

CITY OF SEVERY
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

APRIL 6, 2026

7:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL, SEVERY KS

Present: Council members Marc Warren, Lyle Riggs, Ron Robert, Bryan Hampton, Rodger Kraft, Clerk Tessa Riggs, City Attorney William McClendon, Water Superintendent Paul Schmidt and Treasurer Madelyn McClendon

Guests: Ed Cornett, Brandi Mast & Joanna Wilson

Mayor Wiss called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The pledge of Allegiance was cited and roll called.

Kraft moved to approve the March 2026 minutes. Warren 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Robert moved to approve the March 2026 bills. Kraft 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Kraft moved to approve the March 2026 treasurer's report. Warren 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Guest, Brandi Mast with the Elk County Community Foundation spoke in regard to the 4th annual match month they are doing from May 10th to June 10th. Details include donating to an existing fund, donate to a project/organization of your choosing via Elk County Rural Match Fund or start your own fund to support a cause that's important to you. A project/organization must receive a minimum of \$500 in donations in order for them to receive funding. If there is a project/organization that does not meet this minimum, donors to that project/organization will be contacted so that they can choose an alternate recipient for their donation.

Schmidt gave his monthly superintendent report that included the generator was delivered to the water plant today, new door is needed for fire barn door, the air compressor in the shop is needing a motor, mowing has started, cemetery directory will be getting completed prior to Memorial Day, solar light has been ordered for flag pole at cemetery, the fish feeder at the lake needs repaired and the ditches are getting cleaned out for better flow of water during the rain.

Wiss requested that she and the council would like to have Schmidt start documenting what he does on a weekly basis if not daily if possible. Wiss stated that everyone is aware that Schmidt will retire at some point in a few years, and it would be greatly appreciated if he could make some sort of book of how to do things for future reference.

Clerk Riggs reported that the City had a quote from INA Alert company to install security cameras at the lake due to the lake getting damaged from time to time. Council stated the quote was more than the city could afford. Riggs also mentioned that with the funds that have been raised

for Brody's Park, the City will need to install a sidewalk for handicapped wheelchairs and/or scooters. If the sidewalk happens to go on the north side of the park, the property line to the adjoining landowner is unclear, it is best the city has the property surveyed along with the alley due to conflict with the adjoining neighbor. Then Clerk Riggs stated that the survey company she spoke with mentioned that there are also two other tracts along the abandoned railroad that the city maintains is not recorded. After discussion, City Attorney McClendon suggested if the park is going to have to be surveyed, then might as well get everything else and be done with it. Council decided to form a committee regarding the Brody's Park improvements. Hampton, L. Riggs and Mayor Wiss will meet with Tamara Higbee and Vicki Hinkle on Wednesday, April 15th @ 7 p.m. Riggs moved to survey Brody's Park, city alley behind the park, north & south sides of mud volleyball and horseshoe pits. Warren 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Clerk Riggs noted that there was an update on the abandoned railroad right of way vacant lots. Warren moved to allow McClendon to do the paperwork to get title work on the properties. Hampton 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Clerk Riggs discussed the roundabout concrete bid from Ramsey Concrete. Clerk Riggs stated that Mayor Wiss did ask a local business for a quote and there was no response. Ramsey Concrete is out of Eureka and is very interested in doing the work. The project cost will be \$14,750.00 and does not include inch and a quarter road rock or similar fill material to tamp and grade base. Council agreed that the city needs something in writing from the county commission approval and asked if the engineer's cost be absorbed by the county. Clerk Riggs stated Ramsey is hoping to have this project completed prior to Severy's Labor Day Festivities. Councilman Warren stated that he would rather the citizens be mad for improving the city versus not doing anything at all. Robert moved to proceed with the county to what Ramsey has proposed and the county engineers' blessing and the county commissioners to approve the plan in writing. Kraft 2nd. Motion passed 5-0. Clerk Riggs will reach out to a commissioner.

Old Business.

City Attorney McClendon is in the process of drafting papers for an ordinance regarding the community revitalization.

New Business.

Clerk Riggs stated that the city had been out of compliance for 6 years in 2007 according to the KDHE for the sewer lagoon. The City did get a CBDG loan and a low-interest rate loan. The city has been paying a semi-annual payment of \$4,894.25 for years. The loan was to be paid off in 2029. Riggs applied for a loan assistance grant in 2025. If approved the grant would pay 90% of the loan. Riggs has confirmation in March that the grant was approved for \$25,215.00. She stated the City had a balance of \$28,017.05 and a payment of \$4,894.25 had just been paid in February. According to the figures, this loan has been paid in full and there is possibly a small overpayment not knowing the City was receiving the grant.

Belinda Nelson with Midwest Assistance Program has been in contact with Clerk Riggs regarding projects they can be of assistance to Severy with for example, budgeting and financials, water and wastewater utility rates, loans and grants and compliance reporting. Clerk Riggs explained that she did inquire about a rate analysis and grant opportunities. Belinda will meet with the clerk on April 8th.

The annual 40 yard roll off dumpster will start on May 4th – May 11th.

Warren moved to go into executive session to consult with city attorney on matters subject to the attorney-client privilege for 10 minutes to include city clerk at 9:20 p.m.

Regular meeting reconvened at 9:30 p.m. No action taken.

Warren moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. Riggs 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

/s/ Marc V. Warren, Council President

Attest:

/s/ Tessa C. Riggs, City Clerk