Council Meeting Minutes
September 21, 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.
- Mayor Frese, Mr. Partridge, Mr. Dale, Ms. Grube and Mr. Wilke were present.
- City Manager George Brajkovic, Assistant City Manager Dan Porter, City Attorney Anna Krstulic, City Clerk Lindsay Huntington were also present.

II. Approval of Minutes – Regular meeting dated September 21, 2026

- **Mr. Dale made a motion to approve draft minutes from the regular meeting dated September 21, 2026.**
- **Mr. Wilke seconded the motion.**
- **Vote of all ayes, motion carried.**

III. Consent Agenda

a) Review bill payments

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

IV. Old Business

- Mr. Jim Karlskint addressed the City Council and shared concerns with the proposed data center development regulations being proposed in Leavenworth County.
- Ms. Manatte Holton shared concerns with the proposed data center development being proposed in Leavenworth County.

V. New Business

a) Consider Approval of Auditing Services Agreement Proposal

- Mr. Porter addressed the council. The city's contract with SJHL culminated with a written report August 2026. The City has an opportunity to enter into a new engagement with SHJL or solicit bids from other vendors.
- Mr. Partridge believes the fees are inline and believes this is a good company and in favor of renewing their contract.
- Mr. Wilke appreciated their professionalism.
- **Mr. Dale made a motion to authorize the Mayor and City staff to proceed by accepting the proposal from SHJL for the provision of audit services for fiscal years 2026, 2027 and 2028 for the City of Tonganoxie.**
- **Mr. Partridge seconded the motion**
- **Vote of all ayes, motion carried.**

b) Consider Approval of Telemetry Project for Water Plant and Water Towers

- Mr. Brajkovic described telemetry as the hardware used to allow the water towers to talk to each other and back to the control system at the water plant to monitor the levels available in each tower. The decades old system currently in use is failing. It's budgeted for next year but unfortunately the system is failing now.
- **Ms. Grube made a motion to authorize City staff to accept the respective proposals dated September 2, 2026 and September 8, 2026 from MicroComm, Inc. and Capital Electric Construction Company,Inc., for a total price not to exceed $98,916.00 and to proceed with the Water System Telemetry Improvements Project.**
- **Mr. Wilke seconded the motion**
- **Vote of all ayes, motion carried**

c) Consider Budget Amendment for 2026 Adopted Budget for the Fire Department Equipment Fund

- Mr, Porter addressed the Council. Late in 2024 the City was successful in securing a Grant from FEMA for assisting our Fire Department in purchasing 21 sets of air packs. The Grant covers about 80% of the cost. Late last year the City took steps and approved procurement of the equipment hoping it would happen in late 2025 but due to Government shutdowns we weren't able to complete the administrative steps. Grant funds were just received 10 days ago. The original budget was approved in 2025.
  - **Mr. Dale made a motion to approve 2026 budget amendments to the Fire Equipment Fund as presented and direct City staff to complete necessary steps to file and record the budget amendment.**
  - **Mr. Partridge seconded the motion**
  - **Vote of all ayes, motion carried**
  - **Mr. Wilke made a motion to approve adjusting the previous approval issued by the City Council on October 20, 2025 of procurement actions associated with FY 2024 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program, from Ed M. Feld Equipment Co., Inc. for a total cost not to exceed $211,972.55**
  - **Mr. Dale seconded the motion**
  - **Vote of all ayes, motion carried**

d) Discuss Cancellation of October 19, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting

- Mr. Brajkovic asked the Council to cancel or reschedule this meeting due to scheduling conflicts with upcoming conferences. If a special meeting is needed to be scheduled there is a process but it can be done quickly.
- **Ms. Grube stated the only thing that might be a concern would be the Data Center and Power Plant but the ability to schedule a special meeting would be fine.**

VI. City Manager Agenda

a) 2026 August Financial Report and 2026 Water Park Season Report

- Mr. Porter addressed the Council discussing a summary of statistics and to gather questions the Council might have to discuss later with Mr. Shupe, the manager of the Tonganoxie Water Park. A topic to be discussed is the usage of credit/debit cards vs. cash/check activity. Expenses as the facility ages will also be discussed.
- Mr. Partridge had questions about membership payments declining as well as the length of the pool season in 2026.

b) Tongie Split Fireworks

- Mr. Porter addressed the City Council. The original date for the Tongie Split Fireworks show had to be postponed due to inclement weather. The TRC would like to reschedule for aSeptember 26, 2026, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
  - **Mr. Partridge made a motion to accept the revised application for the fireworks display to be held September 26 from 6:00 -8:00 pm**
  - **Mr. Wilke seconded the motion**
  - **Vote of all ayes, motion carried.**

VII. City Attorney Agenda

VIII. Mayor Pro Tem Agenda

IX. City Council Agenda

X. Mayor Agenda

- **Mr. Dale 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 will include the City Attorney, City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and City Clerk. The open meeting will resume in the Council Chambers at 7:50 pm.**
- **Mr. Partridge seconded the motion**
- **Vote of all ayes, motion carried**

- **No binding action was taken.**

XI. Adjourn

- **Mr. Dale made a motion to adjourn the meeting.**
- **Mr. Partridge seconded the motion.**
- **Vote of all ayes, motion carried.**
- **Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Huntington

Lindsay Huntington, City Clerk