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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: April 20th, 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

K. Seals moved to approve meeting minutes from April 6th, 2026, as corrected, 2nd by Martin, all in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment

Mike Wegley was present and wanted to work with the City and the community to repair the pedestrian crossing at the railroad tracks. Wegley would like to see the community come together and raise money to purchase rubber mats for the pedestrian crossing. The railroad would not speak with Wegley since he was not employed by the City. Bessette had been in contact with the BNSF Railroad about the car crossing and was unaware of the pedestrian crossing. Wegley mentioned people rely on the signals and do not look both ways. The City cannot make any changes to the crossing at the tracks without the permission of BNSF Railroad. Wegley is willing to champion a grant but needs somebody on the City side to start it to find out how much money is needed. Bessette will call BNSF and add the pedestrian crossing concerns to the open ticket.

Osage County Herald

Dan Rukes presented on the Osage County Kansas Tourism and Living Guide. In the past the City has run a full-page ad.

Motion by K. Seals to run Carbondale's page in the Osage County Kansas Tourism and Living Guide for \$775, 2nd by Moeller, all in favor, motion carried.

JEO

Sasha and Lisa spoke from JEO. They explained the On-Call Agreement and what it all consists of. JEO will get more information to the City Clerk to send to attorney Barnes to move forward with an on-call agreement.

517 S Kansas

Ashton Traphagan would like to connect to City water. It will be about 185 feet of water line to get Traphagan services. Osage County 5 would need to release his residence to the City water system. Bessette will contact Jimmy Jolly at Osage Rural Water 5 for the release. Resolution No 2025-3 is for residents with Jurisdiction boundaries of the City and can be followed for Traphagen.

Motion by Hinck to run water services to 517 S Kansas contingent on release from RWD 5, 2nd by Moeller, all in favor, motion carried.

Parking on Main Street

An Ordinance was drafted at the Council's request for no overnight parking on Main Street.

The lines on Main Street and sides streets need to be repainted and they are not up to Standard Traffic Ordinance. To make parking up to STO standards parking stalls will have to be moved and some eliminated.

Business Owner Traphagan was present and willing to work with the City and make any changes he needed to in front of his business as long as he didn't lose all parking.

Traphagan stated that overnight parking was going to be very difficult to manage with his customers dropping off at all hours of night and that the apartments also parked on Main Street. Traphagan stated that the far east parking stall in front of his shop was an issue and needed to be removed due to a blind spot. He was also okay with losing the parking spot beside the driveway.

He is okay with closing the gate permanently so that he can keep his front parking spots and no longer having it a drive and having rear entrance only. His customers block the drive anyways. Hink asked if he would be willing to have compact car parking up front only and Traphagen stated he would be happier with only having compact car parking only.

Traphagen stated the trucks parking out front is not good and he has a lot of fighting over

the trucks parking out front and on the side. He would like to have signs stating compact cars only and to start giving tickets for parking there just like the j-turns.

The stop sign was discussed and how you cannot see around the vehicles on Main Street. The stop sign is in the correct position behind the sidewalk. Traphagen was in agreeance that you cannot see if anyone is coming on Main Street from pulling out.

Traphagen would like to see the alley behind his shop as a one-way due to the business traffic. Traphagen and Hinck suggested making it a one-way and delivery trucks delivering to the back with the front gate closed.

Traphagen mentioned a no parking area that is hashed out on the East side of the building. He would like the no parking area to be a 10-15 minute loading and unloading area. Loading and unloading is not allowed in a no parking area. Mrs. Traphagen stated it was either the no parking area up front or they block the alley for an hour. Mr. Traphagen was unsure what to do about the Snap-on truck parking in the no parking areas and staying so long. He was willing to work with the Council and make everyone's lives better. He wants there to be no miscommunication.

Moeller stated it was a good idea to have trucks loading and unloading in the no parking area but the problem with trucks unloading there is that it blocks the view. The moment a truck parks there is when there will be an accident because the person on third can't see and there will be an accident because the person on 3rd street cannot see. The stop sign sits so far back that the crosswalk meets the front of his building. K. Seals and Traphagen were in agreeance that the stop sign was in the correct spot, Bretsnyder mentioned if the stop sign was moved forward people would be stopping on the crosswalk. Chief Seals mentioned there are several places in town that are exactly like the crossing on Main and 3rd. You must stop at (behind) the stop sign, look, and slowly creep forward and look again before entering the roadway.

Hinck again mentioned making the alley way a one-way and Traphagen stated he can force the delivery drivers to come in the back gate. Big stuff they will have to pull up on the side. He has been working on having the dig trucks pull down closer to Doug's house. Hink asked if they could pull just South of the alley for bigger trucks. Traphagen stated that is where Doug lives and he doesn't mind.

The first parking spot on Main West of 3rd street is in violation and needs to be removed. He was good with removing that spot and the spots by the driveway. He will close his gate permanently and leave parking out front. Moeller asked if he was going to keep the gate there so that the trash truck could access the dumpster. Bessette confirmed a dumpster could not be in a no parking zone and it can not block a sidewalk. Traphagen is trying to find solutions for everyone. The trash truck does have to stop traffic on Thursday mornings to back in the gate to access the dumpster.

Hinck made a motion to repaint the parking stalls, the one from the crosswalk 20 feet and losing the one by the driveway and making the front parking spots compact only, Traphagen stated "I am okay with that" from the audience and asked if he needed to supply the signs. The City will provide the signage, 2nd by Moeller, all in favor, motion carried. Bretsnyder confirmed it is three spots that are being removed but gaining two spots with the closed gate.

K. Seals had concerns that a black truck say over on the North side of the street for a week. Traphagen stated it was three days. K. Seals stated it was for a week in a handicap spot and up on the sidewalk. Traphagen believed that the black truck he was working on caused all of the issues but the owner had the keys. The owner had a stroke and Traphagen did not have the keys to the truck and nobody was living in the truck. The truck has been staying inside his gate because he knows it is a problem. K. Seals was more concerned with that while Traphagen is a business he has parking there, around the side, in the fence and running down the street. Mrs. Traphagen had concerns for when the café opens where customers would park and K. Seals stated that he would hope they could park right outside her café. Mr. Traphagen confirmed that wouldn't be a problem if café customers parked down Main Street and Third Street and K. Seals saw no issues with that because it wouldn't be for hours.

Traphagen stated he is busy bringing business and revenue in from seven different counties. Traphagen has talked with Donna Kinnett and his employees have been parking in the back in her yard to help keep Main Street open. He is trying to manage cars that are dropped off in the night and do not have tags on them. If there is a problem with parking Traphagen stated to come talk to him so that he can make it better. His shop is not going anywhere anytime soon and he will fight to keep his shop in town.

No action taken on the ordinance since a resolution has been made to help keep cars off main street for extended hours. If the City would go forward with the ordinance fines need to be established. Traphagen stated he will do his best to make sure his cars are not sitting on Main Street and he will put them inside his gate at night. Ordinance was tabled.

Motion by Hinck to make the alley between 2nd and 3rd a one-way south of Main Street, 2nd by Moeller, all in favor, motion carried.

Ordinance 556

Motion by K. Seals to approve ordinance 556 for increase trash rate, 2nd by Hinck, all in favor, motion carried.

Zoning

Motion by Hinck to make Philip Gordon interim zoning administrator, 2nd by Moeller, three in favor, K. Seals opposed.

Motion by K. Seals to approve zoning permit for Drippe Homes for the first house on North Street, 2nd by Hinck, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Hinck to approve zoning permit for 213 North Street to erect a carport, 2nd by Moeller, all in favor motion carried.

Maintenance

Maintenance is making progress on the lighting at the park.

The dump truck had to have the alternator replaced twice due to a faulty one.

The ditch and Kansas Street are looking better.

Ralph Pagel was contacted about the dock at Strobridge Revisor. Fannin Fabrication believes they can make a 12-foot extension and will be coming out to look at the dock. RNS is another possibility.

Pool chemicals have been ordered.

The highway project should resume in the next couple of months with the weather being better.

Police

2021 Durango has been fixed by Carbondale Tire and Auto and will not need a new engine.

2020 Durango needs new tires. Three bids were presented to council from Kansas Land, Down Home Auto and Carbondale Tire and Auto. Kansas Land added road hazard.

Motion by Hinck to approve the Kansas Land estimate at \$651 for new tires on the 2020 Durango due to the added road hazard, 2nd by K. Sales, all in favor, motion carried.

Police Department will no longer be utilizing the Data Pilot program. They will list it for sale for \$1,500. The council was at a consensus to sell the Data Pilot if no money was spent to do so.

Park Cameras should be installed in the next couple of weeks.

The Sheriff's Office is ordering practice ammo in bulk. Officers need to practice shooting so she is looking at purchasing a box of 1,000, 225 grain, for 9mm. They have practice shotgun and rifle ammo already.

Hinck followed up with Chief Seals on her inventory list Chief Seals stated she would be bringing to council. Chief Seals stated there are things on her inventory that are not open to the public. Hinck inquired about what would not be open to the public. Chief Seals stated that KORA/KOMA allows citizens to request meeting documents and it would include her weapons and serial numbers. Protected information could be redacted from the inventory

list. Attorney Barnes will review Chief Seals inventory list to see what would need to be redacted and Chief Seals will get it to Barnes.

Moeller moved to approve the purchase of 9mm practice ammo for the police department in the amount of \$225 per case for one case, 2nd by Martin, three in favor, Hinck opposed, motion carried.

Chief Seals would like to have Officer McNary reinstated as part-time until the end of the year. She does have an applicant who is interested in part-time code enforcement until the first of the year who then would be able to attend the sixteen weeks of academy to get their law enforcement certification. Hinck questioned how many full-time officers the City currently had. The City has four full-time officers due to one resigning, Hinck was not aware that one had resigned. It was stated by council that if part-time officers came back, they would not be making their own schedule and would work only when scheduled. Bessette had concerns with the budget as this had not been brought to the treasurer and she knew that full-time officers had been working overtime using some of that budget, Chief Seals was unaware of any officers getting overtime. Hinck would like to see a schedule for the police department with 24-hour or close to 24-hour coverage.

Frontline offers a FTO training development program that will help track strength and weaknesses of officers. She would like to see this program come out of her capitol outlay budget. Bessette felt it may come out of the training budget which has a large chunk spent for Sgt Schultz last training. Chief Seals to get with treasurer and bring back more information.

April 23rd, 2026, officers will certify on radars. Radars are calibrated every year.

They would like to start cleaning up the new Police Station. They hope to bring citizens together like they did at the current police station and have citizens working with the police to get the work completed. Chief Seals is looking at spending \$5,000 plus sweat equity to get it completed.

Hinck did some calculations with five full-time officers at 40 hours per week and there should be close to 24-hour coverage. It was mentioned that previously Chief had stated when she is out that she adjusts the schedule for coverage.

Complaint Form

Hinck stated that in Article 6, section 8.8 and the job description of the City Clerk discusses who the complaint custodian is, policy on retaliation was also noted.

Currently there is a Citizen Complaint form located in the hallway of City Hall and can be turned in to the City Office or left in the drop box.

The online Compliments and Complaints portal goes to the Police Department. The Court Clerk and Officers are the only ones with access due to it being through Frontline. Hinck questioned why the Compliance Custodian did not have access to the complaints. Hinck stated that she had also been told that a complaint was refused at the City Office. Bessette was unaware of that ever happening.

The complaint form was reviewed along with a proposed complaint form; it was urged that an anonymous option needs added. Anonymous allows people to express things without feeling they will be targeted. It does, however, prevent follow-up and additional information if needed.

Third Party Policy

Information was handed out to be reviewed for the next meeting.

Executive Session

Table until next meeting.

Century Printers

Currently the City is using Logan Business for printers, and it costs about \$2,000 a year. Century offers similar machines.

There was discussion on purchasing policy. The policy was last updated in 2004 and needs updated. The City Clerk has not received feedback from the Council on changes they would like to see happen. Attorney Barnes stated that varying from policy is okay if that is what the Council wishes to do, if the exception becomes the rules then policy needs to be amended. He was referencing the need to get three bids for services.

Resolution 2026-9

“A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO PAY CERTAIN CLAIMS WHICH ARE RECURRING OR CONTRACTUAL IN NATURE”

Moeller moved to accept Resolution 2026-9 with the addition of Assistant City Clerk/Treasurer being added in the title/introduction, 2nd by K. Seals, all in favor, motion carried.

Paying Bills

Motion by K. Seals they approve the bills, 2nd by Moeller, all in favor, motion carried.

Off Agenda

April 22, 2026, there will be a meeting with Century for onboarding.

Notes and FYI

Thank you from the Summer Reading Program.

Adjourn

Motion by K. Seals to adjourn, 2nd by Martin, all in favor, motion carried at 9:32pm.