Council Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2026
7:00 PM Meeting

## I. Pledge of Allegiance

- Mayor Frese opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Mayor Frese led the pledge of allegiance.
- Ms. Loralee Stevens, Mr. Jacob Dale, Ms. Jennifer McCutchen, Ms. Becca Grube and Mr. Matthew Wilke were present.
- City Manager George Brajkovic, Assistant City Manager Dan Porter, City Clerk Lindsay Huntington, and City Attorney Anna Krstulic were in attendance.

## II. Approval of Minutes – Regular meeting dated May 18, 2026

- **Mr. Dale made a motion to approve draft minutes from the regular meeting dated May 18, 2026.**
- **Mr. Wilke seconded the motion.**
- **Ms. Stevens abstained due to absence**
- **Vote of all ayes, motion carried.**

## III. Consent Agenda

a) Review of bill payments

- **Ms. Stevens made a motion to approve the consent agenda.**
- **Ms. Grube seconded the motion.**
- **Vote of all ayes, motion carried.**

## IV. Old Business

a) Ordinance No. 1550: Approval of Allowing the Consumption of Alcohol on Certain Public Property for Limited Time and Purpose, Pursuant to K.S.A. 41-719(D), (11), (e), for the Tonganoxie Days 2026 Special Public Event

- Mr. Porter addressed the Council with a brief presentation to exclude the Tonganoxie Days event scheduled for June 13, 2026 from prohibitions that are typically in place for consumption and sales of alcoholic beverages on public property.
- **Ms. McCutchen made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1550, allowing the consumption of alcohol on certain public property for limited time and purpose, pursuant to K.S.A. 41-719(a)(3), (d)(11) and (e), for the Tongie Days 2026 Public Event**
- **Mr. Dale seconded the motion**
- **Vote of all ayes, motion carried**

b) Resolution 06-26-01: Consider Approval of Chieftain Park Contract with Cunningham Recreation

- Mr. Porter addressed the Council with the status of the project, as well as upcoming steps to complete the project.
- **Mr. Dale made a motion to approve draft Resolution 06-26-01, authorizing the City of Tonganoxie, Kansas to execute the construction and technical services agreement between the City of Tonganoxie and Playcore Wisconsin Inc, a Wisconsin Corporation d/b/a Gametime for the public improvements at Chieftain Park.**
- **Mr. Wilke seconded the motion**
- **Vote of all ayes, motion carried**

- Michelle Frink and Landon Frink, 316 E 3rd St, Tonganoxie, KS 66086, addressed the Council with concerns that a data center would have negative impact on the community.
- Andy Pierson, 2150 Hidden Valley Dr, Tonganoxie KS 66086, addressed the Council urging acceptance of project Blue Stem and rejecting a moratorium citing potential benefits for the community.
- Rebecca Davis, 121 E 2nd St, Tonganoxie KS 66086, addressed the Council asking to approve the proposed moratorium or let voters in Tonganoxie weigh in.

- Kim Colvert, 2325 E Sycamore, Tonganoxie KS 66086 addressed the Council and summarized how historical significant projects like the railroad system, interstate systems, and rural electrification provided benefits along with significant impacts or negative conditions.
- Chris Baldridge, 22315 W Sycamore, Tonganoxie KS 66086, addressed the Council sharing potential concerns with data center development and his experiences with similar projects.
- Gretchen Meitler, 22730 Hatchell Rd, Tonganoxie KS 66086 addressed the Council and shared concerns about a potential data center project creating negative impacts on the local community and residents.
- Jane Dent, 23120 DeHoff Dr, Tonganoxie KS 66086 addressed the Council and shared concerns about a potential data center project creating negative health impacts for the local community.
- Brian Morley, 23947 Chieftain Rd, Tonganoxie KS 66086, addressed the Council and shared concerns about a potential data center project creating negative impacts on the local community and environment.
- Arlan Wickstrum, 23947 Chieftain Rd, Tonganoxie KS 66086, addressed the Council and shared concerns about a potential data center project creating negative impacts on the local community and environment.
- Tyler Carpenter, Fairmount Road, addressed the Council and shared concerns about a potential data center project creating negative impacts on the local community and environment.

## V. New Business

a) Consider Approval of Police Department Mobile Data Terminal Purchase

- Mr. Porter addressed the Council and explained that the mobile data terminals enhance the City's Police Officers' ability to communicate instantly and effectively to ensure their safety and safety of the public.
  - **Ms. Grube made a motion to authorize the Police Department to purchase MDT software for 6 Department vehicles, utilizing the vendor CENTRALSQUARE Technologies, LLC for an amount not to exceed $7540.95.**
  - **Mr. Wilke seconded the motion**
  - **All ayes, motion carried**

b) Consider approval of 2026 Fireworks Sales Permit Applications

- Mr. Porter addressed the council with information on the process of applications and the evaluation of the three current permit applicants for 2026 fireworks sales in the City limits.
  - **Ms. Stevens made a motion to approve the 2026 Fireworks sales permit for Anthony R. Miller, Garrett's Worldwide Enterprises LLC, and Grumpy's Fireworks LLC.**
  - **Mr. Wilke seconded the motion**
  - **Vote of all ayes, motion carried**

c) Review City Private Spaces Policy Development

- Mr. Porter addressed the City Council and provided information about the impact of State law changes related to designation of all multiple occupancy private spaces owned or utilized by local governments for use by 1 biological sex, providing investigation of potential violations, and potential financial liability for local governments who do not comply with these new requirements. He said that City staff did not need any action on the matter at this point but would be drafting a City policy on this topic and bringing it back at a future meeting for review and consideration of the City Council.

d) Consider RFP (Request for Proposal) Approval for 2026 Street Maintenance Services

- Mr. Porter addressed the City Council and said that the project will include the area of Main Street from 24/40 intersection near Chieftain Park to the intersection of 4th St and Main St. He said the scope of work will include milling, a limited level of overlay and restriping and reapplication of thermoplastic materials for cross walks, street center lines and other elements of the streetscape.
  - **Mr. Dale made a motion to authorize the advertisement of the proposed 2026 Tonganoxie Street Maintenance project RFP as presented by staff or with any adjustments proposed by the City Council.**
  - **Mr. Wilke seconded the motion**
  - **Vote of all ayes, motion carried.**

## VI. City Manager Agenda

a) April 2026 Financial Report

- Mr. Porter shared information with the City Council about the April 2026 Financial Report.

## VII. City Attorney Agenda

a) Petition for Zoning Moratorium

- Ms. Krstulic addressed the City Council and explained that she reviewed the petition for proposed ordinance submitted to the City Clerk on May 18, 2026, along with applicable statutes and existing case law and Attorney General opinions. Based on this review, she said the proposed ordinance involves administrative matters and is not legislative. Therefore, the petition for proposed ordinance is subject to the exception in K.S.A. 12-3013(e)(1), which specifically states the petition process is not applicable to administrative ordinances. She recommended the City Council not take any action on the proposed ordinance under the petition statute, but the City Council can independently pass an ordinance that accomplishes the same purpose as the proposed ordinance.
- Mayor Frese asked if the City could propose/draft their own moratorium. Ms. Krstulic replied yes.
- Ms. Stevens said she also has questions on the concept of a moratorium.
- Mr. Dale said he feels approving a moratorium would remove the City from participation in any part of the negotiations for a data center project near the City of Tonganoxie.
- Mr. Wilke said he does not support the idea of moratorium if it means that the County would instead make decisions about a potential project near the City of Tonganoxie and a moratorium approved by the City would not potentially stop a data center project from being approved near the City. He said he did not like the idea of the City not having a say about a potential development and the project likely wouldn't be able to provide any significant benefits to the City.
- Discussion ensued with questions from the public.

## VIII. Mayor Pro Tem Agenda

## IX. City Council Agenda

## X. Mayor Agenda

## XI. Adjourn

- **Mr. Dale made a motion to adjourn the meeting.**
- **Ms. McCutchen seconded the motion.**
- **Vote of all ayes, motion carried.**
- **Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Huntington

Lindsay Huntington, City Clerk