

## Minutes

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

5:30 p.m.

City Commission Room, City Hall

1101 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS

**Members Present:** Chair Phil Mattox, Vice Chair Lisa Sisley, Julie Keenan, Julie Hatesohl, Missy Tener, Nancy Knopp, John Ball, Mary Beth Reese, and Rob Voelker.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Jared Wasinger, Assistant City Manager.

### 1) CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mattox called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

### 2) ROLL CALL & ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM

Jared Wasinger called the roll. Nine members were present, which meets the quorum of 5.

### 3) CONSENT AGENDA

#### A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

Vice Chair Sisley motioned to approve the minutes. Mary Beth Reese seconded the motion. The motion passed 9-0.

No public comment was received.

### 4) GENERAL AGENDA

#### A) INTERVIEWS: SOCIAL SERVICES FUND APPLICATIONS

Chair Mattox outlined the interview process and timing rules.



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**Manhattan Emergency Shelter** – Emily Wagner, Executive Director, presented to the board. Nancy Knopp asked about the increase in people not from the community. Nancy also asked if MESI was involved in the community outreach group regarding homelessness.

**Thrive!** – Jayme Morris Hardemen, Director, presented to the board. Mary Beth asked about the total number of clients.

**Flint Hills Breadbasket** – Karla Hagemeister, Director, presented to the board. Rob Voelker asked about how they have responded with the increase in people coming through the door.

**Wonder Workshop** – Katie Seel, Director, presented to the board. Julie Keenan asked how many participated in the program. Missy Tener asked how many days a week the program occurs. Nancy Knopp asked what the participants are doing on other days when the program is not in session. Chair Mattox asked why they did not apply last year.

**Kansas Legal Services** – Corrine Petrick, Director, presented to the board. Chair Mattox asked how many clients they have. Nancy Knopp asked about their geographic territory.

**Boys and Girls Club** – Bryce Obermyer, Grants Administrator, presented to the board. There were no questions from the board.

**Sunflower CASA** – Carson Kober, Director, presented to the board. There were no questions from the board.

**Stepping Stones CASA** – Carson Kober, Director, presented to the board. Mary Beth asked about their relationship with the KBI and charging for services.

**Be Able** – Scott Voos, Director, presented to the board. Vice Chair Sisley asked for clarification on the position this request is funding. Chair Mattox asked for clarification on the housing scope of their work. Rob Voelker asked about their relationship with RCPD.

**Pawnee Mental Health** – Diane Hendricks and Terra Upham, presented to the board. Mary Beth asked if they do referrals to other agencies and if there is support from Fort Riley. Nancy Knopp asked about what training they provide and who provides it.

**Manhattan Senior Center** – Liz Nelson, Director, presented to the board. No questions were asked by the board.

**Big Brother's and Big Sisters** – Mellissa Soldyan, Development Assistant, presented to the board. No questions were asked by the board.

**Manhattan Free Clinic** – Rick Hernandez, Director, presented to the board. Missy Tener asked for clarification on the type of healthcare they provide. Nancy Knopp asked about financing for their second clinic.

**Shepherd's Crossing** – Beth Klug, Director, presented to the board. No questions were asked by the board.

**Habitat for Humanity** – Josh Brewer, Executive Director, presented to the board. Mary Beth. Chair Mattox asked about the housing rehab work they are doing with the City. Vice Chair Sisley and Nancy Knopp asked about the work they are doing with the Oak Grove property and the process.

**Morning Star** – Dantia MacDonald, Executive Director, presented to the board. Mary Beth asked if transportation was part of the grant, and clarification on the number of clients they serve.

**Good Shepherd's Homecare and Hospice** – Christina Nolte, Executive Director, presented to the board. There were no questions asked by the board.

**Crisis Center** – Cathy Ray, Executive Director, presented to the board. There were no questions asked by the board.

Chair Mattox announced that the next meeting would be on October 15. Jared Wasinger outlined the process for individual members to complete the recommendations worksheet in preparation for the next meeting.

**5) NEXT METING**

WEDNESDAY, October 15, 2025  
5:30 P.M.  
CITY COMMISSION ROOM, CITY HALL  
1101 POYNTZ AVENUE, MANHATTAN, KS

**6) ADJOURNMENT**

Julie Keenan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Knopp seconded the motion. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.