

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

April 15, 2025

7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The following members of the Commission were present: Pat Landes, Al Gordon, Ronna Larson, Richard Pinaire, and Ricardo Gutierrez. Staff present was: City Manager Zimmerman, Finance Director/Deputy City Manager Wilcox, City Clerk Diaz Lorenzo De Barreto, and City Attorney Stites.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Landes signed a proclamation declaring April 25th, 2025 the 153rd Anniversary celebration of Arbor Day.

Jim Prichard of Columbia Capital presented the City Financial Overview Report.

AGENDA COMMENT

Desree Pettera, 3224 Old Highway, Junction City Kansas, discussed her objection to the McFarland Roundabout.

Steve Roesler, 622 Hawthorne Circle, Junction City Kansas, discussed his support for the McFarland Roundabout.

Shawn Chauncey, 2728 Samantha Drive, Junction City Kansas discussed property taxes.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Larson moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: Landes, Larson, Gordon, Gutierrez, & Pinaire. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- a. Consideration of Appropriation Ordinance A-8 dated – April 1, 2025 – April 16, 2025, in the amount of \$1,058,404.58.
- b. Consideration and approval of the Nappy Rewtz Turns ONE Special Event Permit application for May 17, 2025.
- c. Consideration and approval of the Freedom Fest JC – Balloons, Blues & BBQ Special Event Permit application for May 10, 2025.
- d. Consideration of Change Order No. for the 2024 Stormwater Improvement Phase 1 project deduction in the amount of \$11,920.

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- e. Consideration of the City Commission Minutes for the April 1st, 2025 Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve the \$150 Catfish Festival Special Event Permit Fee waiver, seconded by Commissioner Gordon. Ayes: Landes, Gordon, Larson, Pinaire, & Gutierrez. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- B. Commissioner Gordon moved to award the bid for the contractual mowing for Vacant Streets to Munie Greencare Professional in the amount of \$1,408 per mowing, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Ayes: Landes, Gordon, Larson, Pinaire, & Gutierrez. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- C. Commissioner Gordon moved to award the bid for the contractual mowing for Blights to Munie Greencare Professional in the amount of \$68 per mowing, seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez. Ayes: Landes, Gordon, Larson, Pinaire, & Gutierrez. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- D. Commissioner Pinaire moved to approve the JCFD request to apply for the Safe Streets & Roads for ALL (SS4A) Grant Program, seconded by Commissioner Gordon. Ayes: Landes, Gordon, Larson, Pinaire, & Gutierrez. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- E. Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve Change Order No. 1 for the Bank Stabilization project in the amount of \$7,405, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Ayes: Landes, Gordon, Larson, Pinaire, & Gutierrez. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- F. Commissioner Larson moved to approve the JCPD request to purchase a Skydio x10 quadcopter drone in the amount of \$26,863.47 with annual costs of \$1,270 to cover software subscriptions & cloud storage, seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez. Ayes: Landes, Gordon, Larson, Pinaire, & Gutierrez. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- G. Commissioner Gordon moved to approve the Biller Agreement with Invoice Cloud, seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez. Ayes: Landes, Gordon, Larson, Pinaire, & Gutierrez. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- H. Jordan McCane of Mainstreet discussed CDBG grant opportunity.

Commissioner Gordon moved to approve the request for City's support in securing a Community Development Block Grant for Downtown revitalization, seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez. Ayes: Landes, Gordon, Larson, Pinaire, & Gutierrez. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Mr. Srackangast & property owner, Mr. Toth discussed updates on property.

Commissioner Gordon moved to approve the 6-month extension for the Dangerous and Unsafe structure located at 338 West 15th Street, seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez. Ayes: Larson, Landes, Gutierrez, & Gordon. Nays: None. Pinaire Abstained. Motion Carried.

- B. Mr. Srackangast & property owner, Mr. Taylor discussed updates on property.

Commissioner Gordon moved to approve the 6-month extension for the Dangerous and Unsafe structure located at 430 West 12th Street with a 90-day update, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Ayes: Larson, Landes, Gutierrez, & Gordon. Nays: None. Pinaire Abstained. Motion Carried.

- C. Mr. Srackangast & property owner, Mr. Taylor discussed updates on property.

Commissioner Gordon moved to approve the 6-month extension for the Dangerous and Unsafe structure located at 432 West 12th Street with a 90-day update, seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez. Ayes: Larson, Landes, Gutierrez, & Gordon. Nays: None. Pinaire Abstained. Motion Carried.

- D. Commissioner Gordon moved to not approve the KDOT Agreement for a roundabout at McFarland Road & Eisenhower Drive. Motion died to lack of a second.

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve the KDOT Agreement for a roundabout at McFarland Road & Eisenhower Drive, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Ayes: Larson, Landes, & Gutierrez. Nays: Gordon & Pinaire. Motion Carried.

- E. Commissioner Larson moved to award the bid for the airport obstruction to May Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$682,617.50, seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez. Ayes: Landes, Gordon, Larson, Pinaire, & Gutierrez. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

- F. Commissioner Larson moved to approve the Engineering Agreement for the Obstruction Removal at Freeman Field in the amount of \$95,415 to Alfred Benesch & Company, seconded by Commissioner Pinaire. Ayes:

Landes, Gordon, Larson, Pinaire, & Gutierrez. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Amanda Beck, 2719 Hackberry Drive, Junction City Kansas, discussed the fencing near the McFarland roundabout and chicken ordinance.

Gary Olds, 3308 Frontier Circle, Manhattan Kansas, discussed the surplus, 2025 budget, reducing mil levy, property taxes, public comment, town cleanup, sidewalks and apologized to Vice-Mayor Gordon and Commissioner Pinaire for previous comments.

Shawn Chauncey, 2728 Samantha Drive, Junction City Kansas, discussed issues with quality issues of homes being built in Junction City regarding siding, income tax, and Senate Bills.

MAYOR, COMMISSIONER & STAFF COMMENTS

Mayor, Commissioners and Staff provided reports on Committees and Community Events.

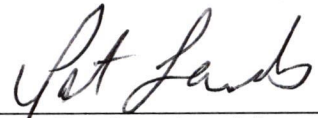
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Gordon moved, seconded by Commissioner Pinaire to adjourn at 9:28 p.m. Ayes: Landes, Larson, Gordon, Gutierrez, & Pinaire. Nays: None. Motion carried.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED THIS 6TH DAY OF MAY AS THE OFFICIAL COPY OF THE JUNCTION CITY COMMISSION MINUTES FOR APRIL 15TH, 2025.



Ariana Diaz Lorenzo De Barreto, Deputy City Clerk



Pat Landes, Mayor



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