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BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION 4-15-2026

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, April 15, 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: Vickie Stutesman, Tammy Petrie, and Kimberly Robrahn

Mayor Luke, "We've got a couple of visitors. We're glad to have you with us tonight."

AGENDA: Mayor Luke, "The agenda for this evening, I have some changes. Actually, it's additions. Under finance: Claims Ordinance #2026-08, \$380,106.19. Payroll Ordinance #2026-08, \$115,281.86, for a total of \$495,388.05. Are there any other additions to the agenda? Hearing none, I would accept a motion to approve the agenda as amended."

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

MINUTES 4/1/2026: Mayor Luke, "You have before you the draft minutes of our regular session of April 1, 2026. Are there any additions or corrections to those minutes?" Council Member Curtiss, "Nope."

Council Member Curtiss, "I move to approve the draft minutes of April 1, 2026, as presented." Council Member Shove, "I second the motion." Motion unanimously carried, 6:0.

APPOINTMENT – Vickie Stutesman – Coffey County Fair Association – Livestock Show Arena

Mayor Luke, "Vickie, you're the first one on the list." Vickie Stutesman, "That's alright! Good evening, everybody. I'm Vickie Stutesman from the Fair Board, and I'm here tonight because we are exploring the possibility of putting up a different show arena, which would be the—for those of you who are not familiar with how that lays out—the furthest west building of the grouping (of the buildings located at Kelley Park). The roof is in bad shape, has been for a couple of years, and it's obviously not getting any better because we haven't done anything with it. And so, we're exploring estimates and options as to replacing the roof or taking the whole livestock show arena area down, just, you know, the western portion of it, and starting over.

"So, I have visited with Kevin (Superintendent Boyce). We were wondering if there was anything on the City's side, since we are on City property, that we need to work with you guys on? Obviously, I know

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from past projects that we work with Alan (Superintendent Schnieder) on making sure that the electric work that is done is done by somebody who is licensed through the City. We are not looking at going with any bigger of an area than what we currently have. So, it's not like we would be taking any portion of the concrete street or anything like that out. From there, we're kind of more or less just trying to keep the lines of communication open, and (we want to know) what you guys need us to provide once we make a decision. We're going to be, probably, getting some funding through the commission and some that we have set back. But we don't know what we're going to do yet, for sure. We're in the process of getting some estimates from some contractors. So, we wanted to, like I said, make the communication with you guys, and see what, if any, red tape or hoops that we would need to go through on this side of it."

Mayor Luke, "I know we've got the electric. Do we have any water in that area that would be a problem?" Vickie Stutesman, "Yeah, that would be another thing that—yeah, we would have to work with Danny (Superintendent Hawkins) on." Mayor Luke, "Yeah, okay. And, Kevin (Superintendent Boyce) would probably still be your main contact?" Vickie Stutesman, "Sure. Yep, yep." Mayor Luke, "The key thing is, I was just making sure that we aren't going to impact the roadways because that is kind of a restricted area." Vickie Stutesman, "Right. Yeah, we do not intend to do that. We're not going to go any bigger than our area where we're at currently."

"We're also looking at the possibility of if we just replaced the roof on the current building, that maybe we put up a different building in the center island and take down the current cross building, or what some of us know as the old 4-H building; that manilla-y, yellowish-brown building up on the hill." Mayor Luke, "Yeah." Vickie Stutesman, "All things...it has a lot of damage to it. In fact, this last year, it leaked horribly during the fair (Coffey County Fair) and ruined a lot of exhibits. So, it needs something done to it. So, all things that are being considered, we just haven't made a decision just yet. And not that I foresee any big project getting accomplished before the county fair at the end of July. I mean, I know the reality is that's just not going to happen." Mayor Luke, "You don't have the magic wand?" Vickie Stutesman, "I do not. Sometimes I wish I did, but...yeah, as you guys know, it's all a process."

Mayor Luke, "I think the key thing is that as long as all of the codes are met and—" Vickie Stutesman, "Yep. Our goal is that the committee, once they kind of make a decision and narrow down more of what we're thinking about, is to possibly ask Danny, Kevin, and Alan to meet with us, and—" Mayor Luke, "Make sure that—" Vickie Stutesman, "So we're all on the same page..." Mayor Luke, "Yep." Vickie Stutesman, "You know, anything that we need to do differently and so forth." Mayor Luke, "Okay." Vickie Stutesman, "That's our plan." Mayor Luke, "I don't have any issue. I don't..." Vickie Stutesman, "Okay." Mayor Luke, "Okay?" Vickie Stutesman, "Sounds great! Thanks, guys."

Mayor Luke, "I think the main thing is just keep Kevin (Superintendent Boyce) informed—" Vickie Stutesman, "Yep." Mayor Luke, "—so that he knows what's going on." Vickie Stutesman, "I've got him on speed dial." Mayor Luke, "Oh, okay. Alright." Vickie Stutesman, "Thank you."

Council Member Curtiss, "We don't need to have the—we don't have to make a motion?" City Clerk Brown, "We don't need to have a motion? Just to approve them to let them do whatever they do? I didn't know, so I just put one in." Council Member Curtiss, "We don't need to (directed to Mayor Luke)?" City Clerk Brown and Council Member Curtiss, "Okay." Mayor Luke, "There's nothing to approve. It's their building, not ours." Council Member Curtiss, "Okay."

APPOINTMENT – Tammy Petrie – Bike in the Dark

Mayor Luke, "Tammy!" Tammy Petrie, "Hi!" Council Member Curtiss and City Clerk Brown, "Hi!" Tammy Petrie, "Hi! I'm Tammy Petrie. I'm the new Burlington Branch Library Director. For the past seven years, I was at New Strawn (library). For the past three or four years of those, we did a Bike in the Dark around the New Strawn park, kind of thing. Now that I'm over here, I'd like to continue that, but it's not

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safe to ride in the neighborhood where the Burlington Branch is now, so we thought maybe a fun place would be at Kelley Park. Officer Honn, Cameron Honn, comes, and he kind of gives out bike helmets and rides with the kids to teach them some bike safety. So, him and I were talking already about using Kelley Park, and seeing if we could block off the road just for an hour in the evening, so the kids could kind of come in the entryway of Kelley Park and go up the cement and back down around the other entrance, and then block off the area where they would be on the dirt road so that we could just have a good view of them around that circle. We're thinking the Friday before school starts, so that would be Friday, August 14th, from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. And what we usually do is give out glow sticks and things to decorate their bikes during the summer reading program, and then they bring their bikes or their strollers, or they decorate themselves, and then we ride at night, kind of thing. So, we thought that would be a safe place to do that. So, I am just kind of asking if that would be a doable thing, to close off (the road)—”

Council Member Van Horn, “I think you need an adult hour for that, too. I think it sounds like fun.” Tammy Petrie, “Everybody is invited. We've had lots of families that come and love it. I mean, it's just fun. Vanessa Dauber brought her husband (Superintendent Dauber) and children...her children. Vanessa brought her children!” Council Member Curtiss, “Her children!” Tammy Petrie, “And they loved it because it is a lot of fun. Because you do feel just like a kid when you're riding at night, you know, and your bikes have glow sticks on them, and it is a lot of fun. So, we just thought for an hour, we could, maybe, section that off. And I did call ahead to see if there was anything scheduled, and so far, we're not seeing anything.”

Mayor Luke, “So, that'd be, basically, 3rd Street just south of Potomac down to past the baseball field?” Tammy Petrie, “Just right before the baseball field...” Superintendent Dauber, “So, Alleghany.” Tammy Petrie, “Alleghany?” Superintendent Dauber, “Right there where the PD (Police Department) office is.” Tammy Petrie, “Yep!” Mayor Luke, “Oh, just Alleghany, right there?” Tammy Petrie, “Just Alleghany right there from the one brick entrance to the other entrance by where the fairground is.” Mayor Luke, “I didn't know if you wanted— making the loop, would be coming out—” Tammy Petrie, “Making the loop...” Mayor Luke, “—by 3rd Street or not?” Tammy Petrie, “Is that right?” Superintendent Dauber, “No, you're just wanting that block right there, right?” Tammy Petrie, “Yeah, just that block.” Mayor Luke, “Okay.” Superintendent Dauber, “Yep.” Tammy Petrie, “And then probably, so that they wouldn't go back in the dirt roads, so that we wouldn't—we could see them on that, on that cement straight right there in that loop.” Mayor Luke, “Yep.” Tammy Petrie, “That's kind of what we're thinking. And then, maybe have the parents park on the ballfield area, so that they're off—they're not trying to come in and park with kids riding their bikes or walking, or families bring strollers. They bring Gators and golf carts. It's just kind of fun to do.”

Mayor Luke, “Okay.” City Clerk Brown, “We did block off the buildings, so that you wouldn't have to worry about—” Tammy Petrie, “We're not going to be using buildings at all.” City Clerk Brown, “No, we know you're not, but we blocked them off so somebody wouldn't be trying to come in during that.” Tammy Petrie, “Oh! Oh, thank you!” City Clerk Brown, “We did allow you a time ahead of time (time before the start of the event), if you need to come in and set anything up, and time to clean up afterwards.” Tammy Petrie, “Okay, great. Thank you. Yeah, I'm hoping to get a hold of Froggy and the Whale or somebody to come and do snow cones and ice cream or something, so they would just be parking somewhere around there, and yeah...” Council Member Curtiss, “Okay.”

Tammy Petrie, “Yes, but you all are invited.” Council Member Curtiss, “Okay, thank you.” Tammy Petrie, “...To ride your bikes.” Mayor Luke, “A golf cart, maybe. I don't know about bicycles.”

Council Member Curtiss, “I move to allow Tammy Petrie to use Kelley Park for Bike in the Dark on August 14, 2026, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.” Council Member Strawder, “I second the motion.” Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Luke called for a vote. Motion unanimously carried, 6:0.

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Mayor Luke, "Have fun." Tammy Petrie, "Thank you! I did make a flyer, so I'll just leave it out there just in case, and then we are having a taco bar...Cinco de Mayo (the 5th of May), Taco Tuesday at the library too. I'll leave that for you guys to remember to come and eat tacos with us." Mayor Luke, "Alright."

APPOINTMENT – Kimberly Robrahn – TrustPoint Dividend Check

Mayor Luke, "Alright, Kimberly." Kimberly Robrahn, "Me? Already? Alright." Council Member Curtiss, "We like it." Kimberly Robrahn, "I'm Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn. I think everybody knows me. I am your insurance agent, and yeah...Jerilyn (Council Member Curtiss) knows what I'm here for. We have your insurance written with EMC Insurance Company, and they provide the KMU, or Kansas Municipal Utility, Safety Group Dividend Program. And with that program, when the claims are paid for the given policy year, and it still shows profitability, they give 20% of that profitability back to those municipalities that participate in that risk management group, and they, of course, distribute that based off of the percentage amount that you paid in. And this year, I present you with a check for \$40,896.04. Congratulations!"

Council Member Curtiss, "Thank you." Kimberly Robrahn, "Yeah! Awesome!" City Clerk Brown, "We appreciate that. Thank you very much." Kimberly Robrahn, "You bet." Mayor Luke, "You better give it to her." Council Member Curtiss, "You can come back whenever you want." Kimberly Robrahn, "Whenever? As long as I have money in hand?" Council Member Curtiss, "Yes." Kimberly Robrahn, "Okay. Alright, well, I appreciate it very much, and your team here and your supervisors, everybody is great to work with, and I appreciate the opportunity to do so. And if you have any questions, call me anytime." City Clerk Brown, "Thank you." Council Member Curtiss, "Thank you."

Kimberly Robrahn, "Alright. You're welcome." Mayor Luke, "I'll see you before the 4th." Kimberly Robrahn, "Yep. I gotcha." Mayor Luke, "Yep." Superintendent Schneider, "How are you (Kimberly Robrahn)?" Kimberly Robrahn, "Good."

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT: Distribution Update

Line Maintenance: Superintendent Schneider, "Okay. For the most part, the men have been out doing just normal line maintenance, which consists of changing out some old porcelain switch arresters to the polymer. That has really cut down on our outages with the squirrels and the birds and what-have-you. So, we've got most of the town covered. We're just working on it as we have time, now. We did the bulk of it here, probably about a year or so ago. Like I said, they're doing normal line maintenance."

Storm Damage: Superintendent Schneider, "So, last Friday, the 10th, at about 3:30 a.m., my phone rang...when that storm came through. Well, the report of what happened really wasn't that clear, so I called one lineman out, thinking it would be a quick, easy address issue, and we'd move on. Well, at 6:15 that night, we finally went home. So, the house just north of the police station there, it was, I'm going to say it was an old volunteer maple that's grown up, it's 60 feet tall anyway down there now. It was one of the main trunks that had grown off the root system that came down. The tree's hollow, its junk, it really shouldn't be there. It fell across our power lines. When it did, it broke three poles: two of them off at the ground, and one of them just broke the top off it. We were able to repair the one, and we will get back for a replacement on that, but we spent the whole day with the other two poles; not only getting the broken piece out, but

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getting the new one in, and getting it reframed, getting wire tied to it, what-have-you. So, it was a super long day. We got that addressed, and everything else we've been doing on the distribution side, everything has just been normal; nothing really."

Callout: Superintendent Schneider, "I believe we worked one callout, I think, Saturday morning, the 11th. A squirrel had gotten up on a transformer and popped the fuse. It took one block of customers out. We got that fixed right away. And that's about all that's been happening over there."

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT: Production Update

General: Superintendent Schneider, "The men at the power plant, they're doing normal maintenance and reporting that needs done."

New Generator: Superintendent Schneider, "They just started installing additional exhaust fans, and since we put that new generator in at the west section of the power plant, that's just that much more heat now with two engines in there running. We only had one exhaust fan in that building; it wasn't keeping up. The men added two more today. They've got just a tiny bit of work to do on that. So, that should help that part of the plant out very well."

Electric Rate Study: Superintendent Schneider, "The last thing that I've got, just for a heads up, Anne (City Clerk Brown) and I have had two meetings with the committee (Electric Committee), and I'm very thankful for their input and their presence on that. It's been since 2014 since we have touched our electric rates, and it's showing. (*On 6/18/2014, Ordinance 830, Providing for and Fixing the Rate Schedule to be Charged for Electricity, and Amending the 1997 Code of the City of Burlington, Chapter XV, Article 3 by replacing Sections 15-318 through 15-323 in their entirety, was adopted.*) So, we've been working with Leslie (Atherton) and Mike (Shook) over at KPP (Kansas Power Pool) Energy. We pretty much did a full-blown rate study. We're still working out the final details of that now. We had a meeting on Tuesday of this week to go over some of the final stuff. They're cleaning it up and going to double-check everything. And I believe they are set to come to Burlington to visit with the council at the meeting in June. So, we'll have some discussion about that. I just wanted to give everybody a heads up that this is coming, and anybody, if you're not on the Electric Committee, if you've got any questions, feel free to come see me, and I'll show you what I have so far, and what to expect with that. Like I said, it's been 12 years since we've touched the electric rates, and it's very obvious that it's been that long. So, we're going to have to address that. And Mike and Leslie will be here for council, like I said, and they will be able to answer any questions that we may have when they show up as well, so..."

City Clerk Brown, "They will be sending out information that I can send to the council beforehand, also for you to look at before they get here." Superintendent Schneider, "So, I didn't want that to be a surprise to everybody. I want everybody to know what we've been working on, and when to expect a visit to go over this, and maintain the health of our department."

Council Member Curtiss, "Did we not discuss at one time, looking at both the water and the electric rates like every four years or something?" Mayor Luke, "We've looked at them. Until we went with the generation project. We really hadn't changed the rates because we hadn't had a change from Kansas Power Pool (KPP). But then we went with some financing, etcetera, and we had some fuel costs go up."

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Superintendent Schneider, “So, yeah, operating expense is, as you know, everything is going up.” Council Member Curtiss, “Right, right, but I thought we had discussed looking at these like every four years or something, so that we don’t have such a great big increase if, you know, it’s needed.” Council Member Van Horn, “And we have it with the Water Department that we did set up like every two years or something that we’re supposed to go over it.” Superintendent Schneider, “And I think that every two years is probably more in line to review them, and—” Council Member Curtiss, “I really think that we need to do that.” Superintendent Schneider, “We do need to do that.”

Superintendent Hawkins, “Yes, because—Sorry, I didn’t mean to interrupt.” Council Member Curtiss, “No, but I really think the water and the electric department need—” Superintendent Hawkins, “And now what we’re doing right now, is we’re looking at the review right now because it’s our time now. Because we’ve raised ours since theirs, so we have that to look at. Anne (City Clerk Brown) and I, we have that calculator that they gave us to do it with. So, all we have to do is input the information in there and put it in, and just review where we’re at. It doesn’t necessarily mean we’re going to raise the rate.” Council Member Curtiss, “Right.” Superintendent Hawkins, “It’s just to review where we’re standing at that time, yes.” Council Member Curtiss, “Okay.” Superintendent Hawkins, “Yeah, so…” Council Member Curtiss, “Alright.”

Superintendent Schneider, “Yes. We are all in agreement, those of us who have been involved in it. I don’t want to go into a bunch of history, so I just want to leave it at ‘We have plans to do this every couple of years’.” Council Member Curtiss, “Good. Thank you.”

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

WATER AND WASTEWATER: Distribution Update

General: Superintendent Hawkins, “Well, the staff have been doing normal duties of line locates, work orders, been reading meters, re-reads, checking lift stations, flushing water tower transducer out at the water tower, customer calls, and inquiries.”

Flushing Lines: Superintendent Hawkins, “We’ve also been going out and flushing. It’s that time of the year when it starts warming up, and we start flushing dead-end lines all around town. So, we do that about every 45-60 days, so they’ve been starting on that.”

Water Meter Installs: Superintendent Hawkins, “They’re also doing meter installs on the southwest part of town. They’ve got just a little less than, I think, 73 left, is what they have. So, we’re getting really close to the end of that.”

KDHE Waterline Improvement: Superintendent Hawkins, “We did receive our letter of approval from KDHE (Kansas Department of Health and Environment) for the waterline over west of the Rec Center (Burlington Recreation Center), so the work will commence, weather depending, on Monday. So, we have that ready to go.”

KRWA Conference: Superintendent Hawkins, “As I reported at the last meeting, Jaden Brickell and I went to the conference for the Kansas Rural Water Association. He (Jaden) did pass his test, so he is certified now; he is a Class I Wastewater Operator.”

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Vehicle Maintenance: Superintendent Hawkins, “The guys went into some of our trucks, the seats were really bad, so they went in and replaced the cushions and put new covers over the seats.”

Storm Damage: Superintendent Hawkins, “As Alan (Superintendent Schneider) said, the night of the storm, we got called out early too. Our pump station #2, which is down on Highway 75, was down. We gathered up the generator. A bunch of us went down, and we ran that generator for a while until power was restored after Tom Hess (Electric Lead Lineman Hess) told us that we had power. I want to thank Tom Hess for doing that.”

Generators: Superintendent Hawkins, “So, while we had the generator out, we decided we needed to exercise it, so we went ahead and took it over to #3 (pump station #3), and we ran it some more. So, we’re going to continue to keep doing that, and we’re going to just set it at one of our pump stations just to keep it working and keep it in good shape.”

WATER AND WASTEWATER: Production Update

Pretreatment Plant: Superintendent Hawkins, “We did the final clean out. So, we do have the reactors and the rapid mixes done. We’re ready for summer. We’re all cleaned out and ready to go, so we’re happy to be at that point. So, we’re ready for high usage and a big summer. So...that’s all I have.”

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Superintendent Schneider, “If I could please, before we move on to the next one. I failed to say anything. I need to give a huge shoutout for our outage work. The Street Department came out and assisted us, not only getting the tree out of the way, but they stuck around, and they helped us. We were able to split the crews up a little bit and make that restoration happen quicker, too, so the Street Department was very helpful in that process.”

STREET DEPARTMENT: Update

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

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

Ditches: Superintendent Dauber, “We’ve been digging a lot of ditches lately, trying to catch up on some that have been neglected for many years.”

Tilling and Seeding: Superintendent Dauber, “While we’re doing that, we’re also going back, and we’re tilling and seeding those as soon as we’re getting them done. We’re trying to stay on top of that so we don’t get a backlog of ditches that we need to go back and do later on in the year.”

Callout: Superintendent Dauber, “On April 3rd, we had a callout at about 9 o’clock for a tree down on the old mill road by the city dam. It was an old, rotten tree that just decided to fall. It blocked the street completely. Me and two other guys came out and picked it up with our skid loader and just carried it down to the brush pile. We took care of it in probably less than 30 minutes. So...”

Training: Superintendent Dauber, “John Hegg and Kasey Holveck, I sent them to Pittsburg for a Gravel Road Maintenance class through LTAP (Local Technical Assistance Program) on April 7th.”

Department Assist: Superintendent Dauber, “We assisted the Electric Department with their outage on Friday, the 10th. We set up barricades, first off, then, like Alan (Superintendent Schneider) said, we split crews and helped them back out the holes for their new poles, and tried the best we could to just stay out of

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the way, but get as much done and help them as we could.” Superintendent Schneider, “You did a great job.”

Stop Sign: Superintendent Dauber, “We installed the new stop signs at 14th and Cumberland that we made the resolution for at the last council meeting (*On 4/1/2026, Resolution 2026-01, Establishing Traffic-Control Devices Pursuant to § 14-201 of the City Code and Adopting an Appendix Identifying Such Devices and Repealing Resolution 2025-05, was adopted.*)”

Citywide Trash Cleanup: Superintendent Dauber, “We did trash cleanup at the beginning of this week. We finished early Tuesday morning. It was a pretty decent trash cleanup this year. It wasn’t terribly messy, even with all of the rain. We ended up picking up just over 16.5 tons of solid waste and 1,880 pounds of metal that we picked up at the beginning of this week. And that’s all we’ve been doing on that side of things.”

Cross Street Repair Quote: Mayor Luke, “Alright. You want to talk about the quotes?” Superintendent Dauber, “Yes. So, a month or so ago, I was approached by Scot Jeffers at the rec center (Burlington Recreation Center). There is a crosswalk there at Shea and Cross Street that does not have a sidewalk ramp or a wheelchair ramp; it just ends at the curb. We were getting ready to do some work there with the replacement of the tubes and things that went across Cross Street for the preparation of having Cross Street redone this summer. I told Scot I’d do some talking. The sidewalk that leads to is not a very good sidewalk. It’s not ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant. It is a path to school; it leads right to the crosswalk that goes over to the middle school (Burlington Middle School), where the stoplights are. I talked to my guys about replacing all of that concrete-wise: adding the wheelchair ramp or the crosswalk ramp, doing some curb work, and replacing the sidewalk all the way to the stoplight. With conversation, we decided that it’s too big of a job for us to tackle. That’s quite a bit of concrete work for just about four of us. So, I got a hold of Jerame (Huginin) with Burlington Construction. He came down and looked at it, and gave us a quote for \$14,625.00 to do a little bit of curb work right there and the sidewalk. It would all be ADA-compliant all the way to the stoplight that goes across to Cross Street, and there’s a little bit of work right there also. He’s going to try to do it in conjunction with Killough Construction when they’re doing all of that (*referring to the 2026 Street Improvement Project*). That’s kind of where I’m at; I’d like to see it all done at one time. As we’re doing Cross Street, we can get this fixed up nicely at the same time. If you have any questions, I’m open to them.”

Council Member Curtiss, “So, that’ll be done after school (gets out)?” Superintendent Dauber, “Yes.” Council Member Curtiss, “Okay.” Superintendent Dauber, “Should be, and I’ll talk to Jerame (Huginin) some more about it, timeline-wise—when he will get to it.” Council Member Curtiss, “Okay.”

Council Member Van Horn, “And we have budgeted for that?” Superintendent Dauber, “I believe so, yes.” City Clerk Brown, “We had set a higher budget for the street repairs for this year; they came in much lower, so we have more than enough money to cover that.” Council Member Curtiss, “Good.”

Council Member Van Horn, “I move to accept the quote from Burlington Construction Inc. to repair curb, gutter, and sidewalk on Cross Street with the addition of an ADA ramp.” Council Member Curtiss, “I second the motion.” Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Luke called for a vote. Motion unanimously carried, 6:0.

Superintendent Dauber, “Thank you.” Mayor Luke, “Anything else, Kyle (Superintendent Dauber)?” Superintendent Dauber, “That’s all I have.”

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POLICE DEPARTMENT: Update

Thank you's: Chief Roney, "First, I want to give thanks to the Electric, Water, and Street Department and Kevin (Superintendent Boyce). When the outage happened, it affected quite a little bit down there by the Police Department; we didn't have any power. The parks were out of power; I reached out to Kevin and talked to him about that. I called Kyle (Superintendent Dauber) about shutting down the streets for the Electric Department, so they could keep people from driving down there. Those guys worked their tails off. I got to thinking about it after a little bit, and I saw Danny (Superintendent Hawkins) drive by, and I thought, 'Oh, I've got a sump pump that's filling up with water and no generator.' So, Danny brought a truck down and some guys down; they were able to get power down to the sump pump and got that taken care of, so we wouldn't flood our basement. So, a big thanks to these guys. These guys work well together; I'm very proud of these guys."

Personnel – Daniel Gessling Resignation: Chief Roney, "Daniel Gessling, our new officer, resigned Friday, April 3rd. He came to me early that morning and just said it wasn't for him, and so I accepted his resignation. So, right now, we're without an officer there."

Activities/Cases: Chief Roney, "Officers have been working on more scam calls, citizen assist calls, traffic stops, VIN inspections, walk-in calls, lockouts, dog calls (dog at large calls)."

Stolen Vehicle: Chief Roney, "The day of the outage, as they were wrapping up, we were dealing with a stolen car in town. We ended up recovering the car and made an arrest out of that."

Gunfire: Chief Roney, "We got called to a residence for somebody shooting a gun off. We made contact; we did arrest that subject, processed, and released."

Car Chase: Chief Roney, "Yesterday morning, I believe it was, at 3:00 a.m., we got called. Officers were assisting the county with a subject who was unruly; it turned into a car chase. It ended up at 22nd and 75 (Highway). I went up, he bailed, went through a farmer's field, and caused a lot of damage. Once he bailed out, we ended up setting up a perimeter. We ended up catching the gentleman later."

Assault Case: Chief Roney, "We've got a sexual assault/rape case that came in that's being worked."

Funeral Assist: Chief Roney, "Then today, a couple of us went up to Lawrence to assist the Highway Patrol and the Lawrence PD (Police Department). They had an officer pass away, and his funeral was today. So, we went up and assisted with traffic control as they drove from one side of Lawrence to the other to lay this officer down."

Training: Chief Roney, "This year is my recertification year for the CVSA, the Computerized Voice Stress Analyzer. The class is in the same place that it was for me two years ago in Platte County, Missouri, which is right by MCI Airport. The County Attorney's office said that he would sponsor the payment for the training if we covered the lodging and the food." Mayor Luke, "So, you're on a diet?" Chief Roney, "Absolutely. And this is the closest training that comes to this area. I mean, they have one in Miami, Florida; I'd be happy to go if that's where you want to send me." Council Member Van Horn, "But not in the summer?" Chief Roney, "I don't care, anytime." Mayor Luke, "When is it?" Chief Roney, "It's going to be December 8th-10th, is when this class is. And I've got until December 31st to get my recertification done." Council Member Van Horn, "That makes Florida sound a lot better when you're talking about December." Chief Roney, "So, since it is across state lines, it is up to the council to approve me attending this training."

Properties/Nuisance Vehicles: Chief Roney, "Nuisance properties: This week is trash cleanup week. Officers have been busy prior to this, handing out letters and flyers, hoping that people will utilize the opportunity for someone else to pick up their trash. Next week, the officers will be following up with our list, making contact, and handling things appropriately. We've handed out a lot of letters. We've had a lot of people actually clean up stuff. We've actually had quite a bit of good response out of this. Some of them

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still have a ways to go; some of them came out yelling and screaming. I've gotten phone calls at 10 o'clock at night, being yelled at, but they are working on it." Council Member Van Horn, "Good job." Chief Roney, "That's all I have."

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Personnel- Advertise to Hire

Council Member Curtiss, "I move to authorize Chief Roney to advertise for the Police Officer position until filled." Council Member Berryman, "I second the motion." Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Luke called for a vote. Motion unanimously carried, 6:0.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Training

City Clerk Brown, "Were you going to say something about the out-of-state thing?" Mayor Luke, "Yeah. At this time, I would accept a motion to authorize Chief Roney to travel to Platte County, Missouri, for a special training which is outside of the state of Kansas."

Council Member Curtiss, "I move to authorize Chief Roney to travel to Platte County, Missouri, for special training which is outside of the state of Kansas." Council Member Strawder, "I second the motion." Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Luke called for a vote. Motion unanimously carried, 6:0.

Chief Roney, "And I'm sorry I surprised that on you. I got a phone call the other day from the company, and they're like, 'Hey, this class is filling up', knowing that we try to stay close, and so that's why I want to get this done, so that I can get enrolled."

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

PARKS DEPARTMENT: Update

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

Mowing: Superintendent Boyce, "A lot of our time in the last week has been mowing and spraying weeds and grass in gravel areas."

Citywide Trash Cleanup: Superintendent Boyce, "We had one employee help with the citywide cleanup."

Antique Tractor Pull: Superintendent Boyce, "And today I was contacted about possibly hosting the Antique Tractor Pull at Kelley Park. It used to happen at Lebo, but where it happened there, I think the city owned the ground, and they sold the ground. So, they're looking for a new place in the area to have it. They didn't have any dates or anything; they were just checking to see if it's a possibility. So, I told them what they needed to do, and yes, it's a possibility. So, they'll discuss it more through them and get back with me, and we'll set up a council meeting for them to be present."

Kansas Coon Hunters Association: Superintendent Boyce, "April 3rd, I was contacted by the Kansas Coon Hunters Association, and they're looking at having their 2027 annual meeting at Kelley Park or at Council Grove. That'll be in October of 2027, so just a heads up on those two things. Both of them will be getting back with me on it. The Coon Hunters Association did come and look at the park, Kelley Hall, and the 4-H building. So, that's all I have."

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QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

FINANCE: Claims Ordinance & Payroll Ordinance

a. Claims Ordinance	2026-08	\$	<u>380,106.19</u>
b. Payroll Ordinance	2026-08	\$	<u>115,281.86</u>
	TOTAL	\$	<u>495,388.05</u>

CLAIMS 2026-08: *Council Member Curtiss moved to approve City of Burlington Claims Ordinance 2026-08 for the amount of \$380,106.19. Council Member Strawder gave the second.* Mayor Luke, “Anne (City Clerk Brown), do you have some highlights?” City Clerk Brown, “We have BG Consultants for \$9,988.74, Brenntag Southwest LLC for \$24,132.25, Dave’s Pumping, LLC for \$15,245.50, Eagle Creek Quarry for \$3,435.88, Kansas Power Pool for \$166,734.64, and Moridge Mfg. Inc. for \$12,936.40.”

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Luke instructed City Clerk Brown to poll Council for a vote. *Mayor Luke declared, “Claims Ordinance 2026-08 passed unanimously, 6:0.”*

PAYROLL 2026-08: *Council Member Curtiss moved to approve City of Burlington Payroll Ordinance 2026-08 in the amount of \$115,281.86.” 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 2026-08 passed unanimously, 6:0.”*

PLANNING & ZONING: Update

General: City Clerk Brown, “I have Jimmy’s (Zoning Clerk Hugunin), he’s gone to training this week, so normal duties.”

Vehicle Maintenance: City Clerk Brown, “He has had the city vehicles serviced.”

Quotes for HVAC: City Clerk Brown, “He is working on quotes for the HVAC system. He’s hoping to have those for the next meeting.”

Nuisance Grass/Weeds Update: City Clerk Brown, “And he says, ‘Grass, grass, grass!’ Yards are getting tall, but not many people are able to mow their yards because of all of the rain right now. So, he’s hoping it will dry up, and they’ll be able to get to it next week.”

Arbor Day: City Clerk Brown, “They have set Arbor Day for May 13th at 5:30 p.m. at Kelley Park.”

City Webpage Updates: City Clerk Brown, “And all of the ADA compliance on the website (City of Burlington website) is done. And that’s all he had.”

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

Council Member Curtiss, “Arbor Day was at Kelley Park?” City Clerk Brown, “Kelley Park at 5:30 p.m..... May the 13th.” Council Member Curtiss, “Got that.”

OTHER COMMITTEE OR COUNCIL BUSINESS:

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RESOLUTION 2026-03

Mayor Luke, “Philip (City Attorney Wright), do you have anything on those?” City Attorney Wright, “So, the Resolution 2026-03 involves a parcel of real estate that we sold quite some time ago to Burlington real estate investors, and we were contacted because apparently the deed that was executed, and all of the property that we sold them, I worked with them quite a bit on this to review it to make sure that everything is legitimate. So, basically, all Resolution 2026-03 does is to authorize the mayor to sign a deed that corrects the legal description to that piece of real estate.” Mayor Luke, “Okay.”

Council Member Curtiss, “I move to adopt Resolution 2026-03, A Resolution of the City of Burlington, Kansas, Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Special Warranty Deed of Correction.” Council Member Shove, “I second the motion.”

Mayor Luke, “I think this was before any of our times...even mine.”

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

Mayor Luke, “We’ll get that signed and get that taken care of.”

RESOLUTION 2026-02

City Attorney Wright, “Resolution 2026-02 is so that we can add another street sign. I think someone brought that up, maybe, at the last city council meeting.” City Clerk Brown, “Yeah, Maxi (Council Member Berryman) brought it up.” City Attorney Wright, “Maxi brought it up? Okay, yep.” Council Member Curtiss, “Yeah.” City Attorney Wright, “Okay. That’s what that one does.” City Clerk Brown, “Go ahead.”

Council Member Curtiss, “I move to adopt Resolution 2026-02, Establishing Traffic-Control Devices Pursuant to § 14-201 of the City Code and Adopting an Appendix Identifying Such Devices and Repealing Resolution 2026-01.” Council Member Shove, “I second the motion.” Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Luke called for a vote. Motion unanimously carried, 6:0.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT: Update

General: City Attorney Wright, “Just normal duties for me. Last week at court (Municipal Court), we had quite the showing there with lots of people, so I hope it was worth the entertainment value. It was successful. I just want to thank everybody: Chief (Roney), Becky (Executive Police Administrative Assistant Petterson), and Lisa (Municipal Court Clerk Birney). They all make that run very smoothly. Judge (Judge James Campbell) makes my job super easy. So anyway, that’s all I have.”

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

Council Member Van Horn, “Part of the entertainment was the judge thinking I was there to see him.” City Attorney Wright, “That was pretty funny...because you look like a criminal.”

CITY CLERK: Update

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

Thank you’s: City Clerk Brown, “I would like to thank Danny (Superintendent Hawkins) for getting one of the toilets in the women’s restroom fixed. Not that we don’t have enough in here, but it’s nice to have that one repaired, so thank you, Danny.”

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Training: City Clerk Brown, “Lisa (Municipal Court Clerk Birney) attended a KBI (Kansas Bureau of Investigation) Disposition Conference on April 8th. I think that was very beneficial for her. She just did it through Zoom, but I think she learned some good information from it. And this is the first time they’ve offered it to the court clerks, and she said they’d be offering more classes, so I’m excited about that for her. Jimmy (Zoning Clerk Hugunin) is at KACE (Kansas Association of Code Enforcement) training this week.”

Reports: City Clerk Brown, “You have the first quarter financials. You also have the utility and sales tax revenue reports.”

Budget 2027: City Clerk Brown, “And next month I will start working with the superintendents on line items in preparation for the 2027 budget.”

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

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

REPORT BY CITY OFFICERS:

MAYOR’S COMMENTS: Executive Session

Mayor Luke, “At this time, I would accept a motion to enter into a 15-minute executive session per K.S.A. 75-4319(b)6 for discussions on the potential acquisition of real estate with the Governing Body, Mayor Luke, City Clerk Brown, and Superintendent Hawkins.”

Council Member Strawder, “I make a motion to enter a 15-minute Executive Session per K.S.A. 75-4319(b)6 for discussion on the potential acquisition of real estate with the Governing Body, Mayor Luke, City Clerk Brown, and Superintendent Hawkins.” Council Member Curtiss, “I second the motion.”

Mayor Luke called for a vote. Motion unanimously carried, 6:0.

Entered at 6:50 p.m. and exited at 7:05 p.m.

Action Taken: None

Mayor Luke declared the meeting adjourned.

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