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BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION 2-18-2026

City of Burlington Governing Body met in Regular Session at City Hall's address, 1013 N. 4th Street, Burlington, Kansas, at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 18, 2026. Mayor Luke called the meeting to order.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Stan Luke, Mayor

Council Members present:

Jerilyn Curtiss (President of Council)

Maxi Berryman

Cara Mays

Lila Van Horn

Nathan Strawder

George Shove

Superintendents Present:

Kevin Boyce (Parks)

Alan Schneider (Electric)

Kyle Dauber (Street)

Mike Roney (Chief of Police) Danny Hawkins (Water/Wastewater)

Also Present:

Anne Brown (City Clerk)

Shayla Befort (Administrative Assistant)

Philip Wright (City Attorney)

Jimmy Hugunin (Zoning/Grants Clerk)

Kerri Weltha (Deputy City Clerk)

Media Present: Mark Petterson (Coffey County Republican)

VISITORS: Lisa Waterstreet, Mark Waterstreet, and Jeff Elbrader

Mayor Luke, "At this time, we have no visitors. I don't consider you (Mark Petterson) a visitor; you're here all the time, so..." Mark Petterson, "I'm here. I'm a fixture." Mayor Luke, "You're a fixture? Just a comment to the Governing Body, when we're recording the minutes, when there are side discussions, it doesn't come through well on the recorder. Please refrain from side conversations because they pick up, and we have to go through that several times just to get through the minutes and understand them. Okay?"

AGENDA: Mayor Luke, "Alright. Tonight, on the agenda, the only thing I have to add to it is under finance, which is Claims Ordinance #2026-04, \$348,096.74, Payroll Ordinance #2026-04, \$116,756.67, for a total of \$464,853.41. You should have a—under appointments, there should be an appointment that was added. It should be on your new sheet." Council Member Curtiss, "Oh, yep." Mayor Luke, "And also, under City Clerk, there should be one for the advertising to sell city vehicles on purplewave.com. Those should already be there. Are there any other additions to the agenda? Hearing none, I would accept a motion to approve the agenda as amended."

Council Member Curtiss, "I move to approve the agenda as amended." Council Member Strawder, "I second the motion." Motion unanimously carried, 5:0.

MINUTES 2/4/2026: Mayor Luke, "You have the draft minutes for our regular session of February 4, 2026. Are there any additions or corrections to those minutes? Hearing none—" Administrative Assistant Befort, "Stan (Mayor Luke), sorry... Did you want to mention about the motion from last council, Anne (City Clerk Brown)? For Beaty (Susie Beaty)?" City Clerk Brown, "Yes. The motion for Beaty, the time on it was incorrect, so we just showed it as corrected. It should have been the way that it was presented the first time, so..." Mayor Luke, "It should have been A.M." City Clerk Brown, "12 a.m." Administrative Assistant Befort, "12 a.m., midnight." Mayor Luke, "Instead of P.M." City Clerk Brown, "Yes." Administrative Assistant Befort, "Yep."

Council Member Curtiss, "I move to approve the draft minutes of February 4, 2026, as presented." Council Member Strawder, "I second the motion." Motion unanimously carried, 5:0.

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APPOINTMENT – Lisa Waterstreet - Discussion on Peacocks

Mayor Luke, “Okay. You (Lisa Waterstreet) got here just in time. Who’s going to speak?” Lisa Waterstreet, “I’m going to speak.” Mayor Luke, “Alright. Lisa, you’ve got the floor first.” Lisa Waterstreet, “Yay! How are you all this evening?” Council Member Mays, “Okay.” Council Member Curtiss, “Fine.” Council Member Shove, “Good, thank you.” Lisa Waterstreet, “Can I hand these out?” Mayor Luke, “Yeah.” Lisa Waterstreet, “I hope he saved one for me. I’m going to have to steal yours.” Council Member Mays, “We can share if we need to.” Lisa Waterstreet, “Well, it looks like I have enough. Thank you.”

Lisa Waterstreet, “So, yesterday, Animal Control (Animal Control Officer Foster) came by my house, and so did the Chief of Police (Chief Roney), and I guess there were some reports that we have peafowl, and that it’s against the city ordinance to have peafowl in the city limits, which we did not know about, and when I looked it up, I didn’t see it before. So, I put some information together for you about peafowl, and I’m not going to read through all of this to you, but what I’d like to say is, Mayor and Council Members, thank you for allowing me to speak. My name is Lisa Waterstreet, my husband is Mark Waterstreet, and I live at 207 Jason Street here in Burlington. We are here today to respectfully request a temporary waiver from the city ordinance that restricts keeping peafowl within city limits. We currently have young peafowls that are about eight months old. We are requesting permission to keep the juvenile birds only until they reach one year of age, at which point they will be moved permanently to our friend, Jeff Elbrader’s, farm outside of town. We are asking for this waiver for the years of 2026 through 2028, so that each year’s young birds can be raised safely until they are old enough to relocate.”

Lisa Waterstreet, “We would like to briefly address Ordinance 801, Section 1, Article 1, which applies to animals kept for food, egg production, and feather harvesting. Our peafowls do not fall under that category. One: they can’t produce eggs at this age, they’re not for food, and the feathers they have aren’t for gathering and selling. When they molt, it’s their baby feathers, and those are not too—you know—nobody wants those, they want the long peacock feathers. Section 2, Article (d) prohibits peacocks, not peahens. At eight months of age, it is not yet possible to reliably determine which birds are males or females. Peafowl typically cannot be sexed with certainty until six to eight months, and even then, full confirmation often comes closer to one year of age.”

Lisa Waterstreet, “We also want to share a few important facts about peafowl development. Juvenile peafowl do not vocalize loudly until they are around one year old. Females do not mate until age two or three, and males do not mate until the age of three, so there is no breeding rest. We have not received any noise complaints, and the birds are fully contained and well cared for. This request is limited temporarily and has a low impact. The birds are quiet at this age, they are securely housed, and we are committed to ensuring that they do not create any nuisance for our neighbors or the community. We are simply asking for the ability to raise the young birds to one year old before moving them to the farm, and we are more than willing to follow any reasonable conditions the city may require. Thank you for your time and consideration. I’m happy to answer any questions you might have.”

Council Member Curtiss, “How many of these birds do you have?” Lisa Waterstreet, “I have eight right now.” Council Member Curtiss, “Eight?” Lisa Waterstreet, “Yes.” Mayor Luke, “Are they all the same age?” Council Member Curtiss, “Yeah?” Lisa Waterstreet, “Four of them started out in May, so four of them are already gone, have already been moved.” Mayor Luke, “Okay.” Lisa Waterstreet, “The ones that were born in May, and then the other ones, it was cold, so I wanted to make sure that they were in a shelter with heat. And so, the last two were born around the first/second week of July.” Council Member Curtiss, “Okay...” Lisa Waterstreet, “So then—” Council Member Curtiss, “So, they will reach one year of age this July?” Lisa Waterstreet, “Yeah, but they’ll probably be moved out to the farm before then because the females will start laying eggs in May...March...probably in April or May.”

Council Member Curtiss, “Why are you requesting the waiver through 2028?” Lisa Waterstreet, “So that way we can get the flock going.” Council Member Curtiss, “So you are getting more?” Council Member

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Berryman, “So, you’re planning on eggs for the next year and ten months?” Lisa Waterstreet, “Yes.” Council Member Berryman, “So this is an ongoing—” Lisa Waterstreet, “Just for those two years.”

Council Member Berryman, “And you say peahens are not peacocks? So that means chicks are not chickens?” Lisa Waterstreet, “No. So, peacocks are males, peahens are females. Peafowl is the two together.” Council Member Berryman, “So, are you saying that all you have are peahens out there?” Lisa Waterstreet, “Well, right now, I know that I have one peacock, and I believe that there are two females. I’m not really sure. This is our first litter, so it’s kind of hard to determine. I’ve got one that at times I think it’s a male, and at other times I think it’s a female, but I’m just not sure.” Council Member Berryman, “Do they have beautiful colors like blue and green? Have they gotten tails yet?” Lisa Waterstreet, “No, no.” Council Member Berryman, “So none of them have tails?” Lisa Waterstreet, “No, no. Their tails are just brown.” Mark Waterstreet, “Just on the neck...” Lisa Waterstreet, “Just on the neck they’re starting to get color...on their head.” Council Member Berryman, “And does that help you differentiate whether it’s a male or a female?” Lisa Waterstreet, “It does once they molt. That will help because if it’s all one solid color, then it’s going to be a male. If it’s a female, it’s going to be either multi-colored or no color. And then the shape of the feather is going to be different than what it is on a male.”

Council Member Berryman, “And how close is your closest neighbor?” Lisa Waterstreet, “How close would you say they are?” Mayor Luke, “150 feet.” Lisa Waterstreet, “150?” Mark Waterstreet, “Yeah.” Council Member Berryman, “Thank you.”

Council Member Strawder, “So, to clarify on getting the flock up and going...is it your intent to mate and raise younglings at your house as like a business thing, or is this kind of a one-off situation available to you?” Lisa Waterstreet, “That’s what I’m just saying it’s just for those two years, and then, by then, out at the farm we’ll have the whole setup out there to where the chicks can stay there, because right now Jeff (Jeff Elbrader) incubates them, then once when they hatch, he brings them in, and I take care of them. So basically, they’re in the house or in the garage until they get a little bigger, then I move them out to the outside cage. But you have to keep them at like 95.5 degrees, and then every week, you go down a little bit in the temperature.” Council Member Strawder, “But your intent isn’t to do this time after time after time continuously like that?” Lisa Waterstreet, “No, no.” Council Member Strawder, “Until something is set up?” Lisa Waterstreet, “That’s why I said until 2028. That will give us two years to—” Mark Waterstreet, “We’re in the process of getting it established, and by moving them to our residence, at this time, we can better control the temperature and humidity that’s required for the chicks until they actually start maturing. Then they can move/transition into our garage for a little while and get used to the weather and what it is like outside, and eventually move outside to the pen that we have temporarily established. Then, after that, they all move out to the farm. Doing this the next couple of years will allow us to determine how many we’re going to be getting, how many chicks each year, and then how big of an area we will need to put together out on the farm to set up the roosting, the rooting, the incubation, and then allowing them to start getting out and moving around within a big enclosed area, which then we can eventually put them out on the market for sale, so it’s going to be a revenue generating operation.”

Council Member Berryman, “How big is your physical property where they are now?” Mark Waterstreet, “About an acre and a quarter. And we have them in a pen which is 30 feet by 10 feet, and then we have a hutch that is 10 feet by 8 feet by 6 feet tall. There is a roost inside the pen for them. There are two heaters that are thermostatically controlled. There is water in there that we have a heater for, so it doesn’t freeze during the wintertime. And then we have the roost outside for them. They like to go outside in the morning and peck around on the ground. We have fresh hay that we rotate out.” Lisa Waterstreet, “And I sleep with the window open every night so that I can hear if there is any commotion.”

Council Member Curtiss, “You’ve had no complaints from your neighbors?” Lisa Waterstreet, “No, ma’am.” Mark Waterstreet, “No, ma’am.” Lisa Waterstreet, “Now if they were to start calling and making loud noise, I would definitely move them out of town. I don’t want them to be a nuisance, but they have

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not been doing that. Now, I did have one female that was doing some honking, and that's because she and the other one were born a day apart, and they had never been separated, and he died. And so, she was honking for him, so then I brought her in and kept her calm for two or three days until she calmed down. But, I mean, it wasn't like a real loud honk. She was just calling for her brother." Council Member Curtiss, "Yeah." Lisa Waterstreet, "Or her sister, whichever one." Mark Waterstreet, "I think we didn't know at the time, we still don't on some of them."

Council Member Strawder, "So, I have just a couple more questions, just in general, not necessarily with your guys' circumstance, but just at large. You know, reading through some of this, it's definitely understandable that you can't sex them as chicks; that's very common on fowl and stuff. So, looking at this, do you know, or does anyone know, as far as the ordinances go, the only offense right now is the fact of the possibility of peacocks?" Mark Waterstreet, "Right. They could be peacocks, but until—" Council Member Strawder, "There are no other things within like where the pen is located or running at large—" Lisa Waterstreet, "No." Chief Roney, "No, the whole ordinance is that they can't have peacocks within the city limits." Council Member Strawder, "It's just that it's peacocks?" Lisa Waterstreet, "Here is the ordinance here."

Council Member Berryman, "Do peacocks fly?" Lisa Waterstreet, "They do." Mark Waterstreet, "Yes, but not great distances. It's usually from a roost to the ground, or if there's a building or a tree, they will fly up into the tree and roost there." Council Member Berryman, "Okay." Mark Waterstreet, "But they are not a migratory type of bird."

Council Member Strawder, "And then, again, on the assumption, or if we're talking about a variance, is it normal for a variance to be put in place with limitations? Meaning, like, if it does become a public nuisance as indicated here, meaning that there are calls or, you know, calls to the city, complaints to the city I guess is how you would say that, is it normal on a variance on something like this to be 'It's permitted within these parameters', but one of those parameters are that if they do become a nuisance, or if the City does start receiving calls like a noise complaint or anything like that? Just asking." Mayor Luke, "A variance can be written basically in any direction—" Council Member Strawder, "Right. However—" Mayor Luke, "—you want to do it."

Mayor Luke, "I think—just a question: you own the property across the street?" Lisa Waterstreet, "I do." Mark Waterstreet, "Yes." Mayor Luke, "That's in the county." Lisa Waterstreet, "No, it's—" Mark Waterstreet, "No." Mayor Luke, "Yes." Lisa Waterstreet, "No. According to the map." Mayor Luke, "It's in the county. Trust me." Zoning Clerk Hugunin, "Yeah, it's in the county because it's not in city limits, across the street." Mark Waterstreet, "The Sherry Street address on the other side, those two lots?" Zoning Clerk Hugunin, "It's just the street it's on, so it's got a Sherry Street address, but it is in the county." Mark Waterstreet, "Those lots are actually in the county?" Mayor Luke, "Yes." Lisa Waterstreet, "Then all of the maps are wrong." Mayor Luke, "Then, is there an opportunity to maintain them there instead of in your yard?" Lisa Waterstreet, "I could, but the problem—the only problem with that is no electricity over there." Mark Waterstreet, "For the heat of the heaters and the water heater. We don't have any power over on that lot." Mayor Luke, "Okay." Mark Waterstreet, "Or there is a water hookup over there, but it has not been—"

Superintendent Schneider, "Are you talking about on the south side down there?" Mayor Luke, "Yep. The south side of Sherry Street." Mark Waterstreet, "Yes." Superintendent Schneider, "Well, I'd be happy to work with them. I probably could get a power pole over there with electricity on it and see what needs to be done." Mayor Luke, "We can serve that area, okay. The City can serve that area." Lisa Waterstreet, "Okay." Mark Waterstreet, "Alright." Mayor Luke, "And then basically it solves the problem because it's all in the county." Lisa Waterstreet, "Okay. Alright." Mark Waterstreet, "And it's by what we understood, would be a city ordinance that it cannot be a permanent structure." Mayor Luke, "A permanent residence or living structure cannot be placed there." Mark Waterstreet, "Right." Mayor Luke, "Because that's in a

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flood plain.” Mark Waterstreet, “Right, and that pen, the two of us can pick it up and move it wherever we want to.” Mayor Luke, “Or it could be slightly raised—” Mark Waterstreet, “Right.” Mayor Luke, “—to keep the hens off the ground.” Mark Waterstreet, “Yeah.” Zoning Clerk Hugunin, “There’s no violation on that.” Mark Waterstreet, “Okay.” Zoning Clerk Hugunin, “Nothing like that over there.” Council Member Curtiss, “Well, that sounds like a really great way of solving this.”

Mayor Luke, “So, I guess, right at the moment, I would have a tendency, and I can’t make a motion, but I would have a tendency to allow you a short period of time, and that could be a week to two weeks at the most, to make those arrangements—” Lisa Waterstreet, “Okay.” Mayor Luke, “—to relocate across the street instead of in your personal yard.” Lisa Waterstreet, “Okay.” Mayor Luke, “And then, get a hold of Alan (Superintendent Schneider), and you can talk with him about the electric side of it. And Danny (Superintendent Hawkins), is that water hooked up?” Superintendent Hawkins, “Yeah. That meter, if it’s hooked up, it’s just nothing more than turning the meter on.” Mark Waterstreet, “Right.” Mayor Luke, “Those are both, I would say, relatively easy solutions.”

Lisa Waterstreet, “Okay. And what is the cost of doing that?” Do you know?” Superintendent Hawkins, “If the setter is there, it’s nothing more than a turn on.” Lisa Waterstreet, “Oh, okay.” Superintendent Schneider, “So, depending on which alley that feeds out of, because there’s still that one alley where the original house that was out in the development, clear at the south end, that alley is still overhead. I would have to—” Mayor Luke, “That would be slightly to the west.” Superintendent Schneider, “On the west end of that property?” Mayor Luke, “Yep.” Superintendent Schneider, “If that lines up with that, that’s all overhead, so that...that basically, there’d be minimal cost on that, but if you go to the east, that alley—there’s an alley through there that’s buried.” Mayor Luke, “Right.”

Superintendent Schneider, “Now we don’t do specialty primary voltage; we do not do that for free because that is an option to the customer. So, the way that generally works is the cost differs between overhead and underground construction, and there will be a road bore tied to that, which is—Danny (Superintendent Hawkins), how much per foot now is a road bore?” Superintendent Hawkins, “Right now it’s up to \$12/foot, right now.” Superintendent Schnieder, “So, we would have to pay a boring company to bore that, and then there would be conduit, high voltage cable, and a transformer. Which, that’s technically in the flood plain, isn’t it?” Mayor Luke, “Yes.” Zoning Clerk Hugunin, “Well, it’s not in the city limits, so it’s not something that we do on flood control because the county is not part of that.”

Superintendent Schneider, “But what I’m thinking about is having them have that transformer on the ground, that’s subject to storm damage.” Mayor Luke, “If we go to the west, it’s overhead, and we went across there with whatever voltage it is, and then they took everything from that pole where their meter would be on to their arrangement.” Superintendent Schneider, “I mean—” Mayor Luke, “Then they wouldn’t—” Superintendent Schneider, “If we had to go the buried route, and depending on how we got it worked out, it could be as much as \$6,000, maybe a little bit more.” Mark Waterstreet, “Versus the overhead?” Superintendent Schneider, “Versus the overhead, yes.” Jeff Elbrader, “What was the other option? The overhead would be approximately how much?” Superintendent Schneider, “I don’t know. I really hate—honestly, I really hate talking as much as I am about costs until I get it investigated.” Mark Waterstreet, “Right.” Superintendent Schneider, “Because I don’t want to mislead anybody.” Jeff Elbrader, “Can we make arrangements for you to go over there, and we can talk about it...how to do the juice?” Superintendent Schneider, “Of course, yeah.” Jeff Elbrader, “Yeah.”

Superintendent Hawkins, “And the water is the same way. If there’s something that’s not there, it’s \$400, and we got the main that’s already there.” Mark Waterstreet, “Right.” Superintendent Hawkins, “Just tapping in would be \$400, and we’d put a meter setter in, and it would be ready to go.” Mark Waterstreet, “Okay.”

Superintendent Schneider, “And also with the way prices are on everything we’re purchasing, everything is so flexible, and it’s gone up so crazy, I just hate to—honestly, I can’t give a definite number

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on that until I'm able to determine exactly what you're needing and then talk to my vendors." Mark Waterstreet, "Okay." Superintendent Schneider, "To see where the costs are for that time period." Mark Waterstreet, "Right. Okay, so—" Superintendent Schneider, "But yeah, I'd be happy to meet." Mark Waterstreet, "Are you available tomorrow? So, we can move this ahead within their timeframe." Mayor Luke, "Tom (Electric Lead Lineman Hess) would be available tomorrow, wouldn't he?" Superintendent Schneider, "Yeah, but he won't give me pricing or anything." Mayor Luke, "He won't? Tom Hess?" Superintendent Schneider, "Tom Hess, yeah, he won't do any of the pricing work-ups." Mayor Luke, "No, but he would be able to know exactly what it was that needed to be done." Superintendent Schneider, "Lisa can call and set up a time, and Tom and I can look at it together. I mean, if I'm not, I could send my line foreman out there. That's not a problem." Mark Waterstreet, "Okay." Superintendent Hawkins, "And my card's out there, too. If you want to grab that, my cellphone is on there, and if you have questions on the water, I can buzz out there anytime you want."

Chief Roney, "I did give them until March 3rd. I gave them a two-week window from yesterday to March 3rd to take care of this." Lisa Waterstreet, "Alright." Chief Roney, "So, just so you know, I did give them that two weeks." Mayor Luke, "Will they be able to resolve the direction in that two-week period?" Superintendent Schneider, "Yeah, I think we just need to get on site and look at the options available."

Council Member Strawder, "I guess I'm of the mindset that could be a more permanent solution and everything type of thing, where we're talking about a short-term variance. I think yeah, if you're capable of doing that, and that's the direction you want to go for a permanent solution, yeah, that makes a lot of sense to evaluate because there is cost. There will be recurring costs associated with it and setting it up. I think it should weigh a little bit into if that's feasible on their end versus not." Lisa Waterstreet, "\$6,000 is a little bit..." Superintendent Schneider, "I know it's a little scary—" Mayor Luke, "Yep." Superintendent Schneider, "—but it's just the policy that the City has always done on that." Mark Waterstreet, "Right."

Council Member Strawder, "I just think right now the challenge is, is being able to differentiate between a female bird and a male bird until it comes to a certain age—" Lisa Waterstreet, "Right." Mark Waterstreet, "Correct." Council Member Strawder, "—so you run that risk of yes, there being a male bird in there because you're having males and females. So, I think, if an exception was granted, it would have to be worded in a way so that it's not just a blanket 'You have free range' type of thing."

Lisa Waterstreet, "I can tell you, the first call they make, they will be out at the farm." Mark Waterstreet, "Before a noise complaint—" Lisa Waterstreet, "The thing is that when they call, you can hear them up to five miles." Council Member Berryman, "I think the challenge, Nathan (Council Member Strawder), if we make a variance on this, there are a lot of other things that are listed, so if somebody has some other type of animal, they'll say, 'Okay, well, you gave them a variance, why can't I get the variance? I want a three-legged whatever to breed.'"

Council Member Strawder, "To which I would say, a variance is handled on a case-by-case basis. Every case is going to be a little bit different." Council Member Berryman, "Exactly, but still." Council Member Strawder, "We don't have mature birds out there right now, so then the challenge right now is the fact that they can't sex them to determine if it's—" Council Member Berryman, "I understand. I can read, I heard." Council Member Strawder, "—if it's permitted or not, is what I think."

Mayor Luke, "So do we need to do a variance, or do we let the two weeks play out and come up with whether we have a solution by relocating into the county?" Council Member Strawder, "I think...I kind of think this is a question for you guys. Is two weeks enough time to know if a variance would need to be requested, meaning that alternatives weren't able to be met, or, you know, reasonable alternatives? Or if you are going to request a variation right now? I mean, because we meet every two weeks. What I don't want to happen is, you know, the two weeks to be up, and it's the day before our meeting, and then the tickets, you know, type of thing." Lisa Waterstreet, "Right." Mayor Luke, "Well, the 4th will be our next meeting, so..." Council Member Strawder, "Okay."

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Mark Waterstreet, “Okay, so...we can ask you guys to go over this variance and make a determination on that while we’re working with the power and the water to find out what that initial setup cost would be and what maybe our recurring and ongoing costs would be to have the facility moved across the street?” Lisa Waterstreet, “Because it seems like an awful lot of money to spend for just two years of having birds.” Mayor Luke, “Yeah.” Lisa Waterstreet, “And at least with them where they’re at now, we have the backyard fenced in, plus they’re inside their cage, so there’s like a double barrier from coyotes and wild cats, and then I can’t really hear them with my window open if they’re across the street.”

Council Member Strawder, “So, I think any variance would have some type of language in there that, you know, that limits the ability of being able to bring in new birds. If there’s a variance, it’s being used to render the current situation. So, I think that’s something for us to consider, is, if a variance is granted, you know, does it open the door for them to be able to continuously bring in birds during a set timeline, or is it just until the duration that the birds are moved out, and that needs to happen within a set timeline? You know, so, essentially, you’re giving an end date to the variance, but it could be earlier than that.” Mayor Luke, “You’re addressing the, basically, the four birds that are there now, and there would be no additional ones brought in after that.” Council Member Strawder, “You’re addressing the current ones. Yeah—or however.... And again, part of that’s going to be a question to you guys.” Mark Waterstreet, “Yeah.” Council Member Strawder, “What variance are you requesting?” Mark Waterstreet, “Right.” Council Member Strawder, “Are you requesting the ability to or not on that type of stuff?” Mark Waterstreet, “So, because we didn’t know that the property across the street on Sherry was county. I mean, if we’d known that, a lot of things may have changed, but again, that will be an option. And right now, we would like the variance to be for the remainder of this year, next year, and then a third year just for that timeframe of waiting for the new peafowl to mature to where we can determine whether they are female or male, and then make their transition out to the farm.”

Council Member Strawder, “Okay. I just, I think whenever we’re talking variances, there’s a lot of different situations and stuff, so—” Mark Waterstreet, “Yeah, I mean, you can set it up for ‘You got two weeks, or can make it can go—’.” Zoning Clerk Hugunin, “You can make that variance very specific to that property and their name.” Council Member Strawder, “Yeah.” Zoning Clerk Hugunin, “That would be the easiest. I mean, if you did that, it would cut out all of the other stuff.” Council Member Strawder, “Yeah, just because a variance is granted, it doesn’t mean it’s blanket for the whole town by any means.” Mark Waterstreet, “Right. And yeah, and I thought the agricultural line is like 600 feet away from our house, at one point, but now you’re saying that property is county, so that may make all the difference.” Zoning Clerk Hugunin, “Yeah, that property there, and I believe Mark (Pettersen) may know too, being a commissioner, I think that property there is all Ag and A-1. Cara (Council Member Mays) may know that. I don’t think it’s A-2. It’s A-1.” Council Member Mays, “Yeah.”

Mark Waterstreet, “Alright. And maybe we could just take the power directly from our house, from our shop directly across the street, and drop it in there, which may save us money also, and I have an outside light that we could put on a pole if one is required for that property. I don’t know, but—” Superintendent Schneider, “You know what? I’m not 100% familiar with that ordinance off the top of my head.” Mark Waterstreet, “Okay. We’ll get it.” Superintendent Schneider, “But I know going from one property to another, there’s something in the city ordinance about that, but I don’t recall off the top of my head what that is, so that may—I understand what you’re saying—that might not allow that to work anyway.” Mark Waterstreet, “Right. But you know if—”

Superintendent Schneider, “And we sure don’t want you deprived of electricity. I’m sure the Street Department surely doesn’t want to pull the electricity off of your residence over there because then that puts private electricity, since you’re purchasing it...” Mark Waterstreet, “Right.” Superintendent Schneider, “...on city easement.” Mark Waterstreet, “Right. Okay, well, the easement is how far into the property?” Superintendent Schneider, “That’d be...” Mark Waterstreet, “Another question for another time?” Superintendent Schneider, “For Kyle (Superintendent Dauber).” Mark Waterstreet, “Right.”

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Superintendent Schneider, “Yeah.” Superintendent Dauber, “I’m going to have to look at it.” Superintendent Schneider, “We’re just going to have to meet onsite and see what we can come up with.” Mark Waterstreet, “That’s good.” Superintendent Schneider, “We could probably think of a hundred things to do tonight, but we really can’t have a true answer until we investigate it.” Mark Waterstreet, “Right.”

Mark Waterstreet, “Okay. So, we’ve got two weeks to come back here and provide a determination of ‘A or B’?” Mayor Luke, “Yeah. You can look into your options.” Mark Waterstreet, “Right.” Mayor Luke, “And in the meantime, we’ll look into how we would want to have a variance in place, what it should include.” Mark Waterstreet, “Correct.” Lisa Waterstreet, “Alright.” Mayor Luke, “And then we can move from there.” Mark Waterstreet, “Yes.” Mayor Luke, “Is that acceptable to the Governing Body?” Council Member Strawder, “I think that makes sense.” Mayor Luke, “Okay. Alright, alright. So, take Alan’s (Superintendent Schneider) and Danny’s (Superintendent Hawkins) business cards because they’re out on the front counter...” Lisa Waterstreet, “Okay.” Mayor Luke, “...and get in touch with them.” Lisa Waterstreet, “Alright.” Mayor Luke, “And they will make arrangements to meet with you.” Superintendent Schneider, “It’s probably just best to call my cell phone.” Mayor Luke, “Yep.” Superintendent Schneider, “Because I’m not always in my office.” Mark Waterstreet, “Alright, will do.” Mayor Luke, “And we’ll go from there.” Lisa Waterstreet, “Alright. Thank you.” Mark Waterstreet, “Thank you very much for your consideration.” Council Member Curtiss, “Thank you.” Jeff Elbrader, “Thank you all for your time.” Mayor Luke, “Yep.”

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT: Distribution Update

General: Superintendent Schneider, “I don’t have anything really exciting. Everything has just been normal duties.”

Tree Trimming: Superintendent Schneider, “At the line department, we are starting to get a bunch of calls from people wanting trees trimmed. Obviously, right now it’s too wet to get into people’s yards with the bucket truck.”

Line Maintenance: Superintendent Schneider, “The guys are doing a little bit of line maintenance.”

Equipment Maintenance: Superintendent Schneider, “They’ve been doing a lot of equipment maintenance. This has really been a good wet and cold snap for getting our maintenance up to where we want to keep it on our vehicles.”

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT: Production Update

General: Superintendent Schneider, “The men over at the power plant, they’re just doing normal duties.”

EIA Reports: Superintendent Schneider, “Denny (Denny Noonan, Electric Plant Operator) and I got the last of the numbers on kilowatt hours sold and purchased for our Energy Information Agency (EIA) report. When we get those reports done, we’ve got—well, we’ve got one due at the end of April, we’ve got one due at the end of May, and one somewhere in the middle of that, so we’ll get those reports filled out.”

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Maintenance: Superintendent Schneider, “The men are doing just normal maintenance around the power plant there, and I don’t really have anything else. Really, nothing has happened. Everything has been going as it should, which I’m always thankful for.” Mayor Luke, “Don’t hold your breath.” Superintendent Schneider, “I’ll tell you what, when it changes, it just changes all at once.”

KPP Energy - Membership Appreciation Night: Superintendent Schneider, “The only other thing that I’ve got, Anne (City Clerk Brown) printed this off. It’s a little—we got some time, so...KPP (Kansas Power Pool) Energy every year has a membership appreciation dinner hosted there in Wichita. That is—” City Clerk Brown, “April 23rd.” Superintendent Schneider, “—clear down on April 23rd. So, I know that gives people plenty of time to decide if they would like to attend or not. Call me, we can talk about it, whatever. So, what they’ll do is they’ll serve dinner, and I think something I read somewhere, I don’t think it’s on here. Oh, the agenda invite I got. They’re going to have a live band, drinks, and dinner for everybody who would like to do that. So, I will already be out there.”

Mayor Luke, “And it’s tied into the KMU Conference.” Superintendent Schneider, “Yes. So, Stan (Mayor Luke) and I will be out there already anyway, but anybody...anybody on the council that would like to go, drive yourself/ride together, whatever, I believe the city will reimburse mileage for them to go, correct?” Mayor Luke, “Yep.” City Clerk Brown, “Yes.” Superintendent Schneider, “If anybody would like to go to that dinner. So, the only thing that I would ask is that—I don’t know what the cutoff date is—the emails had been messed up, but I see that it is working again. I will have to investigate. It says here it’s from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and that is a Thursday evening, so they usually put a cutoff date so they have an idea of the attendees that are going, so they know how much food to prepare for, or they tell the restaurant or whatever. So, as soon as I do know that, anybody who would like to go, if they’d let me know, I can get them signed up for the appreciation dinner, and then they will be expecting whoever decides to come along. Am I missing anything, Anne (City Clerk Brown)?” City Clerk Brown, “I don’t think so.” Superintendent Schneider, “I don’t think so at this point. I’m sorry that I just don’t have many details right now. We’ve got a very vague flyer on what’s going on. I don’t have any kind of agenda or anything like that right now.”

Superintendent Schneider, “So, I know last year Anne (City Clerk Brown) and Lila (Council Member Van Horn) drove out for the evening and had dinner with us. Which, I thought it was good, and that was a good venue. And I think, if I’m remembering the name right, I can’t remember if this is the same place that we went last year or not.” Mayor Luke, “The Brewing Company?” City Clerk Brown, “I think so.” Mayor Luke, “The Brewing Company? Yeah.” Council Member Strawder, “The Wichita Brewing Company, yeah.” City Clerk Brown, “Yeah.” Superintendent Schneider, “Yeah.”

Council Member Strawder, “I prefer the pizza, it’s good.” Superintendent Schneider, “We didn’t have pizzas. We had other stuff, but—” City Clerk Brown, “They’ve got a nice spread, they do. The desserts, too.” Superintendent Schneider, “So, and I’d really appreciate it if somebody on the Electric Committee could be there.” Council Member Strawder, “What was the date again?” Mayor Luke, “The 27th?” City Clerk Brown, “The 23rd.” Superintendent Schneider, “I mean, you don’t have to be on the committee, the Electric Committee, to attend this.” Council Member Strawder, “The 23rd?” Superintendent Schneider, “The 23rd of April. It’s a Thursday evening. It starts at 6:00 p.m. and goes until 9:00 p.m. And I could forward a copy to you, through email, of this flyer.” Council Member Strawder, “If you could, that would be good.”

Superintendent Schneider, “Like I said, Stan (Mayor Luke) and I will already be there. I might make Stan go to dinner too, so... But anyway, anybody, if the schedule works out, I’d appreciate it. It would give everybody a chance to meet the KPP staff, very good people, and it is an enjoyable time. It’s just a long way over and back all in one night.” Mayor Luke, “Anything else?” Superintendent Schneider, “No. That’s all I have.”

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WATER AND WASTEWATER: Distribution Update

General: Superintendent Hawkins, “Well, we’ve been doing normal duties: line locates, work orders, reading meters, rereads, and customer calls and inquiries.”

Water Leak: Superintendent Hawkins, “We repaired a small water leak at 2nd and Miami twice. We tried to go in there and find it. We couldn’t find it. We ended up digging on the other side of the driveway. We found it and got it taken care of, so that’s done and put back together.”

Hauling Dirt: Superintendent Hawkins, “We’ve been hauling some of the dirt that we had down at the shop building down out to the lagoons to our other dirt piles. We’ve been moving quite a bit of that.”

Training: Superintendent Hawkins, “I have scheduled in March, myself and Jaden Brickell is going to go with me to the Kansas Rural Water Conference. He’ll be taking his Class I Wastewater while we’re there for that one. That’s coming at the end of March.”

Water Meter Repair: Superintendent Hawkins, “We repaired a water meter at the county club (Rock Creek Country Club). We got that completed.”

Pump Station #6: Superintendent Hawkins, “We put in some time on pump station #6 down by Huff’s Garden. That thing was giving us fits last night. We were there until 9 o’clock at night trying to get that thing to work, and we’re still working with C&B Equipment out of Kansas City on that. We got it up and going, but we’ve got some issues with the pump, so we’re working on that still.”

Sludge Ponds: Superintendent Hawkins, “Dan Stack (Daniel Stack, Schwab-Eaton) is not here tonight, but he will be at the very next meeting. He texted me late this afternoon and said that he has the full reports. He has everything from Geo Tech, and then he will come to the next meeting, and he’ll give Schwab-Eaton’s recommendation on what direction to go. So, I don’t know much about it, but he’s going to let us know, and we’ll find out.”

WATER AND WASTEWATER: Production Update

Reactor Repair: Superintendent Hawkins, “At the water plant, we did replace our east reactor mixer. It went out on us. We hauled it up, got the new spare in, got that done, and hauled the other one up to Douglas Pumping with that, so that one is getting repaired.”

Blue Water Tower Maintenance: Superintendent Hawkins, “And then next Tuesday, we will be taking the blue water tower offline. So, TankSpek will be here for a while, and we’ve had that scheduled for a year now. It’s all ready to go. They’re telling me it’s roughly going to be three weeks. I’m hoping sooner, with it being down and then that repair will be done and we’ll be good on that, so...other than that, that’s all I have.”

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

STREET DEPARTMENT: Update

General: Superintendent Dauber, “We’ve been doing normal duties.”

Maintenance: Superintendent Dauber, “We’ve been doing vehicle and equipment maintenance.”

Equipment Repairs: Superintendent Dauber, “We still have one dump truck down right now. The water pump was out on it, and when we dug into it, we found that the water pump had gotten into the front kind of gear cover. So, we ended up taking it apart, and we’re in the process of putting it back together. We

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had ordered a new gasket kit in order to put it back together, and they sent us the wrong one, so now we're still waiting for them to get us the right parts so we can put it back together."

City Signs: Superintendent Dauber, "We spent a couple of days looking at our signs around town, checking for fading and damage. And anything that was severely faded or damaged, we went ahead and repaired, or anything that we thought was in disrepair, we went ahead and either replaced or repaired."

Ditch Cleaning: Superintendent Dauber, "After the rain, we did go out and clear some ditches of leaves. We had a few plugs during the rain. We've been out trying to clear those, taking the street sweeper out and sucking out the big plugs that we've had or just, you know, using a pitchfork to clear the water as well."

Curbs and Gutters: Superintendent Dauber, "We've been running the street sweeper up and down the gutters, the curbs and gutters, trying to keep those clean also."

Alley Calls: Superintendent Dauber, "We've been getting quite a few calls lately for alleyways that have been torn up due to fiber companies going through there with their bucket trucks, un-rocked alleys. I've been in contact with one of the foremen for them. They are supposed to come back and fix those up after they're done with their projects. They're supposed to level them back out and then seed them back to grass. That's what we have been communicating. We'll see if that actually happens."

Superintendent Schneider, "Did you get a—I'm sorry! Did you get a phone call from the project manager from Squan?" Superintendent Dauber, "Yes, that's who I've been in contact with." Superintendent Schneider, "Okay." Superintendent Dauber, "I can't pronounce his name, but..." Superintendent Schneider, "Yeah, I'm drawing a blank right now." Superintendent Dauber, "Yeah, that's who I've been sending him pictures, or some of the guys have supposed to have been sending him pictures, and then they'll come back through and clean things up when they're done. But for duties and stuff, that's all we have."

New Skid Steer Quotes: Superintendent Dauber, "I would like to go ahead and ask to purchase a skid steer. We've been doing research on them. We had three different companies send us back quotes. We've got one quote from Murphy Tractor (Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co.), which is our John Deere dealer, we've got one quote from Victor Phillips (VLP, an EquipmentShare Company), which is our Case dealer, and we've got one quote from Foley Equipment, which would be our CAT dealer. They all came back pretty close. John Deere came in at \$40,110.00 after evaluating our trade-in at \$21,000.00, and that is with a 5-year warranty. Victor Phillips, they came in at \$48,432.00, and they only allotted us \$12,250.00 for our trade-in, and they've only got a 2-year warranty on theirs. And then, Foley Equipment came in with \$44,135.00, and they are allowing us \$16,900.00 on our trade-in. I would like to present to the council a purchase of the CAT at \$44,000—I just had it. I forgot it, sorry." Council Member Curtiss, "135." Superintendent Dauber, "Yep. \$44,135.00. They have a 7-year warranty with theirs, a 7-year/2,000-hour warranty. Our skid steer that we're getting rid of now, we've had for 10 years, and just barely have 2,000 hours on it. So, with the longer warranty, it's about a \$2,000 upgrade that they're going to give us for the price that they quoted me to begin with. They had come with a 2-year warranty to begin with, and after some talks, they decided that they would go ahead and allow us the 7-year/2,000-hour warranty for the same price. If you look, it does say it's a 2025 machine. The difference between the 2025's and the 2026's with CAT is minimal. I talked to the salesman. He said if I were to be trading every two years, the year difference would make a difference for us. Where we're keeping them as long as we possibly can, it's not going to make that great of a difference for us. There was a bigger price increase on the 2026's. So, if I could, I'd like to ask to purchase the CAT 260 Skid Steer."

Council Member Curtiss, "I move to accept the bids presented for a skid steer loader for the Street Department as bona fide." Council Member Strawder, "I second the motion."

Mayor Luke, "Just a question of clarification?" Superintendent Dauber, "Yes?" Mayor Luke, "You said the trade-in was \$16,900.00?" Superintendent Dauber, "Yes." Mayor Luke, "What I'm looking at says

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\$19,900.00...” Superintendent Dauber, “Maybe that’s right...” Mayor Luke, “My question is—” Council Member Strawder, “I was going to ask that.” Mayor Luke, “—which is which?” Council Member Strawder, “The quote says \$16,900.00.” Mayor Luke, “On the quote?” Superintendent Dauber, “The quote is \$16,900.00.” Mayor Luke, “Yeah, okay.” Administrative Assistant Befort, “That was me, Stan (Mayor Luke). Sorry.” Superintendent Dauber, “That looks even better for me. I want the other one.” Mayor Luke, “Alright, it’s \$16,900.00?” Superintendent Dauber, “Yep.” Mayor Luke, “Alright.”

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Luke called for a vote. Motion carried, 5:0.

Superintendent Dauber, “Thank you.” Council Member Curtiss, “Okay, now—” Mayor Luke, “You can call them tonight and have it delivered tomorrow.” Council Member Curtiss, “Well, no. That was just bona fide.” Council Member Strawder, “That was just to bonify it.”

Council Member Curtiss, “I move to accept the bid of \$44,135.00 from Foley Equipment for a 260 Caterpillar Skid Steer Loader, including the discount of \$16,900.00 for trade-in of the 2015 Kubota Corporation Skid Steer Loader, as being in the best interest of the City.”

Mayor Luke, “Any additional discussion?” Council Member Strawder, “I do have just a quick question.” Superintendent Dauber, “Yes?” Council Member Strawder, “I mean, I understand it’s your recommendation and everything. It did indicate that you guys tested different stuff.” Superintendent Dauber, “Yes.” Council Member Strawder, “I see the quotes here for two CATs, one John Deere; we have a Kubota now. I mean, everyone’s good with the CAT? You think the CAT is the best option out of it?” Superintendent Dauber, “Yes. On that recommendation, a lot of that is from my guys.” Council Member Strawder, “Okay.” Superintendent Dauber, “They’re the ones that are going to be running it every day. We tested a CAT, a CASE, and a Deere. Those were the only two companies that would bring us down a demo, and that’s what my guys felt most comfortable in. There are a lot less blind spots in that for them. The cab space, for some of my guys, is a lot more comfortable. They were very comfortable in that. Hands down one of the better machines that we’ve run.” Council Member Strawder, “So, a win on both sides? I mean, you guys like it, and it turns out it’s one of the best builds?” Superintendent Dauber, “Yes, absolutely. That’s why we weren’t recommending or asking to go with the cheapest. It wasn’t what they per se wanted.”

Council Member Shove, “What was the warranty?” Superintendent Dauber, “It’s a full powertrain.” Council Member Shove, “Full powertrain?” Superintendent Dauber, “Yep.” Council Member Shove, “And that’s for 7 years?” Superintendent Dauber, “7-years/2,000-hours. And like I said, our Kubota we have now is a 2015, so it’s just over 10 years old, and we’ve only got 2,200 hours on it, so we should have a full 7-year warranty. I don’t foresee them putting that many hours on it in 7 years.” Council Member Shove, “Sure.”

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Luke called for a vote. Motion carried, 5:0.

Superintendent Dauber, “Thank you guys.” Mayor Luke, “Anything else?” Superintendent Dauber, “That’s all I have for tonight.” Mayor Luke, “Any other questions for Kyle (Superintendent Dauber)?”

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Update

General: Chief Roney, “Just dealing with peacocks!” City Attorney Wright, “Peahens!” Chief Roney, “A peacock’s a peacock.” Mayor Luke, “Peafowl.”

Activities/Cases: Chief Roney, “So, officers this week picked up a couple of scams. If it sounds too good to be true, it’s not true. I can’t get that out enough. We had to assist the Sheriff’s Office the other morning at 2 o’clock in the morning; they had a traffic stop north of town. Subjects took off on foot from

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them, so our guys went out, or our guy went out. We've had multiple medical assist calls, traffic stops, vehicle lockouts, VIN inspections, citizen assist calls, traffic accidents, and animal nuisance calls."

Traffic Accident: Chief Roney, "One of the accidents was the oversized load coming through town that decided to go down Kennebec. It took out some of the new Brightspeed fiber." Superintendent Schneider, "And their poles!" Chief Roney, "And their poles. So, we worked up an accident report on that. KHP (Kansas Highway Patrol) got involved on permitting, so they're getting hit several different ways."

Nuisance Properties/Nuisance Vehicles: Chief Roney, "Nuisance properties: I've been working on a list on a couple of residences; a trailer house and another house that got brought to my attention. Been getting the paperwork drawn up on that and getting that taken care of with the city attorney."

New Vehicle: Chief Roney. "And the last thing I have is that the new vehicle is in service." Council Member Curtiss, "It's nice." Council Member Mays, "(Inaudible)." Council Member Curtiss, "Good!" Council Member Strawder, "Is that the one with the blue stripe? Is it—" Chief Roney, "It's the white one out back here." Council Member Strawder, "Oh. I saw the one with the blue stripe that you had added." Chief Roney, "That's it." Council Member Mays, "It looks sharp." Chief Roney, "Yep. They are noticeable."

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

Mayor Luke, "Any other questions for Mike (Chief Roney)?" Council Member Curtiss, "Did you get any complaints on these peafowls or whatever, or--?" Chief Roney, "Yes." Council Member Curtiss, "You did?" Chief Roney, "Yes." Council Member Curtiss, "From the neighbors?" Chief Roney, "Yes. I actually received a complaint several months ago that they were walking them in town on leashes. I never saw them. I never saw them, so I never really followed up with it because I feel like I need to see it before, and I think they were keeping them in the house. And then, my week started off with peacocks." Council Member Curtiss, "Okay. I was just wondering because she (Lisa Waterstreet) said, you know, she had no complaints, but I was wondering about you. And I didn't want to ask you at that time." Chief Roney, "Well, we live in a community where they come to me before they go to them, so..."

City Attorney Wright, "Were the complaints for noise, or...?" Chief Roney, "They had peacocks." City Attorney Wright, "Just because they had peacocks." Chief Roney, "There's an ordinance." City Attorney Wright, "Right." Chief Roney, "Some of these people know the ordinances better than we do." City Attorney Wright, "Yeah. I agree. That is true. Some of these people have way too much time on their hands." Chief Roney, "So, I felt like I addressed it and explained to her that if she wanted it changed, she needed to come here. I didn't think that it would happen tonight, but it did."

PARKS DEPARTMENT: Update

General: Personnel have been doing normal duties: cleaning public buildings and restrooms, and building and equipment maintenance.

Tree Trimming: Superintendent Boyce, "We've been trimming some trees in the parks to get them up above head level for when you're walking through the park or riding a mower."

Hazardous Tree Removal: Superintendent Boyce, "We have removed a few small hazard trees. Most of them have been in Kelley Park. We had a couple at the City Dam."

Ballfield Lights: Superintendent Boyce, "On Monday night, I met with Scot Jeffers (Burlington Recreation Center) on the Kelley Park ballfield. Those lights are up and running. We had them on. We did a drone video above them. Pretty much everything is done in all three parks. There's just a couple of little adjustments that they're going to be doing, but pretty much everything is done on the ballfield lights."

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Beautification Project: Superintendent Boyce, “And then, I worked with Arnold’s Prairie Greenhouse & More to get the quotes for the 2026 Beautification flowers, \$2,835.00. That’s 100 and some odd dollars more than last year. There’s going to be more plants this year because of the...” Council Member Curtiss, “Celebration?” Superintendent Boyce, “...4th of July...something to do with the 4th of July. It’s their doing; they have the flowers. I don’t know what they have. I just kind of turned it to them, and so...my recommendation would be to go with the flowers from Arnold’s for \$2,835.00.” Mayor Luke, “What’s the Governing Body’s pleasure?”

Council Member Strawder, “I move to accept the quote from Arnold’s Prairie Greenhouse & More for flowers for the Parks Department’s Beautification Project, not to exceed \$2,835.00, as being in the best interest of the city.” Council Member Curtiss, “I second the motion.” Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Luke called for a vote. Motion carried, 5:0.

Superintendent Boyce, “And that’s all I had.”

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

WATER AND WASTEWATER: Sewer Letter to Residents

Mayor Luke, “Danny (Superintendent Hawkins), before I go into finance, the letter concerning the storm drains? The one to send to the...” Superintendent Hawkins, “Yeah.” Mayor Luke, “Do you want to talk about that for a second?” Superintendent Hawkins, “Yep. Absolutely. So basically, what’s going on is that after the last rain event, we’ve been noticing that we’re getting a lot of surface water coming into our pump stations, especially #3 and #6. And so, what that means is there’s either roof drains tied in. Later into the night, it’s sump pumps. So, we’re going to have to do something with it. We’ve devised a letter to go out in the next billing cycle and put it on Facebook as well. We just have to somehow cut down on it because the minute that the storm hits, you can about watch our phones on the trending and water is immediately coming into the pump stations. The only way that can be, is it has got to be surface water coming from those areas. So, we’re going to send this letter out to address the people. If they have issues, to go ahead and get them fixed, get them disconnected from it, and then we’re going to follow up this fiscal year when it dries up a little bit. Then we’re going to come in and smoke test the town to follow up behind it to make sure that everybody did disconnect and undo their sump pumps, roof drains, and stuff like that. So, that’s where we’re at right now. Because right now the option is either you buy a bigger pump, which is not the correct answer, or we just have to go in, because when we did the sewer project in 2012-2014, we never were allowed to go in, basically, to address the private sector side. But it’s getting to the point now, when we have an event, our pumps are taking 12/14 hours for it to gather all of the water and send it to the lagoons, and so we’ve just got to address that. We’re going to give the public a chance and the opportunity to get disconnected themselves, and then we’ll follow up later with smoke testing and see if we can get a lot of it disconnected.” Mayor Luke, “Okay.”

FINANCE: Claims Ordinance & Payroll Ordinance

a. Claims Ordinance	2026-04	\$	<u>348,096.74</u>
b. Payroll Ordinance	2026-04	\$	<u>116,756.67</u>
	TOTAL	\$	<u>464,853.41</u>

CLAIMS 2026-04: *Council Member Curtiss moved to approve City of Burlington Claims Ordinance 2026-04 for the amount of \$348,096.74. Council Member Strawder gave the second.* Mayor Luke, “Anne (City Clerk Brown), you have a couple of highlights?” City Clerk Brown, “We have 4-State Maintenance Supply for \$6,082.86, Anixter, Inc. for \$3,300.12, Armscor Cartridge Incorporated for \$4,561.00, Brenntag

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Southwest LLC for \$3,245.35, Contech for \$10,917.00, and Kansas Power Pool for \$185,044.07.” **Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Luke instructed City Clerk Brown to poll Council for a vote. Mayor Luke declared, “Claims Ordinance 2026-04 passed unanimously, 5:0.”**

PAYROLL 2026-04: *Council Member Curtiss moved to approve City of Burlington Payroll Ordinance 2026-04 in the amount of \$116,756.67.” Council Member Strawder gave the second.*

Council Member Curtiss, “I saw a lot of overtime. Was that just because of the snow and all that?” City Clerk Brown, “Yes.” Council Member Curtiss, “That’s what I figured. Okay.” Mayor Luke, “Any other questions?”

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Luke instructed City Clerk Brown to poll Council for a vote. Mayor Luke declared, “Payroll Ordinance 2026-04 passed unanimously, 5:0.”

PLANNING & ZONING: Update

General: Zoning Clerk Hugunin, “I’ve been doing stuff around here.”

Quotes for HVAC: Zoning Clerk Hugunin, “I’ve been working on—and I gave those to Anne (City Clerk Brown)—with everything that happened up here, and we had people come up in and look at these units here. They are very old HVAC units from 1989 or 1990. So, I’ve been working on some quotes for that, just to get an idea of what we’d be looking at if we do something.”

Tree City U.S.A.: Zoning Clerk Hugunin, “The Tree City U.S.A. application was approved, so we’ll be receiving that again this year, and I’m already starting to make plans for our Arbor Day celebration this year. And just busy with stuff up here. (*Inaudible*).”

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

LEGAL DEPARTMENT: Update

General: City Attorney Wright, “I don’t have anything specific.”

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

CITY CLERK: Update

General: City Clerk Brown, “City Hall personnel have been busy preparing utility billing, meter readings, work orders, preparing vouchers for bill paying, payroll, and minutes for council meeting. Alan (Superintendent Schneider) took part of mine, and Danny (Superintendent Hawkins) took part of it, so I don’t have a whole lot.” Superintendent Schneider, “I wanted you to save your voice.”

City/County Grant Funds: City Clerk Brown, “I have completed the City/County Funds for the infrastructure money for the commissioners, so that report is in your packet, on what we used the money for last year and what we anticipate using it for this year. So, we always appreciate receiving that money for assistance for our infrastructure.”

Finance Meeting: City Clerk Brown, “I have scheduled for the department heads and Finance Committee Meeting for Thursday, February 26th at 3:00 p.m. in the back meeting room.” Council Member Curtiss, “What time?” City Clerk Brown, “At 3:00 p.m.” Council Member Curtiss, “Okay.” Council

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Member Mays, “What was that date? I’m sorry.” Mayor Luke, “The 26th.” City Clerk Brown, “Yeah, Thursday the 26th.”

Calls/Inquiries: City Clerk Brown, “And then, just normal calls and inquiries.”

City Vehicle Sales: City Clerk Brown, “And then also, we need approval for—we had discussed we had two vehicles that we didn’t use for trade-ins. We would like to sell those on purplewave.com. So, we have the truck from the Electric Department and the police car, so I’m asking for permission to go out on purplewave.com to advertise those for sale.”

Council Member Strawder, “I move to proceed with disposing of the 1996 Ford F250 Truck from the Electric Department and the 2018 Dodge Charger from the Police Department through advertising it for sale “as is” on purplewave.com.” Council Member Shove, “I second the motion.” Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Luke called for a vote. Motion carried, 5:0.

City Clerk Brown, “And that’s all I have.”

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

Mayor Luke, “Okay. Any questions for Anne (City Clerk Brown)? Anything the Governing Body would like to bring before us?” Council Member Strawder, “I have just a question for Kyle (Superintendent Dauber). I didn’t think of this whenever you were giving your report. So that stop sign at 6th and Neosho...” Superintendent Dauber, “Yep?” Council Member Strawder, “It’s up and going, I see it at nighttime and stuff. It makes an exclamation point; let’s just put it that way. It is bright. Is there any type of adjustment or different settings on it? It is what it is?” Superintendent Dauber, “Nope. It is the way it is.” Council Member Strawder, “I was just curious. Just because I popped the bridge and I was like, ‘Whoa! What is that?’” Superintendent Dauber, “I can catch it from the landfill corner coming on my way in to work. It’s definitely bright enough to get the point across; that was what they were wanting. They were wanting to be able to see it better, and all of the people who are seeing it are stopping at it now.” Chief Roney, “It’s doing its job.” Council Member Strawder, “Alright. I was just curious.” Chief Roney, “Yes.” Council Member Strawder, “I’ve seen similar types of stop signs like that, and you know, at warehouse facilities and stuff, and they had maybe a different pattern or different intensity. I just didn’t know what options were on that one.” Superintendent Dauber, “So, the pattern on that one is standard to the NETCD Handbook for traffic-control safety devices.” Council Member Strawder, “Okay. No, that was it. I just, it kind of popped up, and I was like ‘Oh, okay!’” Superintendent Dauber, “Yep.”

REPORT BY CITY OFFICERS:

MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

Mayor Luke, “I passed out earlier the Civic Essentials Webinars that are available through the League (The League of Kansas Municipalities) for 2026. They’re all on the back of this. And also, the Leaders Academy. The League is attempting this year to do it all in one day instead of doing a half day on Friday and a half day on Saturday. It would be, you go in on Friday night—or excuse me, on Thursday night. You can stay overnight. Then it starts at 8:30 in the morning, and you’re out at 3:30 in the afternoon, and it will be in Salina, and it is also in April. It’s on April 17th. It will be some updates. It will be some changes that have been coming through the legislature this year, and I don’t know all of the issues right now, but there are over 100 either House or Senate bills that the League is monitoring and supplying testimony on. There are a couple still coming up on property taxes. One wants to totally eliminate property tax, but boy, they’ve got some really unique ways to re-take the money from other sources, by taking out of one pocket and

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putting it in another type of thing. So, I don't know where it's going to end, I just know that it's on a path. So, it should be an interesting bit of information, though, in that one day. It's going to be a full day, and everybody is going to have to put their presentations on speed dial to get them all in and answer questions, but it should be a good informational period."

Mayor Luke, "And on the webinars, let Anne (City Clerk Brown) know. We'll give them a call. I think there's some minimal cost on those. Something like \$25 or something, but that'll be taken care of through the city. But we need to know about it so we can get the registration in, and they know who to send the code to and everything to get into it. I don't have anything else at this time. Anybody?"

Mayor Luke declared the meeting adjourned.

Approved by Governing Body and signed by Anne C. Brown, City Clerk