

**BOOK 27**  
**March 18, 2026**

**BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION 3-18-2026**

City of Burlington Governing Body met in Regular Session at City Hall's address, 1013 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Burlington, Kansas, at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 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:** Braden Redding

Mayor Luke, "Well, we've got one visitor tonight, not a whole bunch. Okay."

**AGENDA:** Mayor Luke, "The agenda for this evening, the only addition I have is under finance. Claims Ordinance #2026-06, \$149,395.71. Under Payroll Ordinance #2026-06, \$113,783.21, for a total of \$263,178.92. Are there any other additions to the agenda? If not, I would accept a motion to approve the agenda as amended."

*Council Member Van Horn, "I move to approve the agenda as amended." Council Member Strawder, "I second the motion." Motion unanimously carried, 6:0.*

**MINUTES 3/4/2026:** Mayor Luke, "You have the draft minutes for our regular session of March 4, 2026. Are there any additions or corrections to those minutes?"

*Council Member Curtiss, "I move to approve the draft minutes of March 4, 2026, as presented." Council Member Strawder, "I second the motion." Motion unanimously carried, 6:0.*

**APPOINTMENT – Braden Redding – Automotive Show**

Mayor Luke, "Braden (Redding), you're on tonight!" Braden Redding, "Okay. Well, I don't know, I guess I'm just looking to get approved for this show." Mayor Luke, "Yeah, we discussed it at the meeting last time (*Council Meeting 3-4-2026*), and it was agreed upon—" Braden Redding, "I got all the— (*inaudible*)." Mayor Luke, "—by the Extension Office (Coffey County Extension Office), the Grange (Otter Creek Grange), and the City, for you to go ahead and do that, so now we just have to make an official motion, and you have to get the insurance and all of the other stuff that's required." Braden Redding, "Okay." Mayor Luke, "Yeah."

Chief Roney, "No peacocks, right?" City Attorney Wright, "Mike (Chief Roney), you come talk to me. I dare you to." Mayor Luke, "You (Chief Roney) are not supposed to cuss in public."

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***Council Member Curtiss, “I move to allow Braden Redding to use Kelley Park for an Automotive Show on April 25, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.” Council Member Shove, “I second the motion.” Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Luke called for a vote. Motion unanimously passed, 6:0.***

Mayor Luke, “Just get all of your paperwork to Anne (City Clerk Brown), here at City Hall, and you’ll be all set.” Braden Redding, “Is there a due date or just before it (April 25<sup>th</sup>)?” City Clerk Brown, “Just before. Just make sure that we have it before the event.” Braden Redding, “Sounds good. I can do that.” Mayor Luke, “Okay.” Braden Redding, “Thank you.” Zoning Clerk Hugunin, “If you don’t bring peacocks, no show.”

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT: Distribution Update**

**General:** Superintendent Schneider, “Okay, so...the men are out, obviously with the three companies (Brightspeed, MT Networks, and Kwikom) in town doing fiber work, we’re doing a whole bunch of line locates.”

**Line Maintenance:** Superintendent Schneider, “We’ve been doing just normal line maintenance.”

**Equipment Maintenance:** Superintendent Schneider, “We’re doing a lot of winter vehicle maintenance that we need to do.”

**Wind Storm Damage:** Superintendent Schneider, “We had two different trees in that recent wind storm we had, one was a whole tree, and the root system was rotten and fell. In both instances, it was just a secondary side, 120 volt 240. We went out, and we cut our lines free. We had to restring one span of triplex because the one tree was pretty big that broke off, and was stretching our triplex pretty hard, so we got that taken care of. That did cause an outage to two homes. And then, the other tree that had fallen was just to a street light circuit, and it actually fell past our triplex, and what it did to the phone cable, I don’t know. It was laying on it pretty hard. We just cut it away to take the pressure off of the poles on each side of where the tree fell. And that’s all we did; we had no damage there.”

**ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT: Production Update**

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

**Maintenance:** Superintendent Schneider, “They did do maintenance runs in the old plant on the CAT and the two other Coopers that are down there. They did that this afternoon.”

**EIA Reports:** Superintendent Schneider, “All of the...give me a second here...I just drew a blank. Our reports we send to the federal government...” Administrative Assistant Befort, “EIA (Energy Information Agency).” Superintendent Schneider, “Thank you, yes. So, we did get those reports sent off, submitted, and I really think that’s all that we’ve really got. Everything has been going smoothly, and letting us get some maintenance items caught up on that we do. We’re doing them a little bit later than we normally do in the season, but we finally got caught up to where we could get that stuff done. And that’s all I have.”

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**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:**

**WATER AND WASTEWATER: Distribution Update**

**General:** Superintendent Hawkins, “Well, we’ve been doing normal duties of line locates. As Alan (Superintendent Schneider) said, we’ve went through a lot of paint and a lot of flags. We’ve been working on work orders, reading meters, rereads, customer calls, and inquiries.”

**Water Leak:** Superintendent Hawkins, “We did repair a small water leak at 11<sup>th</sup> and Kennebec Street. It took us a few hours. I’ve still got to go dress it up a little bit, but it’s back, and it’s fine.”

**Hauling Dirt:** Superintendent Hawkins, “We’re still hauling dirt down to the landfill. They use it to cover up the trash at the landfill from the digs around town.”

**Equipment Maintenance:** Superintendent Hawkins, “We did haul our Vermeer vac trailer to Olathe Vermeer distributor, and they just went through it, and just had normal maintenance and stuff on it that just needed to be looked at since we’ve had it, so they went through it really well, and we got that taken care of, and it’s back now. We’ve been doing normal maintenance on trucks and backhoes. A lot of tire rotation, oil changes, filter changes, and stuff like that.”

**WATER AND WASTEWATER: Production Update**

**Equipment Maintenance:** Superintendent Hawkins, “We had our stainless-steel pole break on us at the water plant. It is in the sludge tank, where our mixer goes down in our sludge pit. It’s the third time this has happened. We’ve had it welded. It snapped off the end. There was no damage to the mixer, but we hauled it over to Emporia to a stainless-steel welder. He was able to repair it and had it back the very next day for us, so I’m very pleased with them. So, we’re going to do the install on it tomorrow, and then that’ll be up and going.”

**Training:** Superintendent Hawkins, “Chris (Water/Wastewater Foreman Hammond) and I will be attending a water treatment plant in Ketchum, Oklahoma, tomorrow. Joe Augustyn is going to be coming by and picking us up at seven o’clock in the morning, and we’ll be going down there with him and our engineer, Dan Stack (Daniel Stack, Schwab-Eaton), to look at the last clarifier.”

**Blue Water Tower Maintenance:** Superintendent Hawkins, “And then, with the tower back online, we’re back to normal runs, and we’re still averaging about 500,000 gallons per day. That’s all I’ve got.”

**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 – Skid Steer:** Superintendent Dauber, “We did receive our new skid steer on Monday, the 9<sup>th</sup> (Council approved the purchase of a new skid steer for the Street Department at Council meeting on 2-18-2026.) It’s been in, and we’ve been going through it and looking for places to put our strobe lights, our two-way radio, and stuff like that, to make it safe for us to use, to make it operator-friendly for us.”

**Culvert Repairs:** Superintendent Dauber, “We did put it (the new skid steer) to work this week. We’ve been up on Cross Street, tearing out the tubes at Shea and Cross and Jarboe and Cross, that run across the

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intersections. They were pretty rotten and in bad shape, so before we could do hotmix on top of them, I wanted to go ahead and take care of those and get them back out. We got the one at Shea and Cross Street tidied up this morning, and we're, oh, probably three-quarters of the way done with Jarboe and Cross Street. We should have it finished about midafternoon tomorrow."

**Police Vehicle:** Superintendent Dauber, "We did assist the PD (Burlington Police Department). We hauled their police car to Emporia for them. They were having some troubles, and we hauled it to the repair shop for them instead of getting a tow truck down here."

**Wind Storm Damage:** Superintendent Dauber, "And, we did have three trees to clean up after the wind. A couple of them that Alan (Superintendent Schneider) mentioned, or that he'd cut off the line, we went up and cleaned up behind them, got them off of our sidewalks, and out of our right-of-ways. And that's about all we've been up to."

**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT: Update**

**General:** Chief Roney, "Officers have been working on traffic stops, citizen complaints, VIN inspections, citizen assist calls, medical assist calls, funeral escorts, walk-in calls, non-injury accident reports, multiple lockouts, I had a domestic battery call, and dog calls."

**Wind Storm Damage:** Chief Roney, "We had a little damage from the wind storm the other night. We had a carport blow into a tree. It stayed on their property; it was not a City issue. Then, we had some trees on some phone lines over on 14<sup>th</sup> and—" Superintendent Schneider, "Neosho." Chief Roney, "—Neosho. Nothing too major on our end on that."

**Activities/Cases:** Chief Roney, "Following up on scam calls, we have one scam call that is tied to Salina, Kansas, and we're over half a million at a loss on that at this time." Council Member Van Horn, "Whoa." Chief Roney, "As a matter of fact, the Kansas Attorney General's Office came down today, met with three agents, they're going to assist us on the scam call, so we'll have them back and forth working in Salina as well, trying to track this one. We do feel pretty confident on this one. I won't go into too much detail."

**Nuisance Properties/Nuisance Vehicles:** Chief Roney, "Nuisance properties: The trailer house in the ten-hundred block of Des Moines, things slowed down on that one due to the weather. He's starting back up now that the weather's nice to finish tearing that trailer out. Officers have been going around handing out nuisance letter flyers and nuisance property letters, making it known that the trash pickup is coming up. Let's get this stuff set out. That's all I have."

**Lunch and Learn Series:** Council Member Van Horn, "And you did a Lunch and Learn at the hospital (Coffey County Hospital). I heard good things about that." Council Member Curtiss, "It was great." Chief Roney, "Yeah, back on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March, they asked me to do a Lunch and Learn on scams. I had over 60 people come in and listen to that. Actually, I have been reached out to by rotary clubs and senior centers from Iola, Waverly, Gridley, and Chanute, to speak at their events. So, it's all about timing, and we'll see what happens. Got to wish."

**POLICE DEPARTMENT: Update**

**Personnel – Approve Job Descriptions:** Mayor Luke, "Okay, you want to go into..." Chief Roney, "Yep! Next thing I've got is job descriptions. I'm going to stand for this one as well, sorry." Council

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Member Curtiss, “Okay.” Chief Roney, “We talked last meeting on these job descriptions, that I’m trying to update, to get with the times on some of our job descriptions that we have down at the Police Department. One of them that I feel is very important that we need to look at is the Administrative Assistant’s role. As a matter of fact, during the research on that, I actually had three different job descriptions. City Hall had a completely different one from what I had, and then I had one that was just—gosh, I can’t even think of what the title was—Police Secretary. And they’re so far out of date that they even still talk about VHS tapes and converting that over to send to, you know, the prosecutors, and send to—and it talks about using the typewriter and stuff like that.

“Looking at that, and I kind of took what Anne (City Clerk Brown) had up here at City Hall for the Administrative Assistant and the Executive Administrative Assistant, and I tried to figure out what fits for the Burlington Police Department. Folks, I’ll be straight honest with you, it’s not just a secretary job anymore, and it’s not just a plain old administrative assistant job anymore. There’s more that goes into it. At this time, Becky Petterson is the person who is in that role down at the Police Department. It’s more than just typing and doing clerical work; there’s a lot that goes into it. As a matter of fact, things have changed in the last 10 years to where Becky (Petterson) actually has to have state certification through KBI (Kansas Bureau of Investigation), KHP (Kansas Highway Patrol), through multiple state agencies, and she’s got to maintain that. If Becky makes an error, it’s not just ‘Oh here’s a reprimand’ or ‘Hey, you get fired’. Becky would be looking at a criminal act and a \$250,000 fine, minimum. So, there’s a lot that actually goes into what Becky does for the Burlington Police Department.

“I know in this past year, Becky has stepped up, and I have added a lot of stuff to her role. She’s done a great job, and I would like to create this Executive Police Administrative Assistant position within the Burlington Police Department. If you guys have any questions, I know we sent this stuff out to you, and I could talk about it all night, but I don’t want to do that. If anybody has any questions, I’m here to answer them.”

***Council Member Berryman, “I move to approve the Police Department job description of Executive Police Administrative Assistant as presented.” Council Member Curtiss, “I second the motion.” Hearing no discussion, Mayor Luke called for a vote. Motion unanimously carried, 6:0.***

**POLICE DEPARTMENT: Personnel – Executive Police Administrative Assistant:** Chief Roney, “The last thing I have is that I would like to promote Becky Petterson to the Executive Police Administrative Assistant position.”

***Council Member Berryman, “I make a motion to move Becky Petterson from Police Administrative Assistant to Executive Police Administrative Assistant at the hourly rate of \$26.03, effective April 4, 2026.” Council Member Curtiss, “I second the motion.”***

Mayor Luke, “Any discussion?” Chief Roney, “I do. What was that number again?” Council Member Curtiss and Council Member Van Horn, “\$26.03.” Chief Roney, “\$26.03?” City Clerk Brown, “That is actually with the CPI (Consumer Price Index) on it. So, we’re going to approve the—” Chief Roney, “Gotcha! We’ve still got to do the other...” City Clerk Brown, “Yeah.” Chief Roney, “Perfect. I just wanted to make sure it’s what we talked about.” City Clerk Brown, “Yes.” Chief Roney, “Sorry.”

**Hearing no discussion, Mayor Luke called for a vote. Motion unanimously carried, 6:0.**

Chief Roney, “Thank you.” Mayor Luke, “Yep.”

**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:**

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Council Member Berryman, “Oh, I’ve got one question.” Superintendent Hawkins, “Too late.” Council Member Berryman, “The pigs!” Chief Roney, “Okay.” Council Member Berryman, “Not cops, but the ‘pig’ pigs.” Chief Roney, “Okay?” Council Member Berryman, “I’m sorry.” Chief Roney, “Nope, thank you for clarifying. The guys are doing great. They’re out there patrolling. They’re doing—no, I’m kidding. Hey, no, so we got a call that we had a resident here with three potbelly pigs, full-grown, living in their house and yard.” Council Member Van Horn, “Oh!” Chief Roney, “Officers went over. Bonnie (Animal Control Officer Foster) went over—Animal Control went over, made contact with them. We gave them 48 hours to get them moved out. Officers followed up on Sunday with the woman. The pigs are out of the city limits of Burlington.”

Council Member Berryman, “Now, how would this affect any determination we might make on the peacocks?” (*Reference is to a request to keep peacocks made by Lisa and Mark Waterstreet and discussions with Council on 2-18-2026 and 3-4-2026*) Mayor Luke, “None whatsoever.” Council Member Berryman, “Now, could that set the City up for a lawsuit for discrimination? Why not?” Mayor Luke, “Nope.” City Attorney Wright, “The City has discretion with regard to how it enforces its codes and ordinances. So, there’s no liability.” Council Member Berryman, “Okay. Just checking.” City Attorney Wright, “I mean, I can say, the officers every day have to decide, probably, ‘Do I pull this guy over for speeding 7 mph over, or do I go and do this, or do I go and do that?’ You can’t do it all, right? And so, there is a discretionary function within the City and within the important provisions of that, that’s been litigated in Kansas and everywhere else, and there’s really no issue with that.” Council Member Berryman, “Okay. Just double-checking because I’m thinking ‘They had to be out within, what, 48 hours or something, and the peacocks are still here.’”

Chief Roney, “So, the peacock thing, I did give them two weeks due to the fact that they had a lot to move out with that. They brought it to Council, which took it out of my hands.” Council Member Berryman, “Okay.” Chief Roney, “Council took that responsibility from that point forward, so it took it out of my hands until I’m instructed to do something differently.” Council Member Berryman, “Thank you.”

**PARKS DEPARTMENT: Update**

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

**Seasonal Restrooms:** City Clerk Brown, “They’re working on getting the water turned back on, and the seasonal restrooms opened, so they’ve been working on that.”

**Mowing:** City Clerk Brown, “They’ve been preparing the mowers, and the mowing has begun. That’s all I have for him (Superintendent Boyce).”

**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:**

Council Member Curtiss, “I have a question. I was called before I came. Somebody in my district wanted to get rid of their brush, and it said that no brush is to be taken in there.” Council Member Van Horn, “That sounds like a Jimmy (Zoning Clerk Hugunin) question.” City Clerk Brown, “No, that’s not a Jimmy question.” Mayor Luke, “No, that’s Kevin (Superintendent Boyce).” Council Member Curtiss, “And I said that I would ask tonight at City Council why it said that they could not deposit their brush.”

City Clerk Brown, “If it’s the one I’m thinking, they had like a big dump truck full...” Council Member Curtiss, “No, no.” City Clerk Brown, “I don’t know. It wasn’t them?” Council Member Curtiss, “No. Nope.” City Clerk Brown, “Well, it is a state-regulated burn pile. Is that where they were wanting to put it?” Council Member Curtiss, “Well, yeah. They said they put it way back when they go in.” City Clerk Brown, “Okay. I don’t know that there is a sign that’s—”

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Superintendent Dauber, “So, I do know that Kevin (Superintendent Boyce) has placed ‘No dumping’ signs next to the rocks because we assisted him in that, because we’ve had a number of people just throwing the brush over the rocks, which makes it hard for us to get it off of the rocks and get it pushed back.” City Clerk Brown, “Yeah.” Superintendent Dauber, “So, he put a couple of signs up next to the road, on the road that goes down towards, what they call the car wash, or down to the river. It is not actually posted at the gate, so if they opened the gate and went in like they are supposed to, it does not say “No dumping’ there. There are ‘No dumping’ signs up around the rocks and at the beginning of the road.” Council Member Curtiss, “Okay.” Superintendent Dauber, “So, I know those signs are up now, if that’s what they’re talking about.” Council Member Curtiss, “Okay.”

Council Member Strawder, “Have you guys done any pushing back there lately? Because I know sometimes if they’re back there pushing, they’ll put up a sign—” Superintendent Dauber, “I think—” Council Member Strawder, “—to say that. I’ve seen that at one time.” Superintendent Dauber, “Usually, when we push it up, we’ll just go down there and push it up.” Council Member Strawder, “Okay.” Superintendent Dauber, “And I think our guys pushed it up Monday after we hauled all of that brush down there that we cleaned up.” Council Member Strawder, “Okay.” Superintendent Dauber, “Because we had to get fuel in the loader anyway, so it was while we were on this end of town, we just pushed it up.” City Clerk Brown, “And they probably put those up when he’s burning. He probably puts that up, ‘No bringing in brush’ when they’re burning, but he hasn’t been burning.” Council Member Curtiss, “No...” Council Member Strawder, “That’s not the same one. It was probably a temporary sign is what it was.” Mayor Luke, “I would say they can go ahead and do it.”

City Clerk Brown, “As long as they’re going in (to City Hall), I’m pretty sure, yeah.” Mayor Luke, “Going in and—” Superintendent Schneider, “Going in and are like ‘We’re here (City Hall) for a key’, and they can get in.” Council Member Curtiss, “And they can get in? They don’t have to...” Zoning Clerk Hugunin, “Well, they should come here and get the key.” City Clerk Brown, “Yes.” Zoning Clerk Hugunin, “They have to get the key.” Council Member Curtiss, “Okay, well...” City Clerk Brown, “Sometimes it’s unlocked. We never know. So, it’s just better that way we know who’s dumping as well.” Council Member Curtiss, “Okay. Alright.” Zoning Clerk Hugunin, “Yeah, they can come up and—”

Council Member Van Horn, “And to clarify, I thought you were talking about when the City picks up brush.” Council Member Curtiss, “No, no.” Superintendent Dauber, “I think that’s where the confusion is coming from is because a lot of people have been throwing them over the rocks for so many years.” Council Member Curtiss, “No, today they called.” Superintendent Dauber, “Sorry. I think that’s a lot of the confusion is that everybody has been throwing it over the rocks for so many years.” Council Member Curtiss, “Okay.” Superintendent Dauber, “Just right on the other side of the rocks, and now there are signs there saying ‘No dumping’ there.” Chief Roney, “Or dumping in the roadway.”

Superintendent Dauber, “Yeah. So, they need to come get a key.” Zoning Clerk Hugunin, “They come get a key, they fill out on the—there’s a log, they sign their name.” Council Member Curtiss, “Yeah, I know they usually do that, I’m sure.” Zoning Clerk Hugunin, “Yeah, probably.” City Clerk Brown, “And it is state-regulated, and if they would happen to come down and check at some time when people are doing that, we have a possibility of losing that free dump for people to use.” Council Member Curtiss, “Okay. Well, I will let them know.” Mayor Luke, “Okay.” Council Member Curtiss, “Thank you.” Superintendent Dauber, “Yep.”

**FINANCE: Claims Ordinance & Payroll Ordinance**

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| a. Claims Ordinance  | 2026-06 | \$ | <u>149,395.71</u> |
| b. Payroll Ordinance | 2026-06 | \$ | <u>113,783.21</u> |
|                      | TOTAL   | \$ | <u>263,178.92</u> |

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**CLAIMS 2026-06:** *Council Member Curtiss moved to approve City of Burlington Claims Ordinance 2026-06 for the amount of \$149,395.71. Council Member Strawder gave the second.* Mayor Luke, “Anne (City Clerk Brown), do you have some highlights?” City Clerk Brown, “Yes. We have BG Consultants for \$3,903.71, Dave’s Pumping, LLC for \$6,880.00, Hawkins, Inc. for \$5,462.89, Schwab-Eaton for \$3,339.50, Stover’s Restoration for \$10,635.85, and Vermeer Sales & Service, Inc. for \$4,932.67.” **Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Luke instructed City Clerk Brown to poll Council for a vote. Mayor Luke declared, “Claims Ordinance 2026-06 passed unanimously, 6:0.”**

**PAYROLL 2026-06:** *Council Member Curtiss moved to approve City of Burlington Payroll Ordinance 2026-06 in the amount of \$113,783.21.” 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 2026-06 passed unanimously, 6:0.”**

**PLANNING & ZONING: Update**

**Permits:** Zoning Clerk Hugunin, “I’ve done several fence permits and a sign permit for down there at Dave’s Roadside Grill.”

**Nuisance Grass/Weeds Update:** Zoning Clerk Hugunin, “I’m checking yards. There are a couple of them already that I’ve got my eye on. Probably only because they were kind of tall at the end of the season.”

**City Webpage Updates:** Zoning Clerk Hugunin, “And then, most of my time has been spent, and I don’t know how many people know this, but our government webpage, the City webpage, now has to be ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)-compliant. And so, I have been going through it page by page, fixing mistakes that aren’t compliant. And most of it’s just the color of the font or too much of a space here and there, and Shayla (Administrative Assistant Befort) has been kind of helping me out now, too. So, that’s what we’ve been doing; it’s taking a lot of time. I didn’t realize how many different little tabs we had on that, but it is going to be ADA-compliant. Fortunately, we don’t have video or audio on there. That, I think, is going to drive a lot of people not to have videos or audio on a lot of government websites.”

**Vehicle Maintenance:** Zoning Clerk Hugunin, “And then, both Traverses got new tires. The tires were well over 10 years old on both of them, so you can feel safe to drive them.”

**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:**

City Attorney Wright, “I’ve got a question. Jimmy (Zoning Clerk Hugunin), have you been contacted by the peacock/peahen people with regard to getting a Zoning and Planning meeting set up?” Zoning Clerk Hugunin, “I was. I was contacted on Friday, the 6<sup>th</sup>, and had a conversation with her about what the process was and the steps we needed to take, and she wasn’t real sure what they wanted to do. I told her, I said, ‘Well, think it over, talk it over with your husband over the weekend, give me a call on Monday—’, it would have been the 9<sup>th</sup>, ‘—to tell me what you want to do so we can get this going’.” City Attorney Wright, “Right.” Zoning Clerk Hugunin, “And that’s the last I’ve heard.” City Attorney Wright, “Do you think they’re going to do that?” Zoning Clerk Hugunin, “I don’t think so. Not at this point. And at this point, it’s going to take it out further than a 90-day deal because I have to give at least 15 days’ notice from the time it’s in the paper. So, there are 15 days there, then I have to schedule the meeting after there’s a hearing for that. So, you’re looking at 45 days from the time they fill that application out.”

City Attorney Wright, “Did they express any concerns in particular with regard to going through that process?” Zoning Clerk Hugunin, “She feels like, I think in her mind, the way she took everything, she thinks she has 90 days no matter what.” City Attorney Wright, “Okay, because I kind of am inclined to go ahead and enforce the ordinance (*Ordinance 801, an ordinance amending Ordinance 583 and Article I,*

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*Chapter II of the Code of the City of Burlington, Kansas, providing regulation for animals and fowl within city limits, adopted 8-17-2011*) at this point because I think that they're dragging their feet and/or maybe we had some kind of a misunderstanding about this. Because I think I was pretty clear that they needed to immediately get it taken care of." Zoning Clerk Hugunin, "Right, and I did talk to a couple of members on the Planning Board, and the way they are looking at it is, our recommendation would be to come back to you guys after the hearing and everything, and just have you guys—our recommendation would be to enforce the ordinance." City Attorney Wright, "Right. So, you wouldn't—well, I guess we can't really go there anyway, because we haven't had the meeting." Zoning Clerk Hugunin, "Right." City Attorney Wright, "Okay. And I don't know what the Council's position is on this, but I would be inclined to go ahead now and just have Chief (Roney) enforce the ordinance at this point because they haven't moved forward with the other process."

Council Member Curtiss, "How long would that give them?" Chief Roney, "I'd give them 48 hours." Council Member Curtiss, "Just like you did with the pigs?" Chief Roney, "Just like I did with the pigs." City Attorney Wright, "Does anybody have any issues with that?" Council Member Van Horn, "I think we need to get on it." City Attorney Wright, "Okay. As the lead law enforcement officer of the City of Burlington, I am instructing you (Chief Roney) to go ahead and move forward with enforcement, to give them 48 hours to move the peacocks." Chief Roney, "Thank you." City Attorney Wright, "And if they have any issues, they can call my office." Chief Roney, "Absolutely." City Attorney Wright, "Thank you."

Council Member Van Horn, "Maybe you should say peafowl." City Attorney Wright, "The pea-birds! Peafowls! Thank you." Mayor Luke, "Anything else, Jimmy (Zoning Clerk Hugunin)?" Zoning Clerk Hugunin, "No." Mayor Luke, "Any questions for Jimmy?"

Council Member Strawder, "Hey Jimmy, on the website, are there any drawings or anything on there?" Zoning Clerk Hugunin, "No." Council Member Strawder, "Okay, because I know that at work, that's what we ran into is they're trying to implement that, and there are thousands of drawings within our system, so..." Zoning Clerk Hugunin, "No, we don't have plans, maps, or drawings, nothing on there. If there is something, it's a link to an external site." Council Member Strawder, "Okay."

**LEGAL DEPARTMENT: Update**

**General:** City Attorney Wright, "I think I spoke my peace. I don't have anything further, unless anybody has anything for me."

**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:**

**CITY CLERK: Update**

**Republic Services – Trash Bin Allotment:** City Clerk Brown, "You asked last time, on the Republic Waste carts—I called Jennifer (Jennifer Fagan, Republic Services Municipal Manager) and she said there are no limits on the allotted number of polycarts that we (*the City of Burlington*) can have. There are plenty of them. They allow residents to have three a piece, which is where the limit is. She didn't act like they were out of them, and that's kind of the impression I was getting, that they had been told. It's just that each residence is allowed three. If you know who it was who was told that, she said they do kind of keep track of their phone calls and stuff, too. If they had a date/time/number, whatever, they could go back and look at that and see, so if their people, the people that are working for Republic Waste, need some more training, they can know who did that. So, if you know that information."

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**General:** City Clerk Brown, “City Hall personnel have been busy preparing meter readings for utility billing, work orders, vouchers for bill paying and payroll, and minutes for council meetings.”

**TrustPoint Insurance:** City Clerk Brown, “Kerri (Deputy City Clerk Weltha) and I both met with Kimberly Robrahn, our representative with TrustPoint, for the insurance, our renewal for 2026/2027. We had an overall increase of 4% this year. It was 9% last year, so we did better this year. Our mod is up. That is based on our claims. It increased from 0.75% to 1.3%, and I am going to start working on preparing the payment for the next council meeting. I have to break the policy down by department, property, and all of that other stuff, so...”

**Personnel Evaluations:** City Clerk Brown, “I completed the evaluations.”

**Utility Easement:** City Clerk Brown, “USD #244 did approve our 10-foot utility easement along Martindale Street.”

**City Hall Copier Quotes:** City Clerk Brown, “We did go out for quotes. In your packet, you have that. Our copier is from—and I didn’t—” Administrative Assistant Befort, “2017.” City Clerk Brown, “2017? I was going to say... And it’s starting to break down enough that to replace the parts is going to cost about as much as getting a new copier. So, we got a quote from Modern Copy Systems for a Kyocera, which is what we have now. The quote was \$5,861.00. That was after a trade-in of \$10,178.00. With that one, there is no maintenance agreement for three years or 200,000 copies, which we exceed that very easily in a year, so that would only be a year there. The other one was from Heartland Office Systems for a Lexmark. Their quote was \$4,895.00. That was after a trade-in of \$12,772.00. They do have a maintenance agreement of \$780 per year, and by the time you put that together, it’s still less than the other one, and their maintenance agreement has everything included on it, even the toner and stuff, except for paper and staples. And with Modern Copy, theirs covers everything except toner, paper, and staples, so we would still have to pay for the toner with Modern Copy, as well. So, I would like to recommend going with the Heartland Office Systems Lexmark for \$4,895.00.”

***Council Member Curtiss, “I move to accept the quote of \$4,895.00 from Heartland Office Systems for a Lexmark XC9635 copier for City Hall, including a discount of \$12,772.00 for a trade-in of the Kyocera TASKalfa 3251ci, as being in the best interest of the City.” Council Member Strawder, “I second the motion.”***

Mayor Luke, “Want to repeat that motion?” Council Member Curtiss, “No.” Mayor Luke, “Any discussion?” Council Member Van Horn, “I’m a little confused.” Mayor Luke, “Yeah?” Council Member Van Horn, “That the new copier is like \$5,000, and the trade-in on the old one is over \$12,000.” Council Member Strawder, “So, the new copier would be \$17,000 something.” City Clerk Brown, “Yeah.” Council Member Van Horn, “Oh, okay! That’s the difference?” Council Member Strawder, “Yeah.” Council Member Van Horn, “Because I thought that just doesn’t make any sense at all.” Mayor Luke, “Yes, that’s an incremental difference.” Council Member Van Horn, “Alright. Now it makes sense.”

**Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Luke called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously, 6:0.**

City Clerk Brown, “Thank you.”

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

**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:**

Council Member Curtiss, “Oh, we have to...” City Clerk Brown, “Yeah.” Council Member Curtiss, “...do that (*referring to proposed Ordinance 924*).”

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**ORDINANCE 924 Wage and Salary**

City Clerk Brown, "The only other thing we have left is to have the executive session for 40 minutes." City Attorney Wright, "Anne (City Clerk Brown), did you want to do the ordinance now, Ordinance 924?" Council Member Curtiss, "The ordinance. We have to do the ordinance." City Clerk Brown, "Oh! Sorry." City Attorney Wright, "I'm good with it, but I was going to modify it a little bit, so we just had to do the summary in the paper, but we'll just pass it and then just publish the whole thing in the paper." City Clerk Brown, "Okay." City Attorney Wright, "Other than that, I think everything is okay." City Clerk Brown, "Yeah. Do we have someone who will make a motion for it?"

***Council Member Strawder, "I move to adopt Ordinance 924, Determining and Establishing Salaries and Compensation of Officers and Employees, Pursuant to the Personnel Policies and Procedures, of The City of Burlington, Kansas." Council Member Curtiss, "I second the motion."***

City Clerk Brown, "And the reason we had to redo that is because we approved the position for the Police Department and then moved Becky (Police Administrative Assistant Petterson) to that. Then, we also added the new police officer that we hired; he wasn't on there before, so..."

**Hearing no additional discussion, Mayor Luke instructed City Clerk Brown to poll the Council. All votes were in favor. Mayor Luke declared motion unanimously passed, 6:0.**

**CITY CLERK: Update**

**Personnel Evaluations:** Mayor Luke, "Okay, now we can do the executive session."

***Council Member Curtiss, "I make a motion to enter a 40-minute Executive Session for Non-Elected Personnel Evaluations with the Governing Body and Personnel Officer Brown present." Council Member Mays, "I second the motion."***

Council Member Strawder, "I have a question." City Attorney Wright, "Sure." Council Member Strawder, "Because I won't be able to be here for the whole time. Can I just leave when I need to leave?" City Attorney Wright, "You can leave. Yep, you can leave if you want to." Council Member Strawder, "In the middle of it? That's okay?" City Attorney Wright, "Yeah, you're not stuck here." Council Member Strawder, "Just making sure." City Attorney Wright, "Yep, you're good." Council Member Strawder, "Okay."

**Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Luke called for a vote. Motion carried, 6:0.**

Superintendent Schneider, "Do we need to come back after the executive session?" Mayor Luke, "If you want to know the results of the evaluations, otherwise no." City Attorney Wright, "Maybe you should come back." Superintendent Schneider, "Well, I was already given enough work today." City Attorney Wright, "Did I say that sternly enough? Maybe you'd better come back!"

Entered 6:40 p.m. and Exited 7:20 p.m.

***Council Member Curtiss, "I make a motion that the personnel evaluations and pay increases be approved as presented." Council Member Mays, "I second the motion."*** Council Member Curtiss, "We appreciate everybody, all of our employees." Superintendent Hawkins, "Thank you." Council Member Curtiss, "Everybody is doing a great job! You too, Superintendents. Oh, you too, Chief (Roney)."

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

Mayor Luke, "Since we were in the clerk's section, anything else, Anne (City Clerk Brown)?" City Clerk Brown, "No."

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**OTHER COMMITTEE OR COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**REPORT BY CITY OFFICERS:**

Mayor Luke, “Anything from the Governing Body?” Okay.” Council Member Curtiss, “I had a question, but I don’t remember what it is now.”

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Luke, “I will let you know, Superintendents, that the Governing Body is going to require a short weekly report to the head of your committee, and they will forward it to the rest of their committee. Even if it’s nothing more than ‘We mowed grass, and we emptied trash. That’s what we did this week.’” Council Member Curtiss, “The reason is, we just don’t want any surprises when we come to a meeting, and there’s, you know, something that we have to vote on, and we weren’t aware that we were even going to do that.” Superintendent Hawkins, “No problem.” Council Member Curtiss, “So, I mean, nothing really gigantic, but...thank you.”

Mayor Luke, “They’ve got two more weeks, I think it is, in Topeka.” Council Member Curtiss, “I think so. Is it, or one?” Mayor Luke, “Well, it might be one and a half now.” Council Member Curtiss, “Okay.” Mayor Luke, “The key thing is, they haven’t passed a single solitary property tax bill. They have basically thrown two of them out. That means there are only three left to throw out. They reinstated some that got totally neglected during the time that they attached it to another bill, and the prime example is of the one that they want to have all city and county elections at the same time as the federal elections, on even years, and that’s the only time you can hold them. So, they think they’ll get a lot more people out to vote.” Council Member Van Horn, “Probably.” Mayor Luke, “But you’ll also get a lot less people that are going to stick around and vote at the tail end, where it goes to cities and counties. It’ll end up, I think, if it was like last time, you would have a five-page ballot.” Council Member Van Horn, “Wow.” Mayor Luke, “Yeah, so there’s argument on both sides, but the League (League of Kansas Municipalities) is pushing not to tie it into the federal election process, leave it the way it is right now.”

City Clerk Brown, “Yeah, I was going to say, how is that going to affect the Council, since we’re every other year?” Mayor Luke, “Yep, and with that, somebody’s going to have a three-year term and somebody’s going to have a five-year term. So, if you are left when the new—” Council Member Curtiss, “Not me. I’m going out after my term this time.” Mayor Luke, “Join the crowd.... So, anyway, I’ll get information out to you. Once it gets through the Senate and the House, the Governor may also veto some stuff, so we’ll see. But another week and a half or two, and it’s over with for another year.” Council Member Curtiss, “Well, I hope they get all of their work done. I don’t agree with them having to go extra.” Mayor Luke, “They don’t have a budget yet.” Council Member Curtiss, “Well then, get on it!”

Mayor Luke declared the meeting adjourned.

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