

MAYOR  
Anthony DaPrato

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

PRESIDENT  
Ronald Moeller

COUNCIL  
Chad Moore  
Barbara Martin  
Kevin Seals  
Holly Hinck



ATTORNEY  
Tom Barnes II

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Date: March 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.

*Hinck arrived to the meeting just as the Pledge of Allegiance was starting.*

**Minutes**

K. Seals moved to approve meeting minutes from February 17th, 2026, with one correction, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martin, all in favor, motion carried.

**Public Comment**

512 S 1<sup>st</sup> is a utility account that has been inactive for nine months. Office staff noticed usage on the account and locked the meter. After investigation the resident had used over 225,000 gallons of water. The water was turned off due to a water leak and nonpayment. The Council discussed charges and fees and heard the homeowner's side. Barnes and Bessette calculated the City's cost to produce the water and sewer charges. Hinck moved to approve the homeowner to repay the City at cost to make the water and sewer fees in the amount of \$1,367.50, homeowner agreed to have it paid by end of the week, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martin, Moore apposed, four in favor, motion carried. Attorney Barnes asked how much time they needed to pay it and it will be paid this week.

## **Zoning**

Motion by Hinck to approve zoning permit for 413 North Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Moeller, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by K. Seals to approve zoning permit for Lot 10, block E, in the Tucker subdivision, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martin, all in favor, motion carried.

There was discussion on updating City Code, Zoning 61, for the trailer park due to council approving multiple variances.

*Tom Barnes left the meeting at 7:41pm.*

Moeller moved to approve a new trailer to move into the trailer park at 219 Osborn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hinck, all in favor, motion carried.

BG Consultants sent specs for the City Park. The Council would like Flemming to review the plans for approval.

## **Maintenance**

Maintenance is fully staffed and the new members of the team are doing well.

There ended up being a leak in the alley behind the Elm building and not just their guttering.

The new equipment arrives March 4, 2026, from Equipment Share.

The water tower inspection is complete, and the company will bring the findings to City Hall next week. The water tower will need to be completely cleaned out. The process of cleaning the water tower was discussed. Draining and cleaning the water tower will improve water quality. Notice will be given to residents when this event takes place. Citizens need to make sure that they have their ditches clear of debris in case the City needs to utilize ditches.

The new auger for the carbon at the water plant has been installed and the welded one is on the shelf as a backup.

## **Police**

Officers Driscoll, Coyle, and Chief Seals attended a free training in Lyndon.

Officer Driscoll graduated from academy on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 and Officer Locke graduated on Friday.

The Durango was purchased from Kansas Highway Patrol in 2022 is having engine problems. To diagnose the problem, it could cost a couple of thousand dollars to know if the engine is blown. The council would like to get three bids on what it will cost to diagnose it. It will have to be towed to the shops for inspection. Maintenance might be able to haul it on the new trailer.

KHP has Chargers available for \$33,000 and Durangos for \$38,000.

There was discussion on using Downhome Auto to repair the Durango since they are local. Chief Seals stated they did not use OEM parts and did not have the correct diagnostic tools. It was then suggested to take it to Dodge, Darrel's Service, Automation or Cable Dahmer. The council was at a consensus for the mayor to approve any diagnostic fees.

The police department would like to purchase additional handheld radios so that each officer can have one, two tasers, shot guns and rifles. The tasers are out of date and both firearms will have trade-ins.

## **IT**

K. Seals has not heard anything back from Century on IT, NCS is another option. The subject was tabled until next meeting.

## **Off Agenda**

Hinck discussed food trucks and would like to change the application process to be more food truck specific. Subject was tabled until the next meeting.

Ashley Madden would like to attend the Municipal Court Clerk Conference on March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. She was selected to present at the conference. Moeller moved to approve lodging not to exceed \$400 for Madden to attend the 2026 Kansas Judicial Conference, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martin, all in favor, motion carried.

There was discussion on the fish feeder contract and if maintenance could fulfill that position.

Hinck had questions on why the City adopts the Standard Traffic Ordinance and Uniform Public Offence Code. It is a standard offence that prevents municipalities from having to write their own code.

The City Clerk has reached out about sidewalk project on West Hill and is awaiting answers. Moore would like BG Consultants to be contacted. Bessette also has a call out to the county about the connecting trails project.

## **Notes and FYI**

Water Test results.

## **Bills**

The council had a question about the park funds. Moeller moved that the council reviewed the bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Seals, all in favor, motion carried.

## **Adjourn**

Motion by Moeller to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Seals, all in favor, motion carried at 8:37pm.