Council Meeting Minutes
July 6, 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.
- 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 June 15, 2026

- **Ms. McCutchen made a motion to approve draft minutes from the regular meeting dated June 15, 2026.**
- **Ms. Grube seconded the motion.**
- **Vote of all ayes, motion carried.**

III. Consent Agenda

a) Review of bill payments

- **Mr. Dale made a motion to approve the consent agenda.**
- **Mr. Wilke seconded the motion.**
- **Vote of all ayes, motion carried.**

IV. Old Business

- Mr. Jim Karlskint addressed the Council regarding the proposed data center, requesting additional public discussion on the reasons the petition was rejected and seeking clarification on other aspects of the project.
- Ms. Manette Holton addressed the Council and expressed concerns about the permanent conversion of rural land to industrial use and the potential long-term impacts on the community.
- Ms. Linda Steele addressed the Council regarding potential public health concerns associated with the proposed data center. She requested that, if the project moves forward, appropriate precautions be implemented to address potential electromagnetic field (EMF) exposure from the facility.
- Ms. Tammy Patton addressed the Council with concerns about the long-term future of the proposed data center, specifically what would occur if the facility became obsolete or the end user left the site. She requested that guarantees or redevelopment plans be established to address future plans for the use of the property.

V. New Business

a) Presentation of 2027 Budget Development Community Groups Funding Grant Requests

- Mr. Porter addressed the Council. The City's annual budget process is in development for 2027. Four applications were received for community funding support. Notification was sent to the previous recipients as well as posted on the City's website.
- Ms. Rachel Kelly, with the Tonganoxie Arts Council, thanked the Council for their consideration.
- Ms. Kay Soetart with the Tonganoxie Community Historical Society expressed appreciation with their partnership with the City of Tonganoxie.
- Ms. Natalie Frese with the Tonganoxie Farmer's Market thanked the Council for their consideration.

b) Consider approval of Radio Equipment Software Upgrades for Police Department

- Mr. Porter addressed the council about the necessity of updating the software of the Radio Encryption Program to be able to communicate with dispatch and other agencies. This is a sole source update that was not previously budgeted but will not affect the Fund Balance.

- **Ms. Grube made a motion for a 2026 budget amendment to authorize the Police Department to purchase encryption software for all handheld radios, utilizing the City's General Fund, utilizing the vendor TBS Electronics, for an amount not to exceed $12,850.25.**
- **Mr. Wilke seconded the motion.**
- **Vote of all ayes, motion carried.**

c) Consider Approval of Purchase of Grit Pump Equipment for City Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility

- Mr. Porter addressed the Council with the use purpose of the grit pump. A procurement process was initiated by soliciting bids from multiple vendors. The bid received from Haynes Equipment is compatible with the equipment already in place at the water treatment plant, and a request for approval is submitted for this sole source procurement. This company has been used previously and shown good results.
- **Mr. Dale made a motion to authorize the purchase of a Grit Pump from Haynes Equipment for an amount not to exceed $7918.00.**
- **Ms. McCutchen seconded the motion.**
- **Vote of all ayes, motion carried.**

d) Consider Approval of the Temporary CMB Application for the Leavenworth County Fair Grandstand Events

- Mr. Porter presented the temporary Cereal Malt Beverage 9CMB) application for the Leavenworth County Fai Grandstand events. He explained that the permit is required for the sale of alcoholic beverages during the rodeo events and noted that the permit would be valid from July 29 through August 1, 2026 from 5:00 pm to midnight each evening.
- **Ms. McCutchen made a motion to approve the temporary cereal malt beverage (CMB) application for the Leavenworth County Fair Grandstand Events for consumption on the Leavenworth County Fairgrounds premises at 405 West 4th Street.**
- **Mr. Wilke seconded the motion.**
- **Vote of all ayes, motion carried.**

e) Leavenworth County Port Authority City Appointment

- Mr. Porter presented the information about the Leavenworth County Port Authority Appointment process and requested the City Council to consider a City representative.
- **Mayor Frese nominated Mr. Jacob Dale for the position. Mr. Dale accepted.**
- **Ms. McCutchen made a motion to approve the nomination.**
- **Ms. Grube seconded the motion.**

f) Resolution No. 07-26-01-Revenue Neutral Rate Notice to Leavenworth County Clerk for the 2027 Budget Year

- Mr. Porter presented Resolution No. 07-26-01 and explained that adoption of the resolution would authorize publication of the Revenue Neutral Rate hearing notice and notify the Leavenworth County Clerk of the City's intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate for 2027 budget year.
- **Mr. Dale made a motion to approve Resolution No. 07-26-01 a resolution calling for providing notice for a public hearing on the governing body's intent to levy a property tax exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate in the city of Tonganoxie KS pursuant to K.S.A. 79-2988 identifying the maximum mill levy at 40.568 with staff allowance to adjust that pursuant to the library's final decision on the 1.072 mill levy increase on their behalf.**
- **Ms. McCutchen seconded the motion**
- **Vote of all ayes, motion carried**.

g) Consider Approval of 2026 Cereal Malt Beverage (CMB) License New Application

- Mr. Brajkovic presented a new Cereal Malt Beverage license application for the new Casey's General Store located at 170 South Park Drive. He advised the Council that construction is underway and that the store is expected to open in early August.

- **Ms. Grube made a motion to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage License for Casey's General Store located at 170 South Park Drive, Tonganoxie, Kansas to sell retail Ceral Malt Beverages in original unopened containers and not for consumption on the premises.**
- **Ms. McCutchen seconded the motion.**
- **Vote of all ayes, motion carried.**

VI. City Manager Agenda

VII. City Attorney Agenda

VIII. Mayor Pro Tem Agenda

IX. City Council Agenda

a) City Council Position Vacancy-Applications are being accepted until 8:00 am on July 16 for consideration at the July 20, 2026, City Council meeting.

b) Executive Session for consultation with Attorney

- **Ms. Grube made a motion that the City Council recess into executive session to obtain legal advice regarding development and related matters pursuant to the attorney/client consultation exception in K.S.A. 75 -4319 (b)(2). The executive session included the City Council, City Attorney, City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and City Clerk. The open meeting will resume in the Council Chambers at 8:20 pm.**
- **Mr. Wilke seconded the motion.**
- **Vote of all ayes, motion carried.**
- **No binding action was taken.**

X. Mayor Agenda

a) Library Board Position Vacancy.

- Mr. Porter addressed the Council that there is 1 vacancy on the Library Board. The opening has been advertised on the city website as well as at the library. The library will present their recommendations at the July 20, 2026, City Council meeting.

b) Mayor Frese nominated Mr. Jake Dale for the Mayor Pro Tem vacancy and Mr. Dale accepted.

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 8:36 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Huntington

Lindsay Huntington, City Clerk