

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

I, Chelsea Johnson, the duly appointed, qualified, and Assistant City Clerk of Manhattan, Kansas, do hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes from January 20, 2026, were duly adopted at a meeting of the City of Manhattan, Kansas, held on the 3rd day of February 2026, and that said Minutes have been compared by me with the original thereof on file and of record in my office, is a true copy of the whole of said original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Manhattan, Kansas, this 4th day of February, 2026.




Chelsea Johnson, Assistant City Clerk

MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026
6:00 P.M.

This meeting was recorded and is available [online](#) for full viewing.

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 6:00 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Karen McCulloh called the January 20, 2026, City Commission Meeting to order.

2. ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF A QUORUM

Present: Commissioner Larry Fox and Commissioner Jim Morrison, with Mayor Pro Tem Karen McCulloh presiding.

Absent: Mayor Susan E. Adamchak and Commissioner Andrew Von Lintel.

After roll call, the City Clerk announced there were three (3) Commissioners present and that the quorum of three (3) was met.

Also present were City Manager Danielle Dulin; Deputy City Manager Jason Hilgers, Director of Technology and Communications Jared Wasinger, City Attorney Katharine Jackson, 8 staff and approximately 5 interested citizens.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner McCulloh led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.



This meeting was held in the City Commission Room at City Hall, 1101 Poyntz Avenue. Public participation was solicited without regard to race, sex, familial status, military status, disability, religion, age, color, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, or gender identity. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in the City Commission Meeting or access meeting minutes, or those requiring language assistance (free of charge) should contact the City of Manhattan ADA Coordinator, Buffy Starkey, no later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting, at (785) 587-2445 or 7-1-1 (Relay).

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem McCulloh opened the public comments and highlighted the process.

The Commission heard public comment on items and issues not scheduled on the agenda.

The following member(s) of the public provided comments:

- Gary Olds, 3308 Frontier Circle

Hearing no other comments, Mayor Pro Tem McCulloh closed the public comments.

5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem McCulloh mentioned the new exhibit, Grassland Mini-Golf at the Flint Hills Discovery Center is a lot of fun and that there were a lot of people there for the opening.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

(* denotes those items discussed)

A. MINUTES

1. Approve the [minutes](#) of the Regular City Commission Meeting held Tuesday, January 6, 2026.
2. Approve the [minutes](#) of the Special City Commission Meeting held Tuesday, January 13, 2026.

B. CLAIMS/PAYMENTS

1. Approve [Claims Register No. 3110](#) authorizing and approving the payment of claims from December 27, 2025 – December 31, 2025, in the amount of \$1,738,221.93.
2. Approve [Claims Register No. 3111](#) authorizing and approving the payment of claims from January 1, 2026 – January 25, 2026, in the amount of \$5,044,311.98.

C. LICENSES

1. [Approve](#) an annual Cereal Malt Beverages On-Premises License for The Village Geek, and Tree Maintenance Licenses for calendar year 2026 for Hummel Tree Service Inc., Shiver Me Timbers, and Two Big Feet Tree Pruning & Removing LLC.

D. **GRANTS**

1. Accept a [Kansas Forest Service \(KFS\) Community IRA grant](#) for tree removal and replanting in Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST) areas.

E. **MISCELLANEOUS AGREEMENTS**

1. Approve [Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Kansas Department of Transportation \(KDOT\)](#), Riley County, and Pottawatomie County for the US-24 Corridor Study from the US-24/US-77 junction to Airport Road east of Wamego, Kansas (ST2606).

F. **MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Approve the [2026 City Commission](#) meeting calendar.

G. **PURCHASE**

- * 1. **Item was removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of Commissioner Fox.**
~~Approve the [purchase of Husqvarna robotic mowers and equipment](#) from SiteOne Landscape Supply for \$67,487.55.~~

H. **APPOINTMENTS**

1. [Approve Commission appointments](#) to various external and/or City boards and committees.
 - a. Appointment of Mayor Adamchak to the Community Liaison Group for National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility.
 - b. Appointment of Commissioner Von Lintel to the permanent term on the Flint Hills Area Transportation Agency Board.
 - c. Appointment of Commissioner Morrison to the alternate term on the Flint Hills Area Transportation Agency Board.
 - d. Appointment of Commissioner Von Lintel to the permanent term on the Flint Hills MPO Policy Board.
 - e. Appointment of Commissioner Fox to the alternate term on the Flint Hills MPO Policy Board.
 - f. Appointment of Commissioner Fox to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.
 - g. Appointment of Mayor Adamchak to the Library Board.
 - h. Appointment of Mayor Adamchak to the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.
 - i. Appointment of Commissioner Fox to the Municipal Audit Board.
 - j. Appointment of Commissioner McCulloh to the Visit Manhattan Steering Committee.

MOTION:	Commissioner Morrison.
ACTION:	<i>Approve the consent agenda.</i>
SECOND:	Commissioner Fox.
RESULT:	On a roll call vote, motion carried 3-0 with the exception of Item G1 (<i>item removed from Consent Agenda</i>).
Ayes:	Mayor Pro Tem McCulloh, Commissioner Fox, and Commissioner Morrison.
Nayes:	None.
Abstain:	None.

7. ITEM REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

G1. PURCHASE – HUSQVARNA ROBOTIC MOWERS AND EQUIPMENT

Aaron Stewart, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented the item.

MOTION:	Commissioner Fox.
ACTION:	<i>Item was tabled to February 3, 2026, City Commission meeting.</i>
SECOND:	Commissioner Morrison.
RESULT:	On a roll call vote, motion carried 3-0.
Ayes:	Mayor Pro Tem McCulloh, Commissioner Fox, and Commissioner Morrison.
Nayes:	None.
Abstain:	None.

8. GENERAL AGENDA

A. ~~CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 7806 REZONING 214 LEAVENWORTH STREET AND 300 NORTH 3RD STREET FROM PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) TO COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL (CC) DISTRICT AND ORDINANCE NO. 7807 AMENDING MARKETPLACE, UNIT TWO PUD~~

Item was moved to the Legislative Meeting on February 3, 2026, at the request of City Administration.

B. CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 7808 AMENDING PROFESSIONAL PLACE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD)

Item was moved to the Legislative Meeting on February 3, 2026, at the request of City Administration.

C. CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 7809 REZONING 2005 HUNTING AVENUE FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (RL) TO RL WITH UNIVERSITY FRINGE OVERLAY (O-UF)

Item was moved to the Legislative Meeting on February 3, 2026, at the request of City Administration.

D. CONSIDER STONEHAVEN ADDITION UNIT 3 IMPROVEMENTS (ST2516, WA2513, SS2512)

Brian Johnson, Director of Public Works, presented the item. He then answered questions from the Commission.

Bret Tremblay, Benesch, answered questions from the Commission.

Jason Hilgers, Deputy City Manager, answered questions from the Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem McCulloh opened the public comments.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Pro Tem McCulloh closed the public comments.

MOTION:	Commissioner Fox.
ACTION:	<u>Find the petitions sufficient; approve Resolution Nos. 012026-A, 012026-B, and 012026-C finding the projects advisable and authorizing construction for Stonehaven, Unit 3 Improvements (ST2516, WA2513, SS2512).</u>
SECOND:	Commissioner Morrison.
RESULT:	On a roll call vote, motion carried 3-0.
Ayes:	Mayor Pro Tem McCulloh, Commissioner Fox, and Commissioner Morrison.
Nayes:	None.
Abstain:	None.

E. CONSIDER INCREASE TO CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AMOUNT - ANDERSON AVENUE, FROM HARRIS AVENUE TO CONNECTICUT AVENUE, WATER, STREET, AND STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (WA1909, ST2203, SW2206, PD2401, CIP #'S WA086P, WA177P, WA178P, WA179P, WA180P, WA181P)

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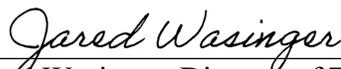
Hearing no comments, Mayor Pro Tem McCulloh closed the public comments.

MOTION:	Commissioner Morrison.
ACTION:	<u><i>Authorize an increase to the construction contract in the amount of \$266,021.40 with Bayer Construction Company, Inc. and approve Resolution No. 012026-D, amending Resolution No. 120324-B to increase the financing authority for the Anderson Avenue, from Harris Avenue to Connecticut Avenue, Water, Street, and Stormwater Improvements Project (WA1909, ST2203, SW2206, PD2401, CIP #'s WA086P, WA177P, WA178P, WA179P, WA180P, WA181P).</i></u>
SECOND:	Commissioner Fox.
RESULT:	On a roll call vote, motion carried 3-0.
Ayes:	Mayor Pro Tem McCulloh, Commissioner Fox, and Commissioner Morrison.
Nays:	None.
Abstain:	None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:	Commissioner Fox.
ACTION:	<i>Adjourn the January 20, 2026, City Commission Meeting.</i>
SECOND:	Commissioner Morrison.
Ayes:	Mayor Pro Tem McCulloh, Commissioner Fox, and Commissioner Morrison.
No:	None.
Abstain:	None.

At 6:48 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem McCulloh announced the Commission meeting was adjourned.



Jared Wasinger, Director of Technology and
Communications