

City of Edgerton, Kansas
Minutes of City Council Regular Session
February 27, 2025

A Regular Session of the City Council was held in the Edgerton City Hall, 404 E. Nelson, Edgerton, Kansas February 27, 2025. The meeting convened at 7:00PM with Mayor Roberts presiding.

1. ROLL CALL

Clay Longanecker	present
Josh Lewis	present
Deb Lebakken	present
Bill Malloy	absent
Ron Conus	present

Mayor Roberts

With a quorum present, the meeting commenced.

Staff in attendance:

- City Administrator, Beth Linn
- City Clerk, Alex Clower
- City Attorney, Todd Luckman
- Assistant to the City Administrator, Kara Banks
- Assistant to the City Administrator, Trey Whitaker
- Public Works Director, Dan Merkh
- CIP Project Manager, Holly Robertson
- Finance Director, Karen Kindle
- Senior Accountant, Justin Vermillion
- Development Services Director, Zach Moore
- Parks and Recreation Director, Levi Meyer

2. WELCOME. Mayor Roberts welcomed all in attendance.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda *(Consent Agenda items will be acted upon by one motion unless a Council member requests an item be removed for discussion and separate action)*

4. Approve Minutes from February 13, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting
5. Approve Temporary Construction Easement for Stephanie Woodley at 302 W Edgewood Dr. for the 2nd Street Reconstruction Project
6. Approve the Mayor's recommendation of Ray Soemer to the Edgerton Planning Commission for a term ending in September 2027

Councilmember Lebakken moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Longanecker. The Consent Agenda was approved, 4-0.

Regular Agenda

7. **Declaration.** There were no declarations made.

8. **Public Comments.** There were no public comments made.

Business Requiring Action

9. **CONSIDER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EDGERTON AND EVERGY REGARDING THE CESSATION OF USE FOR A COMMUNICATIONS TOWER LOCATED AT 18827 DILLIE ROAD.**

Mr. Moore stated this item is for a request to enter into an agreement with Evergy for cessation of use. The conditional use permit was approved in December. Once the use of the tower is complete, this agreement requires them to tear it down and remove it within 180 days.

Councilmember Lebakken asked for clarification.

Mr. Moore stated this is not for the newly constructed tower now, rather this will be for when there is no further need of the tower, and they decide it needs to be decommissioned in the future.

With no further questions, Mayor Roberts requested motion to approve the agreement with Evergy for the cessation of use for the communications tower off Dillie Road.

Councilmember Longanecker moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Lewis. The agreement was approved, 4-0.

10. Report by the City Administrator

- KRWA Designation of Voting Delegate

Ms. Linn stated a few staff members will be going to the KRWA Conference, and the City must have a voting delegate in attendance. Staff is recommending Mike Mabrey as primary and Holly Robertson as the alternate.

With no questions, Mayor Roberts requested motion to approve the voting delegates as recommended.

Councilmember Conus moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Lebakken. The motion carried, 4-0.

- World Cup 2026 Update

Ms. Linn stated the World Cup is coming to Kansas City. Mr. Whitaker and Ms. Banks have been involved in conversations at the county level surrounding this event and the potentials of how the World Cup could impact Edgerton.

Ms. Banks and Mr. Whitaker stated the World Cup will be in the area for about 6 weeks in the summer of 2026. Potential base camp sites are in Riverside, Lawrence and KCK. The

potential impacts to Edgerton could include visitors, policing resources, scams and cybersecurity, as well as potential transportation connections.

The focus of this evening is the transportation services. Johnson County Transit staff has created potential services for the World Cup including Airport Services and Fan Fest bus services. The focus of these transportation areas is mostly north of 135th Street, however nothing is set in stone yet.

The County has asked if Edgerton would like to participate with a stop on the Fan Fest Service route. There will be a cost to host a stop, but how much remains unknown at this point.

Councilmember Lewis asked what a stop on the route really means. Ms. Linn replied that it would just be a place for people to get on and ride to the World War I Memorial where Fan Fest will be held.

Councilmember Conus asked if there was a charge for visitors to ride. Mr. Whitaker responded that prices have not been established yet.

Councilmember Lewis stated he was not interested. Councilmember Lebakken likewise stated she would likely feel differently if there were more hotels in Edgerton.

Ms. Linn stated there will be opportunities for visitors, soccer fans, and residents to drive to bus stops along the route. She added that City staff has been trying to get more bus service in Edgerton for years, but those efforts have not been successful.

Mayor Roberts stated he does not see any overwhelming number of people wanting to use a bus service to get to FanFest from Edgerton.

Staff received a consensus from Council to let the County know that Edgerton would not be interested in hosting a stop currently.

- The Greenspace Update

Mr. Meyer stated there have been quite a few people already utilizing the facility, with over 300 people in attendance for the opening ceremony. The attendees were impressed with the building, had a lot of pride in how the building looked, and were very excited to have it open.

He stated there has been a lot of interest in rentals, with one event over the weekend as well as senior lunch.

He stated the revenue since opening is just over \$4,000, \$800 of that is rentals and the remaining has been day passes and memberships.

There have been 14 families that have signed up, all residents. There have been some non-residents that have come in on day passes with the heaviest traffic being youth day passes after school gets out. He stated he is pleased with the numbers thus far.

Councilmember Lebakken asked when the splash pad will open.

Mr. Meyer stated after the freeze. Typically, other places open Memorial Day and then close around Labor Day, but that depends on the weather.

Councilmember Conus asked if there is a policy for the safe room to open during non-business hours.

Ms. Linn stated yes, it is tied to the warning system so the outside door will unlock when the siren goes off and the inside door, the storm door will shut.

She noted that the staff are majority Edgerton residents. Mr. Meyer stated out of the 8 staff, 6 are residents, ranging from high school-aged kids to retirees.

Mayor Roberts stated staff and contractors have done a fantastic job. He appreciates everyone that came and the staff that worked to make this happen.

Ms. Linn stated everything has been finalized for the after-hours rental security and the Sheriff's Office will be providing that service. She stated staff is working to put info together to bring the Fee Resolution back on consent for approval with those numbers.

Mayor Roberts stated this is a new program for them.

Mr. Meyer stated staff plans to be able to offer after-hours rentals beginning April 1st.

11. Report by the Mayor

Mayor Roberts stated he spoke to Commissioner Allenbrand about the Fire District and she asked if she needed to come speak before Council about this subject. He told her that Council has already expressed their desire to investigate other options. He stated she said she will be calling all Councilmembers.

12. Future Meeting Reminders

Mayor Roberts reminded the Council of the future meetings for the Council and Planning Commission.

13. Adjourn

Councilmember Lewis moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Conus. The meeting was adjourned at 7:27PM with a 4-0 vote.

Submitted by Alex Clower, City Clerk