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BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION 2-4-2026

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 4, 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

Martin Ernst

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: Susie Beaty, Daniel Stack, Tracy Jones, Steve Lewis, and Jenny Tatman

AGENDA: Mayor Luke, "At this time, I would like to go through the agenda for this evening. The only thing that I have to add to that is under Finance, and that is Claims Ordinance #2026-03, \$217,528.02, and under Payroll Ordinance #2026-03, \$113,174.42, for a total of \$331,174.44.... I'm sorry. We'll correct that. The payroll ordinance is \$113,646.42. That's what happens when you have bifocals." Council Member Mays, "So, what's the total?" Council Member Ernst, "So, will that change the total?" Mayor Luke, "No, the total is still right. Are there any other additions to the agenda? Hearing none, I would accept a motion to approve the agenda as amended."

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

MINUTES 1/21/2026: Mayor Luke, "You have before you the draft minutes for our regular session of January 21, 2026. Are there any additions or corrections to those minutes? Hearing none, I would accept a motion to approve the minutes as submitted."

Council Member Curtiss, "I move to approve the draft minutes of January 21, 2026, as presented." Council Member Strawder, "I second the motion." Motion unanimously carried, 5:0.

APPOINTMENT – Trucks for Trent – Susie Beaty

Mayor Luke, "Are you (Susie Beaty) ready...for Trucks for Trent? You're on the agenda first, so we'll take them in order." Susie Beaty, "Okay. My name is Susie Beaty, and my grandson is Trent (Beaty). He passed away from suicide, and so we have been doing the suicide prevention, Trucks for Trent, and we would like to do it on April 18th and use Kelley Hall and Kelley Park to do it again. We did it last year, and so we would like to do it again this year." Mayor Luke, "Anything going on in Kelley Park on that day?" City Clerk Brown, "No, it's available for them." Council Member Curtiss, "And that's from 8 o'clock to noon?" Susie Beaty, "I believe so." Mayor Luke, "What's the Governing Body's pleasure?"

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~~*Council Member Ernst, "I move to allow Orville Beaty to use Kelley Park and Kelley Hall for Trucks for Trent on April 18, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m."*~~

Council Member Ernst, "Is it..." Mayor Luke, "Noon." Council Member Ernst, "Twelve?" Council Member Strawder, "12 noon." Council Member Ernst, "12 p.m." Susie Beaty, "Yeah. It should be 12 p.m."

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(Per discussion after the 2-4-2026 Council Meeting, the correct timeframe in the request for Trucks for Trent should have been for 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.)

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APPOINTMENT – Tracy Jones – Coffey County Hospital – Community Wellness

Mayor Luke, "Tracy!" Tracy Jones, "Good evening, everybody. I'm Tracy Jones. I'm representing Coffey County Hospital. Each year we go out in the community and do our community blood tests, and you've been so kind the last several years to waive the fee for the 4-H building the week that we are in Burlington, so I'm here to ask if you would consider doing that again the week of May 4th through the 8th, and we'll have our lab staff and EMS there from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. For a little perspective, last year during that week in Burlington, we did 132 tests, and overall, we did 310 in all of our communities, so it's a really important program."

Council Member Curtiss, "That's great." Mayor Luke, "You've been at it for what, 20 years or something like that, I think it's been." Tracy Jones, "I've been here for 18 years. It was well established when I came on board." Mayor Luke, "What's the Governing Body's pleasure?"

Council Member Curtiss, "I move to allow Coffey County Health System to use the 4-H building from May 4, 2026, to May 8, 2026, at a minimum timeframe of 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., at no cost." Council Member Ernst, "I second the motion." Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Luke called for a vote. Motion carried, 5:0.

Tracy Jones, "Thank you so much." Mayor Luke, "You can do it again." Tracy Jones, "Alright!"

APPOINTMENT – Floyd Lewis Foundation – Steve Lewis - Donation

Mayor Luke, "Steve?" Steve Lewis, "Thank you for letting me come back this year. I know on the agenda it says that I'm here for a donation, and I am. I, briefly, was here for another reason. I am going to give you a couple of papers here. That each side can look at, but that's for the donation part that I'll be asking about. The original reason I came here was because about 6 weeks ago, I was walking through Emporia, Kansas, and I had walked through Commercial Street more than once, and they had the music going on Commercial Street, and I kind of thought that was kind of a neat thing. I kind of thought I'd like to maybe see if maybe there was some way to bring that to Burlington, Kansas, and maybe as a part of the Floyd Lewis Foundation, doing something in that manner. That's why I originally was scheduled; what I was originally going to come here to talk about tonight. I went to Osage City to the RadioShack guy up there because he had done it in Osage City, and I wanted to get all of the information together so I would have something here so you could decide on it, not necessarily tonight, but something for you to think about.

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Steve Lewis, “And so, I wanted to get him—he came down and did a quote on what it would take to do this job, and he was supposed to have it to me in a couple of weeks. A couple of weeks went by, and I didn’t have it. Three weeks ago went by, and I didn’t have it. Two days ago went by, and I didn’t have it. I called him, and he said he’d have it to me by tomorrow. I didn’t have it yesterday. I didn’t have it this morning, so I had to go to Emporia today to do something, so I just ran over to Osage City and got the quote. It came out way more than I thought it was going to come out to, and so, it’s something that I don’t think that I will propose anymore. But, I mean, the quote—I was going to see if you would consider doing something for the 100 block of 3rd Street, the two blocks on each side of the sidewalk, plus the block up near the courthouse. So, two blocks on that side of the intersection. Two on this side and one on 3rd Street. He did it for 13 speakers and pole mounts and a whole bunch of things, but it came out to \$48,000.00, and I said, ‘I don’t think that’s going to work for us.’ So, I thought it might be something reasonable within \$10,000-\$15,000 or something like that, but that didn’t work out. So, if I would have known that, I probably would not have come in and visited with you tonight, but I do want to put that seed in your mind that this might be something that I still would like, maybe to pursue down the road if the city deems it okay or you think that would be a good idea as well, so I don’t know. There might be a cheaper alternative or...you know, just not sure. It would have required some work from the city employees, as far as cables and stuff like that. So, you know, I was hoping to be more prepared than this, to give you more information, but since I didn’t get anything until 3 o’clock this afternoon, that’s pretty much what I had. But it is something I kind of would like maybe to consider pursuing in the future, just not at this price, and so that was my original intent to come tonight to see if that was something that you guys might think would be an idea worth considering as well.”

Mayor Luke, “We can definitely keep it on the burner.” Steve Lewis, “I just—you know, when you’re walking down shopping—and we’re just trying to think of things, you know, that we can do for the community to make it nicer, and you know, we try to do that kind of stuff with the Floyd Lewis Foundation. That was one thing that pops in my mind, that sometimes I get stuff in my mind that, I don’t know, sometimes it’s a good idea, and sometimes maybe it isn’t such a good idea. But anyway, that was my thought coming in tonight, and I wish that I had gotten all of that a little sooner, so I didn’t take this much of your time up, but I probably might bring it up again, and you can, if you guys get some extra time, you might see.... Well, I don’t think even if it’s okay at a decent price, you might not want to do that. You can tell me. You know, that’s fine.”

Steve Lewis, “But I thought while I was here tonight, I would once again ask you about the Floyd Lewis Golf Classic that we do every year. I think this is the 16th year, I think.” Council Member Curtiss, “Yep.” Steve Lewis, “16th year in a row.” Council Member Curtiss, “That’s what you’ve got down here.” Steve Lewis, “Yeah, and we’ve been doing it ever since 2011. Dad passed away in December of 2010, so we kind of—that was the first thing that we ever did as the Floyd Lewis Foundation, and then eventually we grew, and we incorporated and everything else, but this is one of the main fundraisers every year. This and our bingo. And hopefully, we can get involved with some other stuff too, because we’ve got a lot of good ideas on the horizon that we want to try and do. The sheet tells you about some of the projects we have done in the past. Last year, we did add a project, and I probably brought it up last year since it was the first year. We are currently involved in the second year, and we are now involving Flint Hills Tech College in Emporia. On that back sheet, it kind of tells you—the second sheet, it kind of tells you how we are expanding into Emporia because of Flint Hills Tech College, not necessarily outside of Coffey County, because of the scholarships we are now doing. We are now awarding eight scholarships for \$1,000 a piece at the college. They choose the recipients whom they think are worthy, and we provide the scholarship money to them. And with the way everything is going nowadays, the tech, the trades, and everything are just going to be alive with people needing more people to hire to do their jobs and stuff like that. So, we think it’s a big deal to help out the tech schools as well as our schools, and we do. I think we have a home makeover scheduled for this year, and we have done a couple of those in the past. You know, we’re always going to have some ideas, new ideas on everything. We’re just—this was one of them that I kind of came

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up with on my own without even bringing it up in front of our board, and I thought, well, I'll just, you know, see on the other part. I thought I'd, you know, see about that here first. But, as far as the golf tournament donation goes, I think last year you guys did the gold sponsorship for us, and that's what I wanted to do, come in and save another trip in for another time and see if that would be something that you would consider doing for us again for our golf tournament this year." Mayor Luke, "Okay."

Council Member Curtiss, "I move to donate \$500.00 to the Floyd Lewis Foundation." Council Member Ernst, "I second the motion." Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Luke called for a vote. Motion carried, 5:0.

Steve Lewis, "Well, thank you, guys, very much. I appreciate it." Mayor Luke, "Thank you." Steve Lewis, "I can just let you keep those if you want them, or if you don't want them, I'll take them back." City Clerk Brown, "Yes." Mayor Luke, "We probably need to keep one." City Clerk Brown, "Yes, I'll keep one." Mayor Luke, "We've got to keep one." Steve Lewis, "That's alright. You can just keep those." City Clerk Brown, "Thank you." Steve Lewis, "I've got plenty." Steve Lewis, "Alright, thank you."

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Jenny Tatman – Coffey County Trails

Mayor Luke, "Jenny, the floor is yours." Jenny Tatman, "Alright. Hi guys. Thanks for letting me come talk to you guys this evening. I think I've met most of you, but I'm Jenny Tatman with the Coffey County Economic Development, and I was talking to Anne (City Clerk Brown), and I talked to Stan (Mayor Luke) a little bit. Tonight, I wanted to talk to you guys about a grant that we're looking at through the County, and I've brought just kind of a summary of what the grant is that I'm working on. So, the Kansas Department of Commerce, they have opened up another round, it's called the Kansas Rural Champions Grant. Sorry, I like handouts (*Jenny proceeds to distribute handouts to the Governing Body*)." Council Member Ernst, "Thank you."

Jenny Tatman, "Yep. So, what this grant is, it provides funding for a non-profit or a city or county entity to temporarily hire someone to work on a project for 12 months to address some kind of need in the community. They've had projects before, everything from, like, people working on food pantries to maybe a building project or just different things. What I would like to look at for Coffey County and for my office to help me out is to be able to hire a part-time person to work on a trails planning project. So, when I came in last April, I know there had been some work on trails within the county, some ideas. There's a 2022 trails plan that had been created. I wasn't part of any of these meetings. I don't know, honestly, who was all sat down at these meetings. I still don't know quite who came up with the designs for the trails. I love the idea of safe, walkable trails. Over in Lebo, I know that's something that we've talked about for years is having a trail out by our lake, so I think there is some good in what the intentions were.

Jenny Tatman, "I think we need to go back and have more conversations about what that looks like in each community before we start doing anymore planning. I have struggled just having time to sit down and do that, so that's what I want to apply for this for. It would pay a stipend to that person. They also provide technical assistance. So, they say, 'Okay, this is the thing that you want to work on, let's build you up as a leader and help you to do that.' So, I think that we could benefit from that. You do have to have somebody chosen, which that's the weird part of the grant application, but I've been working with Amy Robertson, who lives here. She's on our Tourism and Visitors Board. She has a background working in the private sector, doing product development/team development. She has a very impressive resume. She just happened to move back here like a year or so ago, is not currently working, but wants to tackle a project. So, she wants to do this. And it would just kind of pay for her time to do so. So, what I'm asking from the City of Burlington, and I've asked all of the other communities in the county, is would they be willing to write a letter of support for the grant, for us to get it? It doesn't say that you—you know, it's not going to cost you guys anything. It's really not going to cost the county anything. We would provide, like, mileage

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reimbursement for her travel and a few things like that, but having those letters of support, I think, would raise our chances of getting the grant. So, I didn't know if you guys had any questions or if you guys would be willing to do that for the grant application."

Council Member Curtiss, "Would she work from, what—I was on that committee." Jenny Tatman, "Okay." Council Member Curtiss, "So, would she work from what that committee came up with that we didn't really agree with?" Jenny Tatman, "So, what I want to do is take that trails plan as, like, a starting point, but then go back to each community and say, 'This is what we have. Is this what you guys want, or do we need to start over?'" Council Member Curtiss, "Because we really weren't in favor of it." Jenny Tatman, "Okay. And that's why I think we need to have those conversations. There are a few of them, that there are trail plans, I know, like in Burlington its around—there's a lake that doesn't exist. I know we're not going to be able to do that. I heard, like the one they planned, kind of around Gridley, around their lake, from what I understand, there might still be some interest in that. Like I said, in Lebo, I think, we would still like the trail around the lake out there. This also doesn't—the grant is not to start building anything, but it would give us another 12 months and really give me some help just going back and kind of putting together some information. So, hopefully, we could keep it moving forward."

Council Member Ernst, "And so, we're just making a motion to support the idea of the grant?" Jenny Tatman, "Yeah. Just to write a letter of support for our application?" Council Member Ernst, "Is that something, Anne (City Clerk Brown), that would be something that you would do?" Mayor Luke, "We already have the sample." Jenny Tatman, "Yeah. I gave you guys a draft, and then you're free to edit it, or add to it." Council Member Curtiss, "Well, I don't have any problem with writing a support letter for it." Mayor Luke, "Then will anybody have any issue with going ahead with the support to hire, for Jenny to hire the person..." Council Member Curtiss, "No." Mayor Luke, "...to do the evaluation?" Council Member Ernst, "So we just need a motion?" Mayor Luke, "No, we don't need a motion." Council Member Ernst, "We don't need a motion?" Jenny Tatman, "Oh, okay." Council Member Ernst, "Okay." Jenny Tatman, "I think maybe Stan (Mayor Luke) just thought it was a good idea to make sure that everybody is on board." Mayor Luke, "We just wanted to make sure, Anne and I, of what we were going to do, that it wasn't against what you guys (the Governing Body) actually wanted." Jenny Tatman, "Yeah, and I appreciate that because I didn't want that to, if we did get the grant later, and..." Council Member Curtiss, "Yes." Jenny Tatman, "...to be like 'What is this? Why are you doing this?'" Mayor Luke, "We have done letters of support for public transportation (Coffey County Public Transportation) and other things as well." Council Member Ernst, "Right." Jenny Tatman, "Okay." Mayor Luke, "It's not a new subject." Jenny Tatman, "If you guys don't have any issue, I'll keep working with Anne, and we'll get that in."

Jenny Tatman, "I just figured since I was here, I don't want to take too much time, but I would also kind of give you guys a quick update of some stuff I'm working on that you might be interested in. Obviously, there are a lot of grants coming out right now from the Department of Commerce, and otherwise, so I've been looking at some of those. One of those, I'm maybe working with some Burlington businesses on, is called the Signs Grant, and that's from the Department of Commerce. It provides some funding. It's just what it sounds like. It's for downtown businesses to get some new signage on their storefronts. The grant would pay for 75% of the signs; the business owner, or otherwise, would have to come up with 25%. The Economic Development, we have said that if the grant was awarded, we would also give them \$500 towards the sign. Typically, most of the signs they're looking at are between \$4,000 and \$5,000, but we think that would be nice for the downtown, and we've got a couple of businesses that are interested. So, I'm doing that."

Jenny Tatman, "We've been working with some of our surrounding counties. In April, we're going to be hosting a small business training. It's called the Destination Marketing Summit. We, again, received a grant to bring in Jon Schallert. He's a speaker from Colorado. He's known across the country for helping businesses do their marketing to bring in people from outside of your community, sort of as a destination, so that'll be, I think, pretty exciting. And because we got the grant, we'll be able to do that for our local

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businesses in Coffey County, or if you're in Osage (County) or Anderson (County), it's only \$35, so that's very reasonable. If you went and attended his seminar in Colorado, it would be about \$500, so I think that'll be a good deal for our small businesses."

Jenny Tatman, "From my office, we do have a very limited amount of funding for small business grants, if they're doing a project or something to help expand their business, or to bring in more people to town. There's an application. I'm trying to push more people to do an application. It's on our website. In years past, I think they just had to submit a request, but I like the application, so we can track it. Same for Tourism and Visitors Board funding, there's an application now. It's pretty short, but if somebody were doing an event or something that would bring in more people to one of our communities in the county, there's, you know, a couple hundred dollars up to maybe around \$1,000 if it were a big project that was going to bring in a lot of tourism for that. Also, for our small businesses, the county does have our small business revolving loan fund, so we've got some funds there. Obviously, those funds would have to be paid back over time, but that's an option that could help our businesses as well."

Jenny Tatman, "And then, the last thing I've been working with a lot of some of our local communities on that keeps coming up is housing. So, just to remind you guys, if anybody is talking about housing, or there are projects here. I've been working with, like, Waverly and Lebo on some other projects. Really, our office can just try to help provide resources. So, like, we did the 2022 Housing Study. I'm happy to provide that to anybody. We had somebody they were looking at it for the MIH (Moderate Income Housing) Grant; they needed the housing study, so we got them that. On providing county demographic data, we can do that if somebody is interested in that. And then, like for Lebo, I've been giving them some information on different incentives that some communities offer for housing, like a rural housing incentive district or things like that, so I'm happy to research for people. So, it's really just providing resources. I know there's a lot out there, and housing can be pretty tricky, so send people my way if anybody has questions on that. So, thank you. I think that's..." Council Member Curtiss, "Thank you!" Jenny Tatman, "...all I had today. We try to stay pretty busy, but let me know if you guys want me to come to another meeting sometime. If there's anything I can do to help, just let me know." Mayor Luke, "Okay. Thank you." Jenny Tatman, "Thank you."

Mayor Luke, "Okay. I think that's everything for now, so we'll go on to departmental reports."

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT: Distribution Update

General: Superintendent Schneider, "So, over in the line department, we've slowed down a lot of our line maintenance as the weather has changed. We're still doing as-needed work. Doing a lot of oil changes and stuff like that on various equipment."

Ballfield Lights: Superintendent Schneider, "I think I told you last council, we had been at the ball parks. We have all of the city's electrical work done; everything is turned over to the programmers."

Line Maintenance: Superintendent Schneider, "Like I said, just normal line maintenance."

Customer Assists: Superintendent Schneider, "We do whatever customer assists that we get requested of."

Garage Fire: Superintendent Schneider, "We did work one fire Saturday morning, I believe it was. It turns out the detached garage had actually caught on fire. It was actually fed out of the main panel out of the house, but we were able to go ahead and pull the meter, so as they were unhooking that lead from their panel over to the garage, they could do it safely. And that's about it in the line department."

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ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT: Production Update

Reports: Superintendent Schneider, “Power plant men are completing run reports. All of our bulk fuel storage permits for gasoline and diesel are complete and have been submitted to KDHE for this operating year.”

EIA Reports: Superintendent Schneider, “We’ll be getting started on the Energy Information Agency (EIA) Reports here in the next few weeks.”

Maintenance: Superintendent Schneider, “And other than that, the men over there have just been doing normal maintenance. They’ve been working on some pressure relief valves on one of our air compressors, and general maintenance on that kind of stuff over there as well, so everything is pretty normal.”

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

WATER AND WASTEWATER: Distribution Update

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

Waterline Repair: Superintendent Hawkins, “We did have a 12-inch waterline that was exposed in the bottom of Rock Creek on 3rd Street and Des Moines. We did get a hold of Burlington Construction, and they helped with Killough. They went in and concreted over before the storm hit, which was great. They put some rocks in to help kind of support that. They got that done and completed, so I’m very pleased with that before the storm hit.”

Equipment Maintenance: Superintendent Hawkins, “Like what Alan (Superintendent Schneider) said, we’ve been cleaning out trucks, organizing tools, and going through stuff, you know, this time of year.”

Meter Maintenance: Superintendent Hawkins, “We did go out and did two meter unthaws for customers that were out there. Their meters froze up, so we went out there and unfroze their meters. We got them their water service going.”

Shut-offs: Superintendent Hawkins, “We did shut off several places with the freeze that’s going on.”

Water Leak: Superintendent Hawkins, “We did fix a small water leak over on Shea Street.”

Water Usage: Superintendent Hawkins, “And again, with the storm water use is up, and we’re expecting it to go up a little bit more because after the freeze and thaw, that’s when the pipes break, and that’s when everybody finds where their water leak is. So, pretty much that’s it with the plant as well.”

WATER AND WASTEWATER: Production Update

Daniel Stack – Schwab-Eaton: Superintendent Hawkins, “So, Dan (Daniel Stack) is here tonight, and he’s going to give an update on what’s going on.” Daniel Stack, “Yep. Thank you, Mayor and Council. I’m just here to talk a little bit about some of what I’ve been working on. The last time I was here, we were talking about geotechnical work. I’d like to say ‘Hey, we got that done’. The Subconsultants is a GeoTech contractor that we use periodically, and they just did not get it done. So, we’ve got a lot of the data. They’ve done all the borings, they’ve done the logs, they’re working on the permeability tests for the soil; those are supposed to be done next week, but just some preliminary data shows us that the Wilson property, that property actually had beans on it up until right before Christmas, they weren’t able to get out there, so there were some scheduling challenges for them to get on the property, but regardless, they’re delinquent in their getting things done. We did find groundwater on the Wilson property, quite a bit. So that one’s going to be tough to work with, really. We’re supposed to be 10 feet above the groundwater for any lagoons or any—

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really just water or any water lagoons. It's just that they were looking for that, and they found it, so GeoTech will finalize all this. It's just a draft right now, but at least the preliminary analysis looks like the groundwater was hit there pretty shallow. We did hit groundwater on the Sowder property as well. Three out of the six borings have groundwater in them, so that makes it a challenge as well on there. And then the last one is the industrial site. They did not hit groundwater there, so that will give us a chance of making that one work. I'm just presenting the facts today. I can't really get into the GeoTech side of it, but at least I can give you an update, and we do have the data, and the reports should be done when they get the tests done, so I'm hoping that in the next couple of weeks. Let's see...that's the GeoTech stuff."

Daniel Stack, "Clarifiers, we've been working on. Clarifiers are kind of the preliminary process to clean the water when it comes in from the river, so that's something that we've been working on with Danny (Superintendent Hawkins) for a while, and we saw a good clarifier project in Franklin County, not too far from here, so that was kind of nice to see that. We saw those right before Christmas. It's a really good system, recently done in—kind of finished in late 2019/2020 timeframe, so it's fairly new. We heard from the supplier of that and the designers. The suppliers, and they call them the representatives, I guess, that represent those kinds of different clarifiers. So, we got to hear about that right after Christmas, actually. They did quite a bit of talking to the representatives and the ideas that they have on solid contact basins. Like I said, the design that we're looking at is a solid contact basin. We did end up listening to another competitor that had the rectangular contact basins, and those are just not as common in Kansas. There are a few, but we really feel like that is just not as mainstream. We probably don't want to go that route at this time, and so then we're looking at WesTech, which is the third, another clarifier provider that I've been working with Danny on. We were going to go through that a week ago, but the weather didn't allow that, so we're still kind of waiting on that. Regardless, we're going to get some estimates from those two. We've got an estimate from the ClearStream guys, and so far, so good. That looked like a good estimate. It's aligning with the budget that we told KDHE (Kansas Department of Health and Environment), the loan that we're looking to get here."

Daniel Stack, "That's something that I'm going to update you on a little bit. The loan agreements come from the state in the spring. Well, I can say it's the spring, and I hope it holds true to that. Is it spring, is it March, is it April? It's hard to say. I've been talking to the guy in our office over the years, and it's just pretty random. It could be April/May, and depending on the complexities, it could be later, so I would like to say that we'll hear in the next couple of months on that, but I just thought I'd give you an update on that."

Daniel Stack, "Let's see...things we're working on are the SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) and PAC (Powdered Activated Carbon) system. Those are the two—the PAC system is probably one of the easier ones. It's the original PAC system, which was moved over from the old plant. We've been kind of working on the design and kind of how that system is going to work. And then the SCADA system, we've kind of been working on that for a while. Just kind of today, we got some pretty good ideas from Danny (Superintendent Hawkins) on the things to have, the SCADA capabilities that are hooked up, things that don't have any capability at all of being hooked up, and then things that are already hooked up. So, there's quite a hodgepodge, quite a laundry list over there of things that we can improve on. Some things are looking well, and they're hooked up already, and some things are a long way from being able to be hooked up to the SCADA, so those are the things we've been working on thus far. So, any questions? Glad to be here. I appreciate it."

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

Mayor Luke, "Thank you. We'll go to the Street Department."

STREET DEPARTMENT: Update

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

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

Callouts: Superintendent Dauber, “We did have two callouts during the snowstorm. We went out on Saturday, the 24th, at six in the morning to clear the streets. It took us about 6 hours to do it the first time, and then we kind of waited for the second round of snow to end, and went out again at 5 o’clock in the morning on Sunday, the 25th. It took us about 8 hours to get the streets cleaned up and get downtown all picked up. And then for the next few days after that, we kind of policed the area, tried to hit any trouble spots, and make sure there wasn’t any drifting or anything like that.”

Maintenance: Superintendent Dauber, “We’ve been doing a lot of inside maintenance with the colder temperatures.”

Equipment Repairs: Superintendent Dauber, “We had a dump truck with a water pump that went out, and that’s lead into some more repairs that we found while we were in there. So, we’re in the process of tearing that apart and getting it put back together.”

6th and Neosho Sign: Superintendent Dauber, “I did get in contact with the company that we bought our LED stop sign from. It’s taken a few weeks to get around and get communication back and forth, but we finally got it up and going the full 24-hour cycle, so it’s on 24 hours a day now instead of just during the daylight hours. The box that they sent me the first time, the control box, was malfunctioning the first go round. The second one seemed like it was malfunctioning. It turns out the switches are labeled backwards, so it’s taken a little bit of back and forth, but we finally got it figured out. And that’s about all that I’ve been up to lately.”

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Update

Activities/Cases: Chief Roney, “Officers picked up multiple fraud/scam cases just this past week. Quite a loss on that, approximately \$50,000 on these two that came in. We have a potential suspect on the one, but we have made several posts on our Burlington Police Facebook. People are calling in. A local number is calling them, saying they are with the Police Department, and we are doing a fundraiser. We’re not doing a fundraiser. Also, there’s a jury duty scam that’s going around. The problem is that there are some cases going with a jury, so they’re getting letters, and they’re thinking it’s a scam. So, it’s created a mess with this, but they’re sorting it out. Last week, we assisted an outside agency, DCF (Department for Children and Families), with some juvenile activity. We assisted the Sheriff’s Department on Sunday. They had a head-on collision out by the airport. They asked for our officer to assist. I came out, replaced him so he could get back to the city. It was quite a mess. Saturday morning, I came out, and there was a garage fire. We assisted the Fire Department. We helped them block streets off, everything that we needed to do. Then, the officers are making their traffic stops, building checks, welfare checks, assist citizen calls, agency assist calls, medical assist calls, and funeral escorts.”

Nuisance Properties/Nuisance Vehicles: Chief Roney, “Nuisance property report: after our last council meeting, I brought up the property on the 800 block of Shea and the property on the 800 block of Juniatta. I had an independent contractor reach out to me. They read their newspaper, and they wanted these people’s name and number. They want to help these folks out, so I shared that with them. I gave them the information so that they could contact these property owners and maybe help them with their issues. I was just the middleman. That’s about all I did.”

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New Vehicle: Chief Roney. “I got an email, I think Monday or Tuesday, the new patrol unit will be done in 10-12 days. I had to get with Kerri (Deputy City Clerk Weltha) to get some final requests and information for them, so hopefully, in the next 10-12 days, or 15 days, we’ll have our new patrol unit.” Mayor Luke, “Anything else?” Chief Roney, “No, sir.”

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

PARKS DEPARTMENT: Update

Mayor Luke, “Go to Parks. We’ll have all kinds of questions.” Council Member Mays, “Yep.”

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

Snow and Ice Removal: Council Member Mays, “They’ve been doing snow and ice removal.”

Chamber Office/Hair Clinic: Council Member Mays, “They installed a new stool at 305 Neosho, the Chamber Office/Hair Clinic.”

Kelley Hall Furnace Repair: Council Member Mays, “They worked on the furnace in Kelley Hall on January 28th and 29th. It has been running as it should since then.”

Beautification Project: Council Member Mays, “Superintendent Boyce worked on getting the flower quote packet sent out to Arnold’s Greenhouse.”

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

Mayor Luke, “That’s it?” Council Member Mays, “Yes.” Mayor Luke, “Okay.”

FINANCE: Claims Ordinance & Payroll Ordinance

a. Claims Ordinance	2026-03	\$	<u>217,528.02</u>
b. Payroll Ordinance	2026-03	\$	<u>113,646.42</u>
	TOTAL	\$	<u>331,174.44</u>

CLAIMS 2026-03: *Council Member Curtiss moved to approve City of Burlington Claims Ordinance 2026-03 for the amount of \$217,528.02. Council Member Strawder gave the second.* Mayor Luke, “Anne (City Clerk Brown), you have some highlights?” City Clerk Brown, “Who was the second? We have Superior Emergency Response Vehicle (SERV) for \$56,444.62, US Lime Company – St. Clair for \$6,905.82, Burlington Construction for \$12,700.00, Core and Main for \$56,840.59, and Occu-Tech, Inc. for \$3,979.37.” **Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Luke instructed City Clerk Brown to poll Council for a vote. Mayor Luke declared, “Claims Ordinance 2026-03 passed unanimously, 5:0.”**

PAYROLL 2026-03: *Council Member Curtiss moved to approve City of Burlington Payroll Ordinance 2026-03 in the amount of \$113,646.42.” Council Member Strawder gave the second. Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Luke instructed City Clerk Brown to poll Council for a vote. Mayor Luke declared, “Payroll Ordinance 2026-03 passed unanimously, 5:0.”*

FINANCE – UTILITY DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS CHARGE-OFF

Mayor Luke, “We have the utility billing charge-off for 2024 for all of our delinquent accounts. So, at this time, I would accept a motion to approve the utility billing charge-off of 2024 delinquent accounts in the amount of \$11,562.57.”

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Council Member Ernst, “Do we just have to wait a year? Is that why it’s 2024?” City Clerk Brown, “Yes.” Council Member Ernst, “Okay.” Mayor Luke, “Yeah, it’s a state timing issue. They can file, and we have a chance to get the refunds.” Council Member Mays, “Will you explain that, how that works?” City Clerk Brown, “They’ve been sent to the set-off already.” Council Member Mays, “Okay.” City Clerk Brown, “They’ve been on our books; we just charge them off. They’re still at the set-off, and if the money would happen to come in. We still would collect that and do that, but we’re just charging them off right now.” Council Member Mays, “Okay, gotcha.” Council Member Curtiss, “So these—” Mayor Luke, “It’s like clearing the books.” Council Member Curtiss, “—these people are not required to pay it now, then?” City Clerk Brown, “They are. It’s still at the set-off. It’s still out there to be collected; if they would happen to file within the state of Kansas, we could still collect that money. And if they move back to town, we still have a record of that, and they have to pay that in full before they can get utilities back in their name.”

Council Member Ernst, “I move to approve the Utility Billing Charge-off of 2024 Delinquent Account in the amount of \$11,562.57.” Council Member Strawder, “I second the motion.” Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Luke called for a vote. Motion unanimously carried, 5:0.

PLANNING & ZONING: Update

General: Zoning Clerk Hugunin, “Oh, really, nothing has happened around here lately.” Council Member Curtiss, “Yeah!” Council Member Ernst, “That’s good.” Zoning Clerk Hugunin, “Yep.”

Permits: Zoning Clerk Hugunin, “I’ve been inputting permits. We got our new servers shortly after we moved up here. Several years dropped off somehow, so I’ve been rebuilding that. I’ve got another two years to go.”

Police Committee Meeting Preparations: Zoning Clerk Hugunin, “I’ve been helping with the cleanup around here today. I found out there was a committee meeting in the back, and I went back. Shayla (Administrative Assistant Befort) was already back there cleaning, and when I went back to help again, Lisa (Utility Billing Clerk Birney), Laura (Utility Billing Supervisor Riccobono), and Shayla had already gotten the table moved and the chairs back, and everything was cleaned up and ready for the meeting.”

City Hall Repairs: Zoning Clerk Hugunin, “And then, it’s just been kind of cleaning up here. I did replace—I found some old ceiling tiles back in the garage. I put them in the restrooms to kind of block the cold air from coming in because that ceiling had fallen out, also. I got that done Monday of this week, I think, or last week. And that’s kind of what I’ve been doing. Just kind of working with that.”

Quotes for HVAC: Zoning Clerk Hugunin, “And then, working on some quotes for HVAC in here. I think it’s kind of been proven that we might need something a little better than what we’ve got.”

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

Mayor Luke, “Anything else?” Zoning Clerk Hugunin, “No.”

LEGAL DEPARTMENT: Update

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

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

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City Attorney Wright, “And add four minutes on my comp time, though. It is comp time.” Council Member Curtiss, “You used it all up now, didn’t you?” City Attorney Wright, “All gone. I’m in the negative now.”

CITY CLERK: Update

General: City Clerk Brown, “City Hall staff has been busy with customers paying utility bills, work orders, preparing vouchers for bill paying, payroll, and minutes for the council meetings.”

Kansas Set-off Program: City Clerk Brown, “January, we will be sending \$1,159.84 in to the delinquent utility account to the Kansas Set-off Program for collections.”

City Hall Waterline Leak/Thank yous: City Clerk Brown, “I don’t know if you all have heard already. We had a major water leak a week ago Monday when we came in. So, we came in to quite a mess, as you can see in the pictures. I was very pleased with our departments and other people that came in. We had several from the electric department come in, so I’d like to thank them and the other departments. So, we had Bill Cole, Thomas Hess, Cody Goracke, and RJ Breeze. We had Kyle MacFadgen from the Parks Department and Vinny Riccobono from the Street Department. They came in. Danny (Superintendent Hawkins) came in and shut the water off, and the electric guys took care of a ceiling light that was hanging, and ceiling tiles, insulation, everything else that was on the floor, and lots of water.”

City Clerk Brown, “What’s that?” Zoning Clerk Hugunin, “There was probably somewhere between 300-350 gallons of water that we sucked up with two shop vacs.” City Clerk Brown, “Yeah. So, they squeegeed, sucked up the water, cleaned up the insulation and all that, and had that pretty well cleaned up before Stover’s Restoration even got here. So, what I thought was the major portion of it. When Stover’s got here, they still sucked up water because they have commercial (cleaners). But they went around and even took ceiling tiles and insulation that were still in the ceiling that had water damage, so they took all of that down, too. They left big fans that put out a lot of air to help with drying. I mean, they stripped base board off so that the sheet rock could be dried too. I don’t even know how many of those they left here, and they had like three or four big dehumidifiers also to help get the moisture out of the air. So, they took the last of their fans on Tuesday, so those were all gone, and everything was pretty well dry. Pretty interesting because they have little things they even put on the walls to measure the moisture in the walls to know whether or not if we need to leave fans on or we don’t need to leave fans on, so...”

City Clerk, “Cook’s Plumbing was here. By the time it was all said and done, they had 8-10 different spots that they had to replace where pipes had broken, so we have that all taken care of. And then we had Paul Caudell come in. There was a big gap around where the soffit was and the cinderblock. So, he got started Monday and came in and did all of that, so we at least have that all done already. The insulation in there helped so that the cold air doesn’t come right in from the new soffit. And then, we’ll just wait on EMC a little bit to tell us when we can get going on the replacement of the other stuff. We’re waiting on a bid from Paul (Caudell) to see what it’s going to take to do the repairs. So, I want to thank everybody who helped out because it was a mess.”

City/County Grant Funds: City Clerk Brown, “We did receive the City/County Street and Parks Recreation infrastructure money. So, we did receive that. We received \$54,967.00 for the Parks and \$209,864.54 for the Street Department and the infrastructure fund. They each got that amount. That’s only the first half. We will receive the other half in June.”

Annual Benefits Meeting: City Clerk Brown, “And then, a reminder again, the employees’ benefit meeting is tomorrow morning, Thursday, February 5th, at Kelley Hall from 9:00 a.m. to noon. City Hall offices will be closed from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm. to give us time for our lunch.”

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

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Council Member Berryman, “Anne (City Clerk Brown), may I? We didn’t have trash pickup like for three days. Do we get any credits for...” City Clerk Brown, “I don’t think they give any credits because they will go back and pick up everybody’s, all the extra trash. They just pick it all up, so that would be a question for them (Republic Services). They don’t ever tell us to give a refund/credit. No, sorry. Because your trash still gets picked up.” Council Member Berryman, “I was not—” Council Member Curtiss, “Not for week!” Council Member Berryman, “I was not the Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday people.” City Clerk Brown, “I was. Did your trash get picked up this week?” Council Member Berryman, “Oh yeah. Yeah, it has. But I was wondering if the City got credit because that’s, you know, 60% of a week.” City Clerk Brown, “Okay. Sorry.”

Council Member Strawder, “So then, on the waterline break, I mean, obviously it broke because it got cold and everything, but was there anything that led to it being colder than normal? I mean, you mentioned something on the soffit. The soffit work that just got done was that something, or—” City Clerk Brown, “I think that had a big impact because—” Zoning Clerk Hugunin, “The only soffit with stucco had a few dents here and there.” City Clerk Brown, “Yeah.” Zoning Clerk Hugunin, “This new soffit is a ventable soffit.” Council Member Mays, “All the way around.” Zoning Clerk Hugunin, “It’s tin, but it—we never knew that 4-inch gap was up there, so that in turn just let the air flow in here.” Council Member Strawder, “I was just wondering because you mentioned, you know, HVAC, you know, type of thing.” Zoning Clerk Hugunin, “We were having issues even before we had the old soffit replaced. These just don’t keep up, and we’ve been told by some of them who have already given us some quotes that the unit for this room and the one that runs the hallway is probably not big enough.” Council Member Strawder, “Okay.” City Clerk Brown, “And we even had issues last year with it, so...” Zoning Clerk Hugunin, “The perfect storm.” City Clerk Brown, “Yeah.”

MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

Change of Governing Body: Mayor Luke, “Well, I will go before the report by the city officials. We have received a resignation from Martin (Council Member Ernst), as his relocation makes it difficult to live in Phoenix and attend council meetings in Burlington. So, I have known about this, and I have been in touch with George Shove, who was also on the ballot the last time, and ran against Martin. He has agreed that he will serve the remainder of the term, assuming the Governing Body approves his doing so. He has sat on the Council before. When he moved from Ward 1 to Ward 2, he had to resign, and has lived in Ward 2, and is still living in Ward 2. So, at this time, if there are questions, I’d be glad to try to answer them. If not, I would be glad to accept a recommendation to fill Ward 2 Position 2 with George Shove.”

Council Member Curtiss, “I move to accept the recommendation to fill Ward 2 Position 2 with George Shove.” Council Member Strawder, “I second the motion.”

Mayor Luke, “Martin is leaving as of the 5th, so that would be tomorrow, and then after that date, then George will come in and schedule with Anne (City Clerk Brown) to get sworn in to fill the position and should be seated at the next council meeting.”

Council Member Strawder, “So, I mean, some of the questions that I’d ask—is this—obviously, since I’ve been on the council, I haven’t had to go through this process. Is that the—what is standard process? Are we following all the correct processes?” Mayor Luke, “The process is just that if there is nobody that is immediately interested, then we post it in the paper for 30 days, and at the end of the 30 days, if nobody from that ward applies, then we can go out across all wards to fill the position. And since George had already indicated that he was interested by running in the November election, the thought process was to ask him if he still had interest in the position, and if he wasn’t interested then we’d go through the process

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of posting it for 30 days, then if nobody in the ward actually applied for an interview then we would go out across all wards. And that's the standard process."

Council Member Strawder, "Okay. I mean, I was just curious because of the fact that there wasn't necessarily public knowledge of his resignation because his resignation hasn't taken place yet, you know, that type of thing. So, it almost seems like by doing this beforehand, you're removing that possibility of somebody being interested. There may have been a multitude of reasons that they didn't run for this because, at the same time, you may have had somebody who ran, and I understand that, you know, it was very much a possibility that either individual could win. There was an election that took place where, you know, that individual did not win the election, type of thing, so I just wonder about just the general perception of whatever by essentially doing this immediately instead of at least announcing that there's an opening and any interested people having that, you know, that window. That's what my concern would be about it, but again, as I said, I haven't gone through this process before on the council."

Council Member Curtiss, "Well, I know, I initially was appointed." Mayor Luke, "Yes." Council Member Curtiss, "And he just asked me if I would be willing to serve." Council Member Berryman, "And I was appointed also. And I was in a different ward. I was appointed to Ward 1 even though I'm in Ward 3 because there was no interest, so..." Council Member Strawder, "Yeah, but on that side, you said there was no interest. So, does that mean it went out through publication? And that's what I worry about." Mayor Luke, "It went out for 30 days—" Council Member Strawder, "By passing that public notification, I worry about the perception that might be out there. And again, that may not be, or—" Council Member Curtiss, "I don't think mine was." Mayor Luke, "For what? For 30 days?" Council Member Curtiss, "Yeah." Mayor Luke, "I thought it was, but I would have to go back and check." Council Member Curtiss, "I don't remember." Council Member Berryman, "Mine also. Was it word of mouth?"

City Attorney Wright, "If you want to ask me, it says it's the board who says it's an appointment by the mayor that's ratified by the city council, so I mean, the mayor can appoint whoever he wants." Council Member Curtiss, "Right." City Attorney Wright, "So, I mean, even if there is interest, the mayor can go, 'I don't care, I don't want you.' It's kind of just one of those—it's a quotable appointment, right? And that's what the state ordinance is, and that's what it has been. And that's why it's just to fill the remaining term, and then the voters can decide if they want to keep that person or if somebody else wants to pony up and do it."

Council Member Curtiss, "And he is very knowledgeable in the running of the city. I mean, so..." Mayor Luke, "He sat here on the council for about a year and a half." Council Member Curtiss, "Yep. He sat right there." Council Member Strawder, "So, on that, it's for the remainder of the term, not the remainder until the next election cycle?" Mayor Luke, "Right." City Attorney Wright, "It's the remainder of whoever's term that left." Council Member Strawder, "And, as I said, that is what my main concern is, is just public perception." Council Member Curtiss, "Right, right. Understandable." Council Member Strawder, "And especially, it's a little bit different if you're three years into a term versus two months into a term, and you know. Like I said, I'm just saying. Just for discussion, I definitely am more favorable of just announcing. That's not saying anything on the individual or not. I just think perception-wise, it maybe would be a little bit more appealing to people that do follow local news and stuff, that it is open. But again, as indicated, it is an appointment, it's a ratifying appointment, so..."

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

Mayor Luke, "I will confirm with George. We will make the arrangements to have him sworn in. As far as I know, he will be at the next meeting. I'll have to let him know he's got big shoes to fill." Council Member Ernst, "Thank you." City Attorney Wright, "He does get to sit by the best guy. Sorry." Mayor Luke, "Alright." Council Member Curtiss, "Nathan (Council Member Strawder), yep! Oh yeah, Nathan!" City Attorney Wright, "That's what I was thinking." Council Member Berryman, "Thanks, Philip (City Attorney Wright)." Mayor Luke, "But anyway, Martin (Council Member Ernst), we appreciate what you've

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done while you were here, and I hope we haven't been too tough with you." Council Member Ernst, "It's been great. It's been a great experience." City Clerk Brown, "We hate to see you go." Council Member Ernst, "Thank you." Mayor Luke, "Yeah, we'll have to redo the neighborhood now."

REPORT BY CITY OFFICERS:

Mayor Luke, "Alright. Anything the Governing Body wishes to bring before us?" Council Member Strawder, "I had a couple of questions, and this is more, obviously, because of the storm last week and stuff. And this one, being just the duration of the cold afterwards, meaning that the snow is staying longer than maybe a lot of storms—" Mayor Luke, "Longer than normal." Council Member Strawder, "—other storms that come through and stuff. I know some cities and stuff have items on the books, whether it be through code or ordinance, on sidewalk snow removal and stuff like that. I believe it's included in our code book about the snow removal. I just noticed this time, with it being a longer duration, there were quite a few areas, heavy foot traffic areas, through town. The area that I live in on Neosho, there was my house cleaned off, and that was it for several blocks. There is a lot of foot traffic that goes up and down that section, up and down the highway here (Highway 75). There were hardly any sidewalks going through. I saw someone walking, and I saw someone trying to tiptoe between other footprints and stuff. I was just wondering, I mean, what's a good approach for us to try to at least do something to combat some of that? And again, I'm not necessarily proposing that we go out and assess everybody a fine because their sidewalk wasn't clean within the first "X" number of hours or something like that."

Council Member Berryman, "What are you recommending?" Council Member Strawder, "Well, and I don't know, if the approach would be just like, along with the utility bills getting into winter time, a notice going out that there is an ordinance, and that type of thing. You know, and I think education is probably the first step to letting people know. I think you'll get some people that maybe don't realize that it is a part of the city code or whatever, but also, it might help that some, and you might be able to start getting to a point where I mean, I think you'll start seeing routines on stuff, but there are issues. I know a couple of locations where the commercial piled their snow up on the sidewalk. Granted, it wasn't much or for long distances, but that just kind of really makes stuff difficult. I mean, obviously, difficult enough trying to get through foot traffic there in the wintertime during snow, but the reality is that for some people, they don't have the option of driving a car for whatever reason, so it's still an important part. So, I don't know if we did anything now, if it's just something in the code book and we look the other way, or...?" Council Member Berryman, "So the police could patrol that as a nuisance?" Council Member Strawder, "I—that I don't know, if that's part of the police or code enforcement, or street or...? You know, that's why I brought it up back here at the end instead of..."

City Attorney Wright, "You know, there is an ordinance if I recall. There is an ordinance of keeping the sidewalks clear." Chief Roney, "There is." Council Member Curtiss, "Yeah." Chief Roney, "And I thought about it. I had a lot of things going on, and I had seen people out walking, same as you. And then—I'll do better next time. I'll make sure we get a Facebook post out. We will do something to educate, and we'll get that posted. We'll do better on the next one." City Attorney Wright, "Well, it's kind of a tough thing because eventually you're just going to get a lot of people who aren't going to do their blocks anyway, right?" Chief Roney, "Right." City Attorney Wright, "And they're going to be the ones that aren't going to have it done, and they're going to end up getting financially penalized." Chief Roney, "And actually, there were some kids going around trying to shovel people's driveways." Council Member Curtiss, "Yep." Chief Roney, "And they actually got ran off by people." City Attorney Wright, "Oh really? Bring them over to my neighborhood." Chief Roney, "Yeah, it was 'Those kids are panhandling.' No, they're trying to help you out. So, I know what you're saying. I did see it, I did witness it. I will do something. My office will try to figure something out and put something out."

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Council Member Strawder, “And again, I wasn’t trying to point fingers. I was just—” Chief Roney, “No, I own it. I own it, it’s on me.” Council Member Strawder, “I mean, because most snows, I mean, I guess I’m a little bit odd in the fact that as soon as it snows, I’m out there shoveling, and a lot of times during the snow.” City Clerk Brown, “But I’m getting old and the weather is cold, and I don’t want to get out there.” Council Member Strawder, “At the same time, whenever it does get to be an extended cold spell after a snowstorm or something like that. As I said, educating the public would probably be the first, best approach.” Chief Roney, “Absolutely!”

Mayor Luke, “If I want my street cleaned, I have to clean my driveway, then they come and plow it in.” City Attorney Wright, “And the cars.” Superintendent Dauber, “We do our best.” Council Member Curtiss, “Good one, Kyle (Superintendent Dauber).” Council Member Strawder, “I mean, along that same line, with snow and stuff like that, the cleaning of on-roads or whatever, I mean, it’s obviously a lot of work and all of that. I know some communities do have strategies whenever it comes to snow removal stuff, and stuff, dedicated snow routes, or whatever, or, kind of, a set process or policy to evaluate or make plans. Is there anything as a council that we could be doing to help, or is that something that, you know, is there a way to—I try to take the approach that there is always a way to improve. That doesn’t necessarily mean someone is doing something wrong, but is that something that maybe we should put on the list of stuff to address?”

Superintendent Dauber, “Really, with this being my first big storm in charge, I thought everything went really well. We’ve had a lot of communication with us and the PD (Police Department) now. We’ve got a lot of lines of communication opened up. So, it used to be that we would wait until, you know, dispatch called Mark (*Mark Davidson was previously the Street Superintendent for the City of Burlington from 2018-2025*), or one of the police officers would call Mark. Now we kind of step back and evaluate what’s coming. We try to not get our guys out there in the middle of the night if we don’t have to, try to make it safer for them, try to make it safer for the public. So, there’s not really a set strategy. It’s kind of a storm-by-storm basis. And then, we have our options depending on what kind of weather is coming, you know. If it’s just going to be a little bit of ice and a little bit of slick, then we don’t need to clean up downtown; then we’ll send a couple of guys out with spreaders in the trucks, and we’ll take care of it that way. If it’s, you know—it’s always been a general rule that if it’s three or more inches, we’re going to pick up downtown. And like I said, it is a storm-by-storm basis. I don’t know yet, I haven’t gotten into my groove yet of my things and knowing exactly what I need. I’ve got a pretty good idea, but right now I think we’re going really smoothly, on how everything is going. It’s a lot on a little bit of internal work and communication that I need to do on my side. Other than that, I think it’s going great, so....”

Chief Roney, “And also, prior to the snow coming in, we had webinars. I included Kyle (Superintendent Dauber) in with those. We had emergency management. We got with them. They put stuff out. You know, don’t get out if you don’t need to get out. And actually, Saturday, I was out. I put double coverage on for my day guy, so that he had somebody else. We had a funeral escort. I got with Kyle. I hollered at his guys, said ‘Hey, I got a funeral escort.’ They went and cleared that path for me, so we could get those people out safely. I mean, these guys did an amazing job. These guys busted their butts. They did wonderful, and for the amount of snow that they moved and the amount of time that they did, I have no complaints. Yes, some of our roads are a little snow-packed, but they went out and cleared these roads, got the deep snow out, and made them safe for people.”

Council Member Curtiss, “Well, I don’t know. They woke me up Saturday morning.” Chief Roney, “I actually sat in your driveway and turned the siren on. But Kyle and his guys, they did an amazing job. I commend them. They did great, and we had a plan in place prior to this one.” Council Member Strawder, “As I said, it was just more or less, looking at that because these snowstorms like this, yes, you get a couple of storms a year, but the prolonged is really what affects it a little bit more type of thing, so I like to—just my mindset, is to evaluate and see how improvements can be made. So that’s why I was asking. I wasn’t trying to...” Chief Roney, “As a matter of fact, my wife cooked on the big roaster, some chili, to make sure

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they had warm food.” Superintendent Dauber, “We do appreciate that a lot.” Mayor Luke, “Anything else? Anything else?”

Mayor Luke declared the meeting adjourned.

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