

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

June 16, 2026

7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The scheduled meeting of the Junction City Commission was held on Tuesday, June 16th, 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 Attorney Britain Stites & City Clerk Ariana Diaz Lorenzo De Barreto.

AGENDA ITEMS COMMENT(S):

Larry Ruiz, 1906 McFarland, Junction City Kansas, discussed the development of Land Bank lots and that the city should consider avenues available for development through the federal government and the CDBG program.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Consideration of Appropriation Ordinance A-12 dated – June 2 – June 17, 2026, in the amount of \$2,530,706.64.
- b. Consideration & approval of May 2026 contractual obligation adjustments for \$36,738.52 & bad debt adjustments for \$20,319.12.
- c. Consideration of the Harmony Fest Special Event application taking place August 21st - 22nd, 2026.
- d. Consideration of the request to hold a Budget Session on Tuesday, June 23rd, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.
- e. Consideration of the June 2nd, 2026 Budget Session Meeting Minutes.
- f. Consideration of the June 2nd, 2026 Commission Meeting Minutes.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- a. Debbie Savage, Director of Fresh Start Shelter & Ed Savage, Fresh Start Board Member/Maintenance requested \$60,000 for the 2027 budget.
- b. Donna Porter, Library Director, requested \$1,044,375 for the 2027 budget.
- c. Jordan McCann, Mainstreet Executive Director requested \$100,000 for the 2027 budget.

- d. Nate Butler with Freedom Fest requested \$50,000 for the 2027 budget.
- e. Martine Chery-Hilaire, Executive Director of the First Thousand Member's Club requested \$125,000 for the 2027 budget.
- f. Commissioner Pinaire moved to table to discussion of the Intersection Control Evaluation on 4th & Adams, 3rd & Adams, 3rd & Madison, 12th & Webster, & 8th & Eisenhower, seconded by Commissioner Yoskowitz. Ayes: Butler, Landes, Niemczyk, Yoskowitz, & Pinaire, Nays: None. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT

- a. Commissioner Landes moved to approve the request to appoint William Thornberg to the Freeman Field Advisory Board for a three-year term ending December 31, 2029, seconded by Commissioner Pinaire. Ayes: Butler, Landes, Niemczyk, Yoskowitz, & Pinaire, Nays: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Chief Lankas, FD, discussed the current firework ordinance.
- b. Commissioner Pinaire moved to table Ordinance No. R-3151, seconded by Commissioner Niemczyk. Ayes: Pinaire, Butler, Landes, Niemczyk, & Yoskowitz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Pinaire moved to extend the Military Affairs contract by 30 days, seconded by Commissioner Niemczyk.

Commissioner Niemczyk withdrew her second. Motion died.

Commissioner Yoskowitz moved to authorize the City Manager to indefinitely extend the Military Affairs contract as needed, seconded by Commissioner Niemczyk. Ayes: Pinaire, Butler, Landes, Niemczyk, & Yoskowitz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- c. Commissioner Pinaire moved to approve Resolution No. R-3150, authorizing the City Manager to apply for & administer a Defense Community Infrastructure (DCIP) Grant, seconded by Commissioner Landes. Ayes: Pinaire, Butler, Landes, Niemczyk, & Yoskowitz. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- d. Commissioner Landes moved to approve the request to award bid for the Rimrock Park Drainage Improvements to J & K Contracting, L.C. in the amount of \$140,145, seconded by Commissioner Niemczyk. Ayes:

Pinaire, Butler, Landes, Niemczyk, & Yoskowitz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- e. Commissioner Pinaire moved to approve Ordinance No. S-3331, granting a special use permit to allow a tattoo parlor at a property zoned "CC" Central Commercial District, located at 122 East 7th Street, seconded by Commissioner Yoskowitz. Ayes: Pinaire, Butler, Landes, Niemczyk, & Yoskowitz. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- f. Commissioner Pinaire moved to approve Ordinance No. G-1318, amending the monthly minimum water rates, seconded by Commissioner Yoskowitz. Ayes: Pinaire, Butler, Landes, Niemczyk, & Yoskowitz. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- g. Commissioner Pinaire moved to approve Ordinance No. G-1319, amending the sewer use rate structure, seconded by Commissioner Yoskowitz. Ayes: Pinaire, Butler, Landes, Niemczyk, & Yoskowitz. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- h. Commissioner Yoskowitz moved to approve Charter Ordinance No. 42, exempting the city from the requirements of K.S.A. 64-101, seconded by Commissioner Niemczyk. Ayes: Pinaire, Butler, Landes, Niemczyk, & Yoskowitz. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- i. Commissioner Pinaire moved to approve Resolution No. R-3149, designating the city website as the official city newspaper while also maintaining the Flint Hills Union as an official city newspaper, seconded by Commissioner Niemczyk. Ayes: Pinaire, Butler, Landes, Niemczyk, & Yoskowitz. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- j. Commissioner Yoskowitz moved to table the ballot discussion regarding chickens, seconded by Commissioner Pinaire. Ayes: Pinaire, Butler, Landes, Niemczyk, & Yoskowitz. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- k. Commissioner Landes moved to approve the financing plan recommended by the Finance Director for the \$1.2 million Animal Shelter renovation project with a 10-yr bond, seconded by Commissioner Pinaire. Ayes: Pinaire, Butler, Landes, Niemczyk, & Yoskowitz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Commissioner Yoskowitz moved to approve the 14-day extension for the Dangerous & Unsafe Structure located at 617 North Washington Street, to complete immediate safety measures, seconded by Commissioner

Niemczyk. Ayes: Pinaire, Butler, Landes, Yoskowitz, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Moton carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Haudel, Junction City Kansas, discussed blight notices for his property on Buckshot.

Gary Olds, 3308 Frontier Circle, Manhattan Kansas discussed the prioritization process of streets chosen for repairs.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

MAYOR, COMMISSIONER & STAFF COMMENTS

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

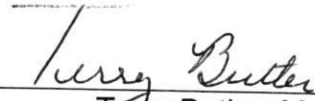
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Yoskowitz moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Niemczyk at 10:47 pm Ayes: Landes, Butler, Yoskowitz, Pinaire, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED THIS 7TH DAY OF JULY AS THE OFFICIAL COPY OF THE JUNCTION CITY COMMISSION MINUTES FOR JUNE 16TH, 2026.




Ariana Diaz Lorenzo De Barreto, City Clerk


Terry Butler, Mayor