

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

May 5, 2026

7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The scheduled meeting of the Junction City Commission was held on Tuesday, May 5th, 2026, with Mayor Terry Butler presiding.

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

AGENDA ITEMS COMMENT(S):

N/A

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Consideration of Appropriation Ordinance A-9 dated – April 21st – May 6th, 2026, in the amount of \$1,287,612.48.
- b. Consideration of the JCPD request to apply for the 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG).
- c. Consideration of the Special Event permit application for the Junction City Expo on September 3rd, 2026.
- d. Consideration of the Junction City Middle School JAG-K Family Day Special Event on May 23rd, 2026.
- e. Consideration of Payroll No. 7 & Payroll No. 8.
- f. Consideration of the April 21st, 2026 City Commission meeting Minutes.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- a. City Attorney Stites discussed the chicken ordinance.
- b. Mayor Butler declared May 15th, 2026 as Peace Officer's Memorial Day & May 10th – 16th, 2026 as Police Week.
- c. Mayor Butler declared the week of May 17th – 23rd, 2026 as Emergency Medical Services Week.

- d. Mayor Butler declared May 8th, 2026 as Week of the Young Child.
- e. Commissioner Pinaire moved to approve the Circle A Club request for \$10,000 of opioid funds for facility updates, seconded by Commissioner Niemczyk. Ayes: Pinaire, Butler, Niemczyk, Landes, & Yoskowitz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT

- a. Commissioner Pinaire moved to approve the Junction City Housing Authority Board (JCHA) request to appoint Yurii Zhupnyk to the JCHA Board for a term ending on 12/31/2027, seconded by Commissioner Landes. Ayes: Butler, Landes, Yoskowitz, Pinaire, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- b. Commissioner Landes moved to approve the Junction City Housing Authority Board (JCHA) request to appoint Natalie Waldo to the JCHA Board for a term ending on 12/31/2027, seconded by Commissioner Yoskowitz. Ayes: Butler, Landes, Yoskowitz, Pinaire, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Commissioner Pinaire moved to approve the Call Center purchase Third Addendum, seconded by Commissioner Niemczyk. Ayes: Pinaire, Butler, Landes, Niemczyk, & Yoskowitz. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- b. Mr. Srackangast, Community Development Director, discussed the Joint City/County Community Clean Up Week.
- c. Mr. Zimmerman, City Manager, discussed the Homelessness Task Force.
- d. Commissioner Landes moved to approve the JCFD request to use the RFP process to purchase an ambulance not to exceed \$330,000, seconded by Commissioner Pinaire. Ayes: Butler, Landes, Yoskowitz, Pinaire, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- e. Commissioner Yoskowitz moved to approve the request to award bid for the purchase of a tower Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) System to support the IT server room & the backup dispatch center at the Municipal Building to Economy Electric in the amount of \$107,190, seconded by Commissioner Pinaire. Ayes: Butler, Landes, Yoskowitz, Pinaire, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- f. Commissioner Landes moved to approve the Parks & Recreation request to purchase Raymo Electric Slope Mower from Key Equipment in the

amount of \$50,925.59, seconded by Commissioner Yoskowitz. Ayes: Butler, Landes, Yoskowitz, Pinaire, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- g. Commissioner Landes moved to approve the request to purchase an Aries Voyager Sewer Camera System from Elliot Equipment Co. not to exceed \$199,743, seconded by Commissioner Niemczyk. Ayes: Butler, Landes, Yoskowitz, Pinaire, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- h. Commissioner Landes moved to approve the request to award bid for the 2026 Street Maintenance project to Shilling Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$792,789, affecting Eisenhower, Allen Street, Haven Drive, 12th Street, Coronado, Webster, Filley, East 4th, East 5th, East 6th, East 7th, & Reynolds, seconded by Commissioner Niemczyk. Ayes: Butler, Landes, Yoskowitz, Pinaire, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- i. Commissioner Pinaire moved to approve the HDR Work Change Directive #121 for the elevator disconnect & labor for the Water Treatment Plant Improvements Phase 2 project, in the amount of \$59,406, seconded by Commissioner Yoskowitz. Ayes: Butler, Landes, Yoskowitz, Pinaire, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- j. Commissioner Pinaire moved to approve HDR CPR 50, for flow diversion pipe rerouting for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 2 project, in the amount of \$50,070, seconded by Commissioner Landes. Ayes: Butler, Landes, Yoskowitz, Pinaire, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Commissioner Niemczyk moved to approve the 3-month extension on the Dangerous & Unsafe Structure located at 408 West 7th Street, seconded by Commissioner Yoskowitz. Ayes: Yoskowitz, Niemczyk, Landes, & Butler. Nays: None. Abstain: Pinaire. Motion carried.
- b. Commissioner Yoskowitz moved to approve the request to remove the structure located at 432 West 12th Street from the Dangerous and Unsafe Structure list, seconded by Commissioner Landes. Ayes: Yoskowitz, Butler, Landes, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Abstain: Pinaire. Motion carried.
- c. Commissioner Yoskowitz moved to approve the Personnel Policies as presented & updated in 2026, seconded by Commissioners Niemczyk. Ayes: Butler, Landes, Yoskowitz, & Niemczyk. Nays: Pinaire. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Commissioner Landes moved the Commission recess for an executive session to include the City Manager & the City Attorney, for 10 minutes at 8:36 p.m. to discuss matters regarding contract known as the Master Agreement of the Junction City Area Chamber of Commerce. The justification for the executive session is for consultation with the City Attorney & is deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship and is provided by K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). The open meeting is to resume in this room at 8:46 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Yoskowitz. Ayes: Landes, Pinaire, Butler, Yoskowitz, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Landes moved to return from executive session at 8:46 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.

Commissioner Landes moved the Commission recess for an executive session to include the City Manager & the City Attorney, for 10 minutes at 8:47 p.m. to discuss matters regarding contract known as the Master Agreement of the Junction City Area Chamber of Commerce. The justification for the executive session is for consultation with the City Attorney & is deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship and is provided by K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). The open meeting is to resume in this room at 8:57 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Yoskowitz. Ayes: Landes, Pinaire, Butler, Yoskowitz, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Landes moved to return from executive session at 8:57p.m. where no decisions were made and no action was taken, seconded by Commissioner Yoskowitz. Ayes: Landes, Pinaire, Butler, Yoskowitz, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- b. Commissioner Landes moved that the Commission recess for an executive session to include the City Manager, Finance Director, Public Works Director, Parks & Recreation Director, and the City Attorney, for 10 minutes at 8:58 p.m. to discuss matters regarding potential acquisition of real property for the utilization by the Department of Public Works. The justification for the executive session is for preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property and is provided by K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6). The open meeting is to resume in this room at 9:08 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Yoskowitz. Ayes: Landes, Pinaire, Butler, Yoskowitz, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Landes moved to return from executive session at 9:08 p.m. where no decisions were made and no action was taken, seconded by Commissioner Yoskowitz. Ayes: Landes, Pinaire, Butler, Yoskowitz, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Olds, 3308 Frontier Circle, Manhattan Kansas discussed certified letters that the Building & Codes office sends out & lowering costs.

Desiree Petree, Old 40 Highway, Junction City Kansas discussed the AI Opportunity Assessment, data centers, & chickens.

Martine Chery-Hilaire, 1704 Lydia Lane, Junction City Kansas made a request for city staff to join her at the Food Insecurity Summit in DC.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

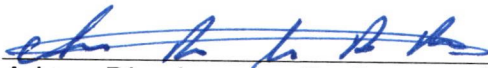
MAYOR, COMMISSIONER & STAFF COMMENTS

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

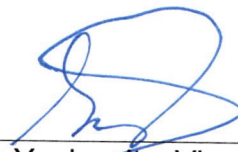
ADJOURNMENT

- a. Commissioner Landes moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Yoskowitz at 9:25 pm Ayes: Landes, Butler, Yoskowitz, Pinaire, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED THIS 19TH DAY OF MAY AS THE OFFICIAL COPY OF THE JUNCTION CITY COMMISSION MINUTES FOR MAY 5TH, 2026.



Ariana Diaz Lorenzo De Barreto, City Clerk



Sam Yoskowitz, Vice Mayor

