

CITY OF SEVERY
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

OCTOBER 6, 2025

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

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

Absent: Treasurer Madelyn McClendon

Guests: Ed Cornett, Bryan Hampton, Robin Wunderlich and Jennelle Sommerow via telephone

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

Robert moved to approve the September 4, 2025 special meeting minutes. Kraft 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Robert moved to approve the September 4, 2025 regular council meeting minutes. Kraft 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Kraft moved to approve the September 2025 bills. Warren 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Warren moved to approve the September 2025 treasurer's report as presented. Klepper 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Water Superintendent Schmidt reported the repairs on the water tower have been completed and next year the tower company is looking at shutting the tower down for approximately 4 weeks. Schmidt noted the city needs to look into Variable Frequency Drives (VFD's) prior to the shutdown. Schmidt will check the cost and report back at November's meeting. The generator has been purchased and the water district it was purchased from is requesting the city have a certified electrician remove all the wires prior to moving it. Schmidt also stated the water tower is back online and Schmidt is going to be looking at a different chemical supplier. The north sewer lift station is still having issues. The cemetery is going to need some low spots filled with dirt. Part time Gareld Rollings is doing a great job on applying the millings on Greenwood Avenue. Councilman Robert stated the flagpole rope at South Lawn Cemetery needs replace. Clerk Riggs will get one ordered. Robert also applied Thompson's water sealant around the flagpole.

Old Business.

Jennelle Summerow with WaterWise Enterprises was available by telephone due to the city computer not working. Mrs. Summerow explained to the council that she was able to come out in September and tour the water plant, sewer lagoon and lift stations and is fully aware of how

the city does its daily tasks to make water. Summerow took Schmidt's monthly report for the state and is willing to redo the format to streamline so Schmidt does not have to spend several days getting it completed. Summerow explained their company would come to Severy approx. 2-3 a week to do sampling. The company also offers an emergency mass text system that they will send a text to the citizens when there is a water, sewer, trash and etc emergency.

Riggs moved to accept WaterWise month-to-month information that was provided. Warren 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Clerk Riggs submitted the Junction Insurance quote to add additional insurance coverage to the upgraded water plant project that is now completed. Robert moved to approve to accept the quote prepared by Junction Insurance in the amount of \$4,154.00 that includes a \$5,000 deductible. Klepper 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

New Business.

Clerk Riggs reported that the council made a motion in September's meeting to remove the 10% late fees for utility bills not paid in full by the 15th of each month and to charge a flat fee of \$40.00 for any account not paid in full by the 15th of each month. City Attorney McClendon drafted a resolution. Warren moved to approve Resolution 2025-03. Kraft 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Clerk Riggs stated that the Elk County Community Foundation has been working on getting Give and Take Food boxes established in all the communities in their service area. The foundation will donate the box and then it will be a collaborative effort with the community to keep it stocked. The foundation will provide food for the boxes approximately once a month, but in between the community residents or local organizations will need to keep it filled.

Riggs moved to accept the food box for the community. Warren 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Clerk Riggs noted that she was approached about a bake sale in November to raise money for Brody's Park. The funds will be used to purchase pea gravel to be placed around the toys so when it rains the areas under the toys are not standing in water and mud. The council stated this was a great idea but there will need to be edging put around the perimeter, so the mowers are not hitting the gravel. City Attorney McClendon suggested that someone needs to come before the council and bring a plan/proposal.

Warren moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to consult with City Attorney on matters subject to attorney-client privilege and include City Clerk. Klepper 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Regular meeting reconvened. No action was taken.

Robert moved to charge the vacant lot winners \$1,000/property for the fees plus their bid. The new owners will not receive their deed until the property has been paid in full to the City of Severy. Klepper 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Councilman Robert noted that there are several homes that are dilapidated and stated something needs done. City Attorney McClendon said that there is a process just like with anything else.

Councilman Riggs noted there is a big issue with loose dogs running around town. Riggs also stated a metal guard needs to be built for the wifi internet tower at the lake and the water tower in town.

Klepper moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Warren 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

/s/ Donna Wiss, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Tessa C. Riggs, City Clerk