

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

January 6, 2026

7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The scheduled meeting of the Junction City Commission was held on Tuesday, January 6th, 2026 with Mayor Pat Landes presiding.

The following members of the Commission were present: Pat Landes, Richard Pinaire, Terry Butler, Sam Yoskowitz, & Kelly Niemczyk. Staff present was: City Manager Zimmerman, City Clerk Diaz Lorenzo De Barreto, Finance Director Wilcox, and City Attorney Stites.

Election of Mayor and Vice Mayor.

Commissioner Pinaire moved that nominations be made at once and that they do not have to be seconded, then they will vote for the nominees, seconded by Commissioner Yoskowitz. Ayes: Landes, Pinaire, Butler, Yoskowitz, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Nominations:

Commissioner Niemczyk nominated Commissioner Butler for Mayor.
Commissioner Yoskowitz nominated Commissioner Pinaire for Mayor.

Vote:

Commissioner Landes, Commissioner Butler, Commissioner Yoskowitz, & Commissioner Niemczyk voted for Commissioner Butler to become the Mayor.

Commissioner Pinaire voted Nay for Commissioner Butler to become the Mayor.

Motion passes 4-1.

Vice Mayor Nominations:

Commissioner Niemczyk nominated Commissioner Yoskowitz for Vice Mayor, seconded by Commissioner Pinaire. Ayes: Landes, Pinaire, Butler, Yoskowitz, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS COMMENT(S):

N/A

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Pinaire moved to approve seconded by Commissioner Yoskowitz to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes: Landes, Pinaire, Butler, Yoskowitz, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- a. Consideration of Appropriation Ordinance A-1 dated – December 16th, 2025 – January 7th, 2026, in the amount of \$842,725.75.
- b. Consideration of Payroll No. 25 & Payroll No. 26.
- c. Consideration of the December 16th, 2025 City Commission Meeting Minutes.

APPOINTMENTS

- a. Appointments of City Commissioners to Boards and Committees. The following decisions were made:

Commissioner Landes requested to stay on the EDC board.

Commissioner Pinaire move to nominate Commissioner Niemczyk for the EDC board.

Mayor Butler called for a vote on each nominee.

Vote for Commissioner Niemczyk: Ayes: Niemczyk, Pinaire, & Yoskowitz. Nays: Landes. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Pinaire nominated Mayor Butler to the Military Affairs Council, seconded by Commissioner Yoskowitz. Ayes: Landes, Pinaire, Butler, Yoskowitz, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Pinaire nominated Commissioner Landes for the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors & Commissioner Landes decline due to scheduling conflicts.

Commissioner Pinaire asked Commissioner Niemczyk if she could also take the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Appointment, she said yes.

Commissioner Pinaire nominated Commissioner Niemczyk to the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, seconded by Commissioner Yoskowitz.

Mayor Butler is appointed to the Library Board, as it is filled by the commissioner with the Mayor position.

Commissioner Yoskowitz nominated herself to the Flint Hills Metropolitan Planning Organization, seconded by Commissioner Pinaire. Ayes: Landes, Pinaire, Butler, Yoskowitz, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Vice-Mayor Yoskowitz stated she had interest in serving on the ATA Bus Board & asked Commissioner Pinaire if he would like to retain his seat on that board and he said no.

Commissioner Yoskowitz nominated herself to the ATA Bus Board, seconded by Commissioner Pinaire. Ayes: Landes, Pinaire, Butler, Yoskowitz, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Pinaire requested to stay on the Flint Hills Regional Council for one more year. Mayor Butler requested appointing a proxy. Commissioner Pinaire moved to name Mayor Butler as his proxy if he cannot attend a meeting, seconded by Vice-Mayor Yoskowitz. Ayes: Landes, Pinaire, Butler, Yoskowitz, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Pinaire moved to keep Fire Chief Lankas & Assistant Chief of Police Odell on the 911 Board for another year, seconded by Commissioner Niemczyk. Ayes: Landes, Pinaire, Butler, Yoskowitz, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Lankas & Assistant serves on the Northeast Kansas Homeland Security Council, and still has a year left on his term.

Military Affairs Council

Mayor Butler

Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

Commissioner Niemczyk

Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDC)

Commissioner Niemczyk

Library Board

Mayor Butler

Flint Hills Metropolitan Planning Organization

Vice Mayor Yoskowitz

ATA Bus

Vice Mayor Yoskowitz

Flint Hills Regional Council

Commissioner Pinaire with Mayor Butler as the alternate.

911 Board

Fire Chief Lankas & Assistant Chief of Police Odell

Northeast Kansas Homeland Security Council

Fire Chief Lankas

- b. Commissioner Landes moved to re-appoint Mary Snipes to the Junction City Planning Commission & Board of Zoning Appeals for a 3-year term, seconded by Commissioner Yoskowitz. Ayes: Landes, Pinaire, Butler, Yoskowitz, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Janna Williams & Kent Glasscock discussed the Flint Hills Regional Council Membership and gave updates.
Commissioner Pinaire moved to approve the 2026 Flint Hills Regional Council Membership in the amount of \$20,638.80, seconded by Commissioner Niemczyk. Ayes: Landes, Pinaire, Butler, Yoskowitz, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- b. Commissioner Yoskowitz moved to approve Ordinance No. G-1317, designating the Animal Shelter & Director of the Animal Shelter as a City department & department head, seconded by Commissioner Landes. Ayes: Landes, Pinaire, Butler, Yoskowitz, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- c. Commissioner Pinaire moved to approve the request to award the bid for fleet management services to Unified Fleet Services as presented with review yearly, seconded by Commissioner Yoskowitz. Ayes: Landes, Pinaire, Butler, Yoskowitz, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commission moved to New Business Item E.

- e. Commissioner Landes moved to approve to award the bid for a One ½ ton heavy-duty dump truck to Shawnee Mission Ford in the amount of \$111,383, seconded by Commissioner Pinaire. Ayes: Landes, Pinaire, Butler, Yoskowitz, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commission moved to New Business Item D.

- d. Commissioner Landes moved to approve the Public Work's request for a two-year renewal & cloud transition of the gWorks software for a total of \$40,859, seconded by Commissioner Yoskowitz. Ayes: Landes, Pinaire, Butler, Yoskowitz, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commission moved to New Business Item F.

- f. Commissioner Yoskowitz moved to approve the State Aid for Improvement of City Connecting Links on State Highway System 2026 Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Landes. Ayes: Landes, Pinaire, Butler, Yoskowitz, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Leon Osborn of Kaw Valley gave an update on the Rathert Stadium truss repairs, will get bids for repairs, & investigate other repair options.
- b. Phil Diestelkamp, Project Manager gave updates on all projects listed on Commissioner Pinaire's 17 project list.
- c. Commissioner Landes moved to approve the First Amendment to the Kansas Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Agreement No. 25-CR-006 with Highwinds Brewery, seconded by Commissioner Pinaire. Ayes: Landes, Pinaire, Butler, Yoskowitz, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Commissioner Landes moved that the Commission recess for an executive session to include the City Manager, the City Attorney, Chief of Police, and/or Assistant Chief of Police for 10 minutes at 8:19 p.m. to discuss matters regarding security pertaining to Commission meetings. The justification for the executive session is to prevent jeopardizing of security measures of a public body, agency, building, or facility, and is provided by K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(12)(C). The open meeting is to resume in this room at 8:29 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Pinaire. Ayes: Landes, Pinaire, Butler, Yoskowitz, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried

Commissioner Landes moved to return from executive session at 8:29 p.m. where no decisions were made and no action was taken, seconded by Commissioner Niemczyk. Ayes: Landes, Pinaire, Butler, Yoskowitz, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT.

N/A

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

MAYOR, COMMISSIONER & STAFF COMMENTS

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

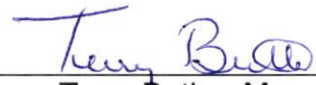
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Landes moved, seconded by Commissioner Pinaire to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. Ayes: Landes, Pinaire, Butler, Yoskowitz, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED THIS 20TH DAY OF JANUARY AS THE OFFICIAL COPY OF THE JUNCTION CITY COMMISSION MINUTES FOR JANUARY 6TH, 2026.



Ariana Diaz Lorenzo De Barreto, City Clerk



Terry Butler, Mayor

