

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

July 21, 2026

7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The scheduled meeting of the Junction City Commission was held on Tuesday, July 21st, 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 Manager Kim Zimmerman, Finance Director Jamel Wilcox, & Deputy City Clerk Maygan Muller.

AGENDA ITEMS COMMENT(S):

Christy Upham, Junction City, Kansas spoke in support of the city passing a chicken ordinance.

Jonathan Belvin, 503 West 3rd Street, Junction City, Kansas spoke in support of the city passing a chicken ordinance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Pinaire moved to remove Item E, on the Consent Agenda to reflect his Nay vote on the motion to stay at or below the Revenue Neutral Rate for the 2027 budget year, stating that he wished to be below RNR, seconded by Commissioner Yoskowitz. Ayes: Pinaire, Landes, Butler, Yoskowitz, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Yoskowitz moved to remove Item F, on the Consent Agenda to reflect, the correct amount pledged to the 2026 Harmony Fest in the amount of \$3,500, seconded by Commissioner Niemczyk. Ayes: Butler, Pinaire, Yoskowitz, Landes, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

- a. Consideration of Appropriation Ordinance A-14 dated – July 7th – July 22nd, 2026, in the amount of \$3,227,448.24.
- b. Consideration & approval of the Havana Nights special event taking place on August 8th and 9th, 2026.
- c. Consideration and approval of the Junction City Oktoberfest Special Event Permit application taking place October 2nd and 3rd, 2026.

- d. Consideration of the request to hold a Budget Work Session on Tuesday, August 4th, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.
- e. Consideration of the July 7th, 2026, Budget Session Meeting Minutes.
- f. Consideration of the July 7th, 2026, Commission Meeting Minutes.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- a. JCFD Chief Lankas announced the promotion of Firefighter/Paramedic Carr to Fire Engineer.
- b. Brice Obermeyer gave updates on various submissions and upcoming Grant opportunities for the city.

APPOINTMENT

- a. Commissioner Pinaire moved to approve the request to appoint the following members to the Homelessness Task Force, seconded by Commissioner Niemczyk. Ayes: Butler, Landes, Niemczyk, Yoskowitz, & Pinaire, Nays: None. Motion carried.

Voting Members:

- 1. City Commissioner (or designee) appointed by the Mayor with consent from the Commission - Sam Yoskowitz, term ending December 31st, 2027.
- 2. Representative from the City Administration appointed by the City Manager - Ronna Larson, Intensive Supervision Officer II, term ending December 31st, 2028.
- 3. Representative from the Junction City Police Department appointed by the Chief of Police - Assistant Police Chief Cory Odell, term ending December 31st, 2028.
- 4. Representative from the Junction City Fire Department/EMS appointed by the Fire Chief - Kent Vosburg, EMS Division Chief, term ending December 31st, 2028.
- 5. Behavioral health provider representative appointed by the Mayor with consent from the Commission - Kimberly Sanchez, Pawnee Mental Health, term ending December 31st, 2028.
- 6. Housing authority representative appointed by the Mayor with consent from the Commission - Sabrina Droddy Rumble (HUD), term ending

December 31st, 2028.

7. Homelessness services or outreach provider representative appointed by the Mayor with consent from the Commission - Tyshell Jones, Crisis Center, term ending December 31st, 2028
8. Community member with lived experience (current or former) of homelessness was appointed by the Mayor with consent from the Commission. Aaron Gillis, Fresh Start, term ending December 31st, 2028.
9. Community organization representative appointed by the Mayor with consent from the Commission. Tonette Hammond (Konza), term ending December 31st, 2028.

Non-Voting Members:

1. Debbie Johns, Food Pantry, term ending December 31st, 2028
 2. Donna Porter, Dorthy Bramlage Library, term ending December 31st, 2028
 3. Jodi Mason, Magdalene Project, term ending December 31st, 2028.
 4. Emily Wager, Manhattan Emergency Shelter, term ending December 31st, 2028.
 5. Darrell Lilly, The Gentleman of Junction City, Term ending December 31st, 2028.
- b. Commissioner Pinaire moved to speak with Economic Development Commission (EDC) applicants that were present at the meeting and appoint one. Commission will set a deadline for the next set of applicants to fill the second open EDC position, seconded by Commissioner Niemczyk. Ayes: Pinaire, Landes, Butler, Yoskowitz, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Pinaire moved to appoint Stephen Capizzi to the Economic Development Commission (EDC), seconded by Commissioner Yoskowitz. Ayes: Landes, Pinaire, Yoskowitz, & Niemczyk. Nays: Butler. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Commissioner Niemczyk moved to move the discussion on the Military Affairs Committee & Military Affairs Liaison until after executive session, seconded by Commissioner Yoskowitz. Ayes: Yoskowitz, Landes, Niemczyk, Butler & Pinaire. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- b. Commissioner Pinaire moved to approve the JCPD & USD 475 Agreement Providing School Resource Officers for the 2026-2027 school year, seconded by Commissioner Niemczyk. Ayes: Pinaire, Butler, Landes, Niemczyk, & Yoskowitz. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- c. Commissioner Yoskowitz moved to approve the request to award bid for the purchase of an ambulance to Braun Northwest in the amount of \$327,336, seconded by Commissioner Niemczyk. Ayes: Pinaire, Butler, Landes, Niemczyk, & Yoskowitz. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- d. Commissioner Yoskowitz moved to approve the request to award bid for the SCBA Breathing Air Compressor System to Conrad Fire Equipment Inc. in the amount of \$62,510.86, seconded by Commissioner Niemczyk. Ayes: Pinaire, Butler, Landes, Niemczyk, & Yoskowitz. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- e. Commissioner Landes moved to approve Ordinance No. G-1321, to change school zones times to reflect the new Early Childhood Center, seconded by Commissioner Yoskowitz. Ayes: Pinaire, Butler, Landes, Niemczyk, & Yoskowitz. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- f. Commissioner Landes moved to approve the request to award bid for the Westwood Boulevard Street Maintenance Phase 1 – Concrete project to Ebert Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$1,528,489.80, seconded by Commissioner Niemczyk. Ayes: Pinaire, Butler, Landes, Niemczyk, & Yoskowitz. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- g. Commissioner Landes moved to approve the request to award bid for the McFarland & Eisenhower Roundabout to Ebert Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$1,610,009.62, seconded by Commissioner Niemczyk. Ayes: Pinaire, Niemczyk, Butler, Landes, & Yoskowitz. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- h. Commissioner Pinaire moved to approve the request to award bid for the Rolling Meadows Golf Course for a storage building to Rolling Hills Construction in the amount of \$123,020, seconded by Commissioner Yoskowitz. Ayes: Pinaire, Butler, Landes, Niemczyk, & Yoskowitz. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- i. Commissioner Yoskowitz moved to approve Ordinance No. 43, clarifying bailiff & municipal security officer authority, seconded by Commissioner

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

- j. Commissioner Yoskowitz moved to approve the Memo of Understanding for services provided by the Animal Shelter for Grandview Plaza, seconded by Commissioner Niemczyk. Ayes: Pinaire, Butler, Landes, Niemczyk, & Yoskowitz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Commissioner Pinaire moved to approve Resolution No. R-3151, establishing employee positions within city staffing, seconded by Commissioner Landes. Ayes: Pinaire, Butler, Landes, Yoskowitz, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- b. Mr. Srackangast, Community Development Director, gave an update on the dangerous & unsafe structure located at 617 North Washington Street. Kaw Valley will do a study on the structure and report back at the next Commission Meeting.
- c. Mr. Stites, City Attorney, presented options and laws for public voting on a chicken Ordinance. Commissioner Yoskowitz will speak with city staff to gather more information.
- d. Commissioner Niemczyk moved to install four way stops on 4th & Adams, 3rd & Adams, 3rd & Madsion, 12th & Webster, & 8th & Eisenhower, seconded by Commissioner Pinaire. Ayes: Pinaire, Butler, & Niemczyk. Nays: Yoskowitz, & Landes. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Commissioner Niemczyk moved the Commission recess for an executive session to include the City Attorney, City Manager & Finance Director for 15 minutes at 10:00 p.m., to discuss matters known as the Master Agreement of the Junction City Area Chamber of Commerce and its divisions. 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 10:15p.m., seconded by Commissioner Yoskowitz. Ayes: Butler, Pinaire, Niemczyk, Landes & Yoskowitz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Landes moved to return from executive session at 10:15 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

Commissioner Niemczyk moved the Commission recess for an executive session to include the City Attorney, City Manager & Finance Director for 10 minutes at 10:17 p.m., to discuss matters known as the Master Agreement of the Junction City Area Chamber of Commerce and its divisions. 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 10:27p.m., seconded by Commissioner Yoskowitz. Ayes: Butler, Pinaire, Niemczyk, Landes & Yoskowitz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Landes moved to return from executive session at 10:27 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

Commissioner Yoskowitz moved to accept the Chamber of Commerce offer to permit the reinstatement of the Military Affairs Liaison with the Chamber of Commerce, seconded by Commissioner Pinaire, Ayes: Pinaire, Landes, Butler, Niemczyk, & Yoskowitz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Niemczyk moved to accept the new structure of the Chamber of Commerce, Economic Devolvment Commission, Military Affairs Committee, & Membership Enhancement Division to present to county for approval, seconded by Commissioner Landes. Ayes: Landes, Niemczyk, & Butler. Nays: Yoskowitz & Pinaire. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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 Pinaire at 10:52 pm Ayes: Landes, Butler, Yoskowitz, Pinaire, & Niemczyk. Nays: None. Motion carried.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED THIS 18TH DAY OF AUGUST AS THE OFFICIAL COPY OF THE JUNCTION CITY COMMISSION MINUTES FOR JULY 21ST, 2026.



Ariana Diaz Lorenzo De Barreto

Ariana Diaz Lorenzo De Barreto, City Clerk

Jerry Butler

Jerry Butler, Mayor