she will need for the 2026 budget year.

Officers took a pipeline class and won \$1,000. She is unsure of the stipulations of use for the money and has requested guidance.

Chief attended a free class in Overland Park on Train the Trainer Defensive Tactics.

There was discussion on employment and supervisor positions. The handbook has not been updated to reflect the time distance verse the miles requirement.

### **Employment Application**

Emily Bessette amended the employment application to include automatic disqualifications. The Council was presented with two different options. They liked things on both, and the application will be amended to combine the two.

### **Extension Request**

Motion by K. Seals to approve extension request, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Moeller, all in favor, motion carried.

### **Off Agenda, Follow Up, Notes and FYI**

Moeller discussed a 3<sup>rd</sup> party for IT support. There was a line item added in budget. K. Seals will follow up with a couple of companies he has reached out to.

On Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, Chief Seals will host the local Chief's meeting at City Hall.

Officer Driscoll graduates from Academy on February 6, 2026, and all were encouraged to attend.

Moore would like the file room to become the executive session room. The camera will need to be removed. Different ideas were discussed on where to move the camera too. Bessette suggested moving it to the front of City Hall, council agreed if it was an indoor/outdoor camera that was a good option.

## **Bills**

K. Seals had a question on a Logan bill. Besette reviewed the bill and it appeared that the wrong amount was paid in error with it being located in the bottom left corner of the page and it will be corrected.

The Tractor Supply account had an amount paid by phone to allow purchases. The billing address has changed, and the check has been returned multiple times. Michael Martin has been on the phone with Tractor Supply for hours trying to resolve an issue on Tractor Supply's end.

Motion by K. Seals that the council reviewed the bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Moeller, all in favor, motion carried.

## **Adjourn**

Motion by Seals to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Moeller, all in favor, motion carried at 9:18pm.