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Tom Barnes II

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: August 4, 2025

EMPLOYEES
Emily Bessette
Mariah Shultz

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.

Reading of Minutes

Motion by K. Seals to approve meeting minutes from July 21st, 2025, with corrections, 2nd by Ball, motion carried.

Motion by K. Seals to approve meeting minutes from July 24th, 2025, with corrections, 2nd by Moeller, motion carried.

Ray Whittacker

Ray Whittacker was present with concerns about the condition of South Kansas. The street budget was explained and the City recognized that South Kansas was an issue. The ditches must be corrected before the street can be fixed. Bretsnyder will check with county as they maintain part of the road.

Whittaker also mentioned that it is hard to see around the curve at the forestry dump due to vegetation needing to be cut back. The maintenance department was aware and will be addressing the issue.

City Park = CDBG

Brett Wagner was present from GAS. He announced that the City was awarded the full \$650,000 for the park project. A city employee will need to attend the workshop. Emily Bessette has signed up for the workshop on August 26th, 2025, Heather Garrison also mentioned she has signed up.

An additional \$153,000 comes from the City, Lions Club and the Jones Foundation.

Motion by K. Seals to approve Grant 25-PF-016 agreement with the State of Kansas Department of Commerce, 2nd by Ball, motion carried.

John Ryan

John Ryan was present to discuss why a special meeting was held without timely notice to the public. It was explained to him that it was an emergency meeting on a time sensitive issue. Attorney Barnes spoke with Mr. Ryan on the matter. If a citizen wishes to be contacted directly about a special meeting they may come to City Hall and request to be added to a special meeting notification list.

332 Main

The City made an offer on 332 Main to use as a police station, offer was accepted at \$140,000.

Motion by Moeller to purchase 332 Main for \$140,000, 2nd by Moore. Discussion on renovations, and funding available through Department of Rural Farm, utilities, and how the old police station was falling apart and that replacing the roof would have cost what the building was worth, motion carried, all in favor.

Tom Barnes left the meeting at 7:37pm.

Robby Madden – Santa Fe Trail

Robby Madden discussed Santa Fe Trail Jr. High athletics. In the past council has donated \$100 to the sports program.

Motion by K. Seals to donate \$100 to Santa Fe Trail Junior High athletics, 2nd by Moore, motion carried.

Executive Session

Motion by K. Seals to go into executive session at 19:42 for non-elected personnel, including the Mayor, City Council, City Clerk, and Public Works Supervisor, returning in the council room at 20:02, 2nd by Ball, motion carried.

Council was in executive session for 20 minutes with no decisions made.

Motion by K. Seals to go into executive session at 20:03 for non-elected personnel, including the Mayor, City Council, City Clerk, and Public Works Supervisor, returning in the council room at 20:08, 2nd by Ball, motion carried.

Council was in executive session for 5 minutes with no decisions made.

Maintenance

Motion by K. Seals to extend an offer to Bryce Moore at the rate of \$16.84 for Carbondale, Kansas in the Maintenance Department, contingent on background check and drug screen, 2nd by Moeller, C. Moore abstained, motion carried.

Motion by K. Seals to extend an offer to Dustin Hill at the rate of \$16.84 for Carbondale, Kansas in the Maintenance Department, contingent on background check and drug screen, 2nd by Moeller, motion carried.

Discussion on old water lines out on 75 highway.

The dock at Strobridge Reservoir aka Carbondale East Lake is not sitting correctly due to the platform being too high. There are two options to correct the issue. Option one being hiring CD Cooper Excavating at the rate of \$1,500 to dig out a space lower for the concrete form and angle the dock off it to the South. Option two is to have them pull the concrete form and relocate it off the end of the pier for \$800 and a new form will have to be built. Motion by K. Seals to spend up to \$2,000 on fixing the dock at Strobridge Reservoir using option one, 2nd by Ball, motion carried. The old dock will need to be removed once the new dock is functional. It may be donated or trashed.

There was discussion on the garage door for maintenance. Motion by K. Seals to use Precise Garage Door, PGDS, to repair the garage door on the maintenance building including motor, install and warranty, 2nd by Moore, motion carried.

The Kubota had to get a new tire which was \$250.00

The Ford needed a new belt which was \$26.00

The air conditioner in the 2006 Ford has been repaired.

The company built and shipped the wrong trailer that was ordered so there is a delay in getting the new trailer for maintenance and could be another month.

Police

An activity report was presented by the police department.

Chief Seals discussed the National Conference and explained how 60% of agencies in the United States are small.

Officer Coyle is doing well in academy receiving 100% on three tests.

Chief Seals plans on bringing two interviewees to the next meeting and possibly another one.

Food Truck

There was discussion on amending the Solicitor, Canvasser or Peddler Permit Application to reflect mobile food vendors. Currently they are listed on the permit to complete background checks and receive a city permit, which is not happening. The council took no action on the issue.

Osage County Herald

There was a potential ad for the Osage County Herald, council took no action.

Off Agenda Items and Follow-Up

An information sheet was provided for lighting at the park.

Council asked if there was an update on the Railroad approving Mercury Wireless to bore under the railroad, no update.

Bills

Motion by K. Seals that they looked at the bills, 2nd by Ball, motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Lister, 2nd by Seals, motion carried at 8:56pm.