

Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing
September 8, 2025
6:45 p.m.

REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE HEARING: Mayor Patricia Showalter called the Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing to order at 6:45 p.m. with Council members present: Scott Corsair, Jeff Werth, Mike Tyrell, and Bev Hall.. Others present were: City Superintendent Richard Hall, City Clerk Debbie LeDoux, Gary Foos, Ida Meyeres, Rex Grumbein and Cheri Eastridge. Council member Cindy Fuentes-Ummel arrived at 6:47 p.m.

Mayor Patricia Showalter asked if there were any comments, questions, or objections. Questions and concerns from those present were addressed. After discussion was held, Scott Corsair moved to adopt Resolution #179 to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate of 68.746 calculated by the Ness County Clerk. Jeff Werth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See attached Roll Call Vote document.

Scott Corsair moved to close the Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing 6:59 pm, seconded by Jeff Werth. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Patricia Showalter called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council members present: Scott Corsair, Jeff Werth, Mike Tyrell, Cindy Fuentes-Ummel, and Bev Hall. Others present were: City Superintendent Richard Hall, City Clerk Debbie LeDoux, Gary Foos, Ida Meyeres, Rex Grumbein, and Cheri Eastridge.

COMMUNICATIONS: Letter from FEMA regarding changes to the Floodplain Maps. Other communications were reviewed and acknowledged.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Cindy Fuentes-Ummel moved to approve the minutes of both the regular August Council meeting and the Special Meeting held August 18, 2025 as presented, seconded by Jeff Werth. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: 1.It was noted that all the entities that were part of the Street Benefit District and the Storm Water Sewer Benefit District had prepaid any special assessments that were to be levied against them except Cooperative Grain & Supply.
2. City Clerk, Debbie LeDoux presented information regarding changes to the application process for Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses. The applicant now sends

application and \$25 application fee directly to the KS Alcoholic Beverage Control. The ABC then sends the application back to the applicant with a stamp affixed to the application and two other stamps to present to the City Clerk. After approval of the City Council, the applicant pays the City license fee of \$48 and the City Clerk then attaches appropriate stamp to the license and the other one to the report filed with the State of Kansas.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. Water & Sewer rates were discussed. No changes are to be made at this time. The rates will be reviewed again in 2026.

2. City Clerk, Debbie LeDoux, presented what she learned during the Webinar regarding KORA (Kansas Open Records Act) and KOMA (Kansas Open Meetings Act). The main change that has been adopted by the State Attorney General's office is that the city is only allowed to charge for actual costs of providing any requested records. Can no longer charge a \$0.25 per sheet charge for copies. Debbie will average her monthly hours to figure her per hour fee which can be charged for her time to locate and provide requested documents. She will get this calculated and a new Ordinance will need to be passed.

3. Jeff Werth had someone inquire about the dirt pile from the drainage culvert that is being cut out on the east side of north Austin. Since it is on Jay Cupp's property, he will have the right to decide what is to be done with it if he so desires.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Jeff Werth moved to approve vouchers as presented, seconded by Bev Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJORNMENT: Cindy Fuentes-Ummel moved to adjourn at 7:25 p.m., seconded by Jeff Werth. Motion carried unanimously.