BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION 6-17-2026

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, June 17, 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: Carla Hoch, Bill Cole, Paul Abendroth, and Jay Hale

Mayor Luke, "We have a few visitors with us tonight. We're glad to have you."

AGENDA: Mayor Luke, "Our agenda this evening, the only thing that I have to add to it is under finance: Claims Ordinance #2026-12, $379,129.91, and Payroll Ordinance #2026-13, $121,947.62, for a total of $501,077.53. Are there any other additions to the agenda? Hearing none, I would accept a motion to approve the agenda as amended."

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

MINUTES 6/3/2026: Mayor Luke, "You have before you the draft minutes of our regular session of June 3, 2026. Are there any additions or corrections to those draft minutes?" Council Member Curtiss, "No, sir."

Council Member Curtiss, "I move to approve the draft minutes of June 3, 2026, as presented." Council Member Shove, "I second the motion." **Motion carried, 6:0.**

APPOINTMENT – Carla Hoch – Coffey County Cancer Support Group - Donation

Mayor Luke, "So, we'll go into appointments. Carla." Carla Hoch, "I'm sure you all remember me. My name is Carla Hoch. I'm here on behalf of the Coffey County Cancer Support Group. I'm getting ready for our 12th annual golf tournament, which is going to be held August 14th and 15th at the Rock Creek Country Club. As part of that, we go around and get donations from local businesses in Coffey County. And so, I'm here for a donation.

"If you want to know more about the golf tournament, I do have some handouts here. We have openings for teams if any of you want to get a team together and play. We also are selling tribute signs. If you open your little brochure I gave you, there's a form to fill out in there if you're interested in that. If you need more forms, let me know. This brochure that I gave you talks about our group, our mission, and what we do. And then on the very back, it has a picture of the tribute walk where we post the tribute signs at the golf

tournament. It's a very moving experience; I've had people tell me. So, does anybody have any questions for me?" Council Member Curtiss, "She's going to make me cry." Carla Hoch, "No. Okay, well, thank you for your time." Mayor Luke, "What is the Governing Body's pleasure?"

Council Member Strawder, "I move to donate $500.00 to the Coffey County Cancer Support Group." Council Member Van Horn, "I second." **Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Luke called for a vote. Motion unanimously carried 6:0.**

Council Member Curtiss, "Thank you very much." Carla Hoch, "Thank you. Thank you to everybody. I can't do it without you. And as you know—well, I didn't go into my speech, but it's in the brochure. We have given out, in 2025, over $114,000. So, I kind of got short with my speech, but… Thank you." Mayor Luke, "Thank you."

APPOINTMENT – Bill Cole – Block Street

Mayor Luke, "Bill." Bill Cole, "Just looking for permission to close down Merrimac between 10th and 11th (street) on July 4th." Mayor Luke, "That is for fireworks, and--?" Bill Cole, "Yes."

Council Member Curtiss, "I move to approve Bill Cole's request to block Merrimac Street between 10th and 11th Street on Saturday, July 4, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to midnight." Council Member Mays, "I second the motion."

Mayor Luke, "Are you going to need City barriers?" Bill Cole, "If possible." Superintendent Dauber, "I'll get them over there." Mayor Luke, "I mean, that's right in his backyard." Superintendent Dauber, "He can come to the shop and get them." Mayor Luke, "Yeah." Superintendent Dauber, "No, that's fine." Mayor Luke, "Okay. Mayor Luke, "Any other discussion?"

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

Bill Cole, "Thank you very much. I appreciate it." Council Member Curtiss, "You're welcome." Superintendent Schneider, "Hey, feel free to stay." Mayor Luke, "You don't have to leave." Bill Cole, "Thank you."

APPOINTMENT – Amy Robertson – Rural Champions Grant for Coffey County Trails

Mayor Luke, "Amy!" Amy Robertson, "Yes! Hi, good evening. Thank you for having me. I did prepare a small kind of presentation, and I apologize, I should have sent it to you in advance, and I only printed enough, I think, for the council members and for you (Mayor Luke). I'm sorry. I wasn't expecting so many people. But I can give you my copies." Council Member Mays, "We can share." Amy Robertson, "Thank you." Council Member Curtiss, "Oh, thank you." Amy Robertson, "I do have one extra. Do you (City Clerk Brown) want it for the minutes?

"Alright. So, thanks for your time. I just wanted to come and briefly introduce myself and kind of introduce the Rural Champions Program. You may have seen it covered in the newspaper a month or so ago. But the Rural Champions Program is a grant that we won recently through the Kansas Department of Commerce, the Office of Rural Prosperity. And kind of the driver behind that grant program was that the Department of Commerce recognized that there were a lot of rural communities across Kansas that had projects that they really wanted to pursue, but they didn't have the resource capacity to pursue them. And so, this grant allows them to find a volunteer and then pay that person part-time to be able to focus on a specific project. So, Jenny Tatman, Director of Economic Development, she submitted the application for the grant. We were one of nine communities in the state of Kansas out of hundreds of applications to have won the grant. It is a 12-month term, and then at the end of the 12 months, we get an additional $33,000 for implementation of our project to put towards that. So, I volunteered. Jenny (Tatman) came to me and asked

me if I would be interested in doing this, and I thought it sounded like a really great project and really adds a lot of value to the county, so I volunteered to do it.

"So, a little bit about myself. I am from Burlington, graduated from Burlington, class of 1997. I am a boomerang; so, I did move away to Kansas City for about 15 years, and I came back to Coffey County because I just missed the small-town community. My career background is as a product management executive in software development, so I'm definitely not a trail builder, but a lot of what I did for a living was, you know, understand market dynamics; understand customer problems; or in this case, community problems or needs; be able to build out a multi-year, multi-phase roadmap that adds incremental value; do feasibility studies; and manage projects to a very strict budget. So, I think a lot of skills that can be applied really nicely to this trail development project. I also did an 18-month study in sustainable agriculture because it's just an area that I'm passionate about, and I would love to be able to apply that to this project as well. And I'm also on the Coffey County Tourism Board. So, that's a little bit about myself. I did kind of semi-retire from the corporate life, and so that's why I have the time to really dedicate to this project.

"In terms of where we are for, you know, this trail plan, I'm not coming into this and starting from scratch. A lot of work has already been done. So, many of you may be familiar already, back in 2021, the county hired a firm to put together this capital improvement plan. As part of that, the firm went out and talked to every community in the county, you know, got feedback from them about what was important to them and what they would like to see the County focus on. Two of the things that came up as high priorities were the stormwater flooding concerns and then also trails. And so, there were two additional plans that were created in 2022, a stormwater study and a countywide trails plan. And the trails plan was very heavily influenced by the stormwater study.

"So, that's where I'm picking up, and I'm starting with kind of getting out to all of the communities, talking to all of the city councils, I've talked to the county commission. I'm getting ready to send out a countywide survey to all of the residents in the county, kind of, you know, going over what they'd like to see in a trail plan, what their recreation habits look like today, and that sort of thing. And then I'll take all of that information, kind of synthesize that data, and then go back to the original 2022 trail plan and see what still resonates and what needs to change and be modified.

"Also, in these 12 months, I plan to look at funding. So, I'll be doing a lot of grant research and putting in for grants. My goal is to get as much as possible funded through grants. And then, I'll put together at the end of the 12 months a plan that I can come back to all of the communities and say, 'Based on all of the feedback from you, from the community members, this is what we think a realistic trail plan looks like, here's how we would fund it,' and so on. So, I would love to exit those 12 months with a plan that's ready to, you know, dig in the dirt and start building. I did outline kind of a straw man, you know, I put together a straw man, of what I think that 12-month plan could look like. You'll see each survey I'm planning to send out in July. You know, after the survey results come back, I'd like to set up some community forums, like town hall-type sessions, where the community can come in and provide feedback, and help maybe prioritize some things. I'll be looking at, again, the funding strategy in the fall, and then coming up with that final revised plan in the spring.

"Down on the bottom, you'll see in yellow there, that is the outline given to us by BG Consultants. We actually won a $2.6 million RAISE grant, the County did, for developing this trail plan. And that actually, we won that before the Rural Champions Program was even awarded; we just haven't received it yet. And so, this plan is a little bit tentative because it depends on when the state decides to cut the check, but they will be helping us with this activity as well. So that is really kind of the overview of what we'll be working on for the next 12 months.

"There, on the very last slide, there are two, kind of, key decisions that I'm looking for the city council to kind of provide direction on. I don't need that today. We can wait until, you know, we get survey results back and everything, but I would like to introduce them to you today. The first one is going back to that

2022 trail plan. It was leveraging the stormwater plan, which included constructing a stormwater retention lake on the west side of Burlington. It was a pretty big undertaking. There were also, you know, plans, north of Leroy and south of Waverly, for stormwater retention lakes as well. I have been to those communities as well, and kind of looking for, is that something that the community is interested in pursuing at this time? Because if it's not, then I will focus my energy on revising that plan to not factor that in, because that's a significant amount of money and not part of my scope; mine is just the trails. So that's one kind of decision that I think I'd be looking for guidance on.

"And then the second is, you know, what level of investment would the City be willing to contribute to the trails initiative? So, you could say, 'Hey, we're not really looking to contribute anything at this time,' and then my focus will be purely on grants that do not require any kind of a match. If you say, 'Hey, we could potentially, if you find some grants and you can win those grants'—and they do require, usually it's like somewhere in the 10 to 20 percent range of a match, you know, are you willing to look at those types of grants, or should I exclude those? So those are the two, kind of, key decisions that will help me know what direction to go. Like I said, I don't need to know that today, but that's something that I would have to come back in the future and discuss more. And that's all I have. Any questions that I can answer?"

Council Member Curtiss, "I have a comment." Amy Robertson, "Yeah?" Council Member Curtiss, "I was on that committee, and the retention lake was never brought up by us." Amy Robertson, "Okay." Council Member Curtiss, "It was brought up by the consultants that we were working with. It was not anything that we had discussed." Amy Robertson, "I'm kind of getting that from some of the other communities as well." Council Member Curtiss, "Yes. Yes." Amy Robertson, "That, you know, of course, the engineers—they'll go with it—" Council Member Curtiss, "Right, but I just wanted you to be aware of." Amy Robertson, "Yes, thank you. I appreciate it." Council Member Curtiss, "That it was not something that we proposed." Amy Robertson, "I had a feeling." Council Member Curtiss, "Okay."

Mayor Luke, "Do you have access to what they found when they were looking at putting the lake in and the property and etcetera that they were looking at?" Amy Robertson, "As far as I have heard, they never made it past the 'Hey, you could do this…' So, it never got into conversations with property owners or anything like that. It was just like a big vision that they had." Mayor Luke, "Well, there are some issues that need to be addressed with respect to the quality of the land they were proposing to put it on." Amy Robertson, "Okay. Yeah." Mayor Luke, "And I would assume they would have that somewhere." Amy Robertson, "Probably. Jimmy probably has that somewhere.

"But yeah, I haven't gotten the sense that there's an appetite for pursuing that, at this time at least. So, if that sounds like, kind of a decision I could run with, then I will focus on looking at—" Council Member Curtiss, "Well, I don't know, but I just wanted you to know that it was something that we did not propose." Amy Robertson, "Gotcha."

Council Member Strawder, "So, with the stormwater plan, did it indicate, kind of, the benefits of such retention? Would it affect the City or flooding or anything like that?" Amy Robertson, "It did. I have heard that there's a little bit of skepticism about whether it would address what they said it would address." Council Member Strawder, "Okay." Amy Robertson, "But I have not dug into that specific part of it because that wasn't really the scope of my role." Council Member Strawder, "Yeah."

Amy Robertson, "Yeah, but I'm suspecting that I will probably need to take a look at what the trail plan looked like and revise it to not be going out around the hypothetical lake." Council Member Curtiss, "Yes. I think so. They had us going all the way out there." Amy Robertson, "Yeah." Council Member Curtiss, "And at one time they even said, 'Well, we can build a whole community out here around this lake.'" Council Member Strawder, "Yeah." Council Member Mays, "Are these available somewhere to look at? Are they—?" Amy Robertson, "I don't know if they're posted anywhere, but we can certainly send them to you." Council Member Mays, "Okay."

Council Member Strawder, "Where I was going with that was, I definitely think, I mean, if the stormwater study, if the lake was more for a recreation purpose and stuff, yeah, I would say separate it out. But if it was and would have a positive effect on, you know, either floodplain area or flooding control, I think there's an aspect to it, but it might be a different aspect than what we're looking at in this instance." Council Member Curtiss, "It was recreational more than anything." Amy Robertson, "That was a selling point for sure." Council Member Strawder, "Okay." Council Member Curtiss, "Yep. Yep." Amy Robertson, "And there's definitely more in the stormwater report than just that lake. Like, there were culverts and, you know, all that kind of stuff too." Council Member Strawder, "Okay." Amy Robertson, "But yeah, the lake was a very large vision.

"Awesome." Mayor Luke, "Alright." Amy Robertson, "Great. Thank you." Council Member Curtiss, "Thank you."

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Luke, "We'll go to public comments. Anybody?" Jay Hale, "I'll just give you a heads up that I had a Ministerial Alliance meeting this morning, and the plan is to go ahead with our July 4th worship service, a kind of community service. And I wanted to personally invite each of you because I know some of you need it…. No, what I'm saying is you're all invited." Mayor Luke, "Chief (Roney), do you want to—?"

Jay Hale, "No, you're invited. The plan is to go at 4:30 in the afternoon. We'll have someone leading songs, and one called Red, White, and Blue songs, so it'll have a patriotic theme. And we'll have a preacher and singing, and so, you're invited to be a part of that at 4:30 at Kelley Park.

"If the group from Branson, from Missouri, is already set up, then we'll not interfere with any of their stuff. If they're not set up, we might just use that trailer. We'll have our own sound system and stuff, but we'll be flexible for that part." Mayor Luke, "I doubt if they'll be set up at that time." Jay Hale, "Okay." Mayor Luke, "I can find out."

Jay Hale, "But we're not really asking for anything from the City, I'm just letting you know what's going on." Council Member Curtiss, "Thank you." Mayor Luke, "We'll just have Alan (Superintendent Schneider) make sure that all of the outlets out of that substation there, or transformer, are energized." Jay Hale, "Okay." Mayor Luke, "Because a lot of times we don't keep it that way." Jay Hale, "Yeah, last year, we used the gazebo, and that worked well." Mayor Luke, "Right."

Council Member Shove, "And what were the times on the 4th?" Jay Hale, "4:30 on July on the 4th." Mayor Luke, "The rest of the stuff doesn't start until 7:30 p.m., so you've got a couple of hours in there. Okay. Anything else? Okay, let's go to departmental reports."

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT: Distribution Update

General: Superintendent Schneider, "Okay. So, the line crew, everything's just pretty much normal routine."

Line Maintenance: Superintendent Schneider, "They're doing some line maintenance."

Tree Trimming: Superintendent Schneider, "They have been trimming quite a few trees in the right-of-ways of our electric lines."

Line Locates: Superintendent Schneider, "There are still plenty of line locates. I don't know, these people must—they'll call in locates, and we've marked some places off a dozen times already. It's just, I

think they're just doing a blanket locate, and when they get to it, they get to it. And if they don't get to it, they call it in again. So, we're doing a bunch of repeats on that. So, we've had, here, the last year or so, we've had more than normal because of those reasons. That's pretty much all we've got on distribution."

General: Superintendent Schneider, "Like I said, everything's just pretty much normal daily routine."

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT: Production Update

Generator Maintenance: Superintendent Schneider, "The men at the power plant, they're still doing their generator maintenance. I know they did some maintenance with our DC power supply that we do monthly in three of our locations: the power plant, breaker stations, and our industrial substation. The DC power is what operates our switchgear. So, we keep really close monitoring on that to make sure that all works as it should, should we have a problem."

Storm Outage: Superintendent Schneider, "I want to address our outage just a little bit, and if I miss something, forgive me. Please feel free to come see me; I'm happy to answer any questions. Before the power plant crew even got there, I don't know exactly what all happened. I know that we had several poles down east from our transmission provider, and they did a fantastic job. When they come to town, they come to town in full force. They had so many men out there, not everybody could have touched something. I mean, they just shipped them in, fixed it, and boom. Early—sixish maybe Sunday evening?" Mayor Luke, "Yeah, 6:30 or so." Superintendent Schneider, "They were able to put us back on transmission service coming in through the 69 kV, and the men at the power plant were able to shut down the generators.

"Like I said, we had some issues at the power plant before the crew even showed up. We had a contactor burn up on one of the generators for our reserve pump. We had to put a brand-new controller in at 4th and Cross for the stoplights; they did that yesterday. I'm drawing a blank. I'm sorry I didn't write it down. We had something else in the power plant that needs attention.

"We've got Mid-States coming in. I don't have an exact time frame. They will help us with that contactor, and we're going to have our black start generator checked out as well. It started and ran, and it went online, but I'm not sure that—I don't think it functioned as it should. So, we have all of our generators; they're tied together through the computer system. So, voltage and frequency, whichever generator starts first, I guess you could say, is the boss of the rest of them, and it manages our frequency and our voltage. The newest generator that we installed is not tied to that. I've already talked to Mid-States to see what it's going to take to tie that in, so we don't have our original set of generators and our new generator fighting for control over frequency and voltage.

"I was not here this weekend, but I was on the phone there the whole time. I think what happened was, I think #7, our newest generator, and our CAT, they were fighting for control, and the boys were having quite the time trying to get them to work together. I know there were some issues off and on through the day. We don't ever want that. We do our best to provide uninterrupted power. It's just that things happen. So, we're working on those issues right now.

"We have talked to Mid-States. I've got two new resources that we're going to possibly start doing some work with that do the same thing that Mid-States does. Both Mid-States and one of the other companies I

talked to, not knowing what conversations were, because Denny (Electric Plant Operator Noonan) did not say, 'Well, so-and-so said do this.' They were both giving Denny the exact same advice.

"So, what we ended up doing that finally got us stabilized, you have to have our black start generator, the Caterpillar, you have to have that running to provide plant power, which takes care of our lighting and our air compressors, our circulation pumps. Because if the circulation pumps aren't running, the controls for the generators will not allow them to start; it's a safety feature. So, basically, what they did was get the 12-cylinder Cooper that's in the old plant, they got it up and running, and then they shut the CAT down. Once they did that, they were able to get the newest generator that we just installed—they were able to get those two to work together, and that's what finally provided power. Some of that, like I said, there are some unknowns in all of this, and I could be telling you something wrong, but I think I'm pretty close. We got the 12-cylinder and the 16-cylinder, the newest engine; we got them—the men at the plant; they got those two up and going, they got them tied together, and they worked perfectly together, and we were able to keep the lights on at that point.

"So, I'm going to tread lightly here. There's so much false information going around about what happened that nobody knows about. So, I'm going to say we do not have a gas turbine generator, which somebody suggested, 'Why don't we just do that and get our stuff going?' And the other thing is, we generate our generators every month, every single one of them. We generate them every month, and we ensure their operability. Now, when we do that, we're tied to the grid with the transmission line coming in. So, basically, the voltage and the frequency are dominated by the power coming in. In a black start situation, without our plant having reference to what it needs to do, we're counting on our control panels, and that's where one system fought the other, at the power plant, between the CAT and the other generator.

"I'm just going to say this—and I'm not in favor of this at all—but the only way to ensure some of the delays that were had with power on Sunday don't happen is we kill the whole town, and we go through the black start setup, which means people are out of power while we're doing it. But that's one unknown. You don't know what's going to flop until you get put in that situation. So, the guys are good operators, but things just didn't go as they should have. They learned some things along the way, what to do or not to do the next time.

"And I've already talked to Mid-States—and maybe I've already said this, so if I'm repeating myself, I apologize. Mid-States is going to come down. We are going to investigate what it takes to get that newest generator tied into the other generators, and that way, they all know exactly what the other one is doing. Right now, like I said, it's just independent. We got, basically, two independent systems in the power plant. Not only is it hard to fight that, but it was also a new situation for the plant operators. They got it figured out, but they had a few issues on that, and we've had those discussions on what we need to do in the future and things we need to think about. And I guess that's about all I've got. If I can answer any questions, I'm happy to. I believe we've got it under control, but it doesn't help what happened Sunday."

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

Mayor Luke, "Any questions for Alan (Superintendent Schneider)?" Council Member Strawder, "So, I mean, I mentioned before, and I just mean, kudos on all the staff that did show up."

Superintendent Schneider, "Yeah, they worked really hard. And thank you for bringing that up. We had one power plant operator, who's not even in the state, on vacation. We had one of the linemen who was out of town for ball tournaments with his family over the weekend. So, four linemen and two power plant operators were over that whole time. The linemen were basically assisting where they could at the power plant and checking in on our system. They wanted to verify that something on our system wasn't causing the issues at the power plant that the men were having. So, everybody was there, and I was thankful they were there. So, they all worked really hard."

Council Member Strawder, "It sounded like, I mean, they showed up at 9 o'clock, or whatever time the power went out." Superintendent Schneider, "Yeah." Council Member Curtiss, "Right." Council Member Strawder, "And they worked until it was done." Superintendent Schneider, "Denny (Electric Plant Operator Noonan) was the first one there after he got called, and he did not leave until we tied back into our transmission line coming into town. He was there the whole time. He was extremely tired, but they did a good job." Council Member Curtiss, "Yeah, I agree completely."

Council Member Van Horn, "The only thing that I heard from people besides the complainers on Facebook—which there is going to be some—was that they were not happy that they didn't get more information from the City. That was the only thing that I heard negative in-person from anybody."

Superintendent Schneider, "Now, I talked to Anne (City Clerk Brown) that morning, I mean, the sun was up, I mean, it was mid-morning. Anne and I had a conversation, and we talked about a few things, and she—You (City Clerk Brown) posted a couple updates, if I remember right, Anne?" City Clerk Brown, "I posted the water one first, and then later I got information from you (Superintendent Schneider), but I didn't have information before that. And I understand their frustration with that."

Superintendent Schneider, "And, you know, I get busy trying to figure out the problem, and a lot of times, even if Stan (Mayor Luke) calls, I might not answer right away. I mean, I'm too busy trying to get us out of whatever scenario that we're in, and I don't think about the public notices, I guess. That's not on my mind at the time, but Anne straightened me out with that. We had some visitations on that, so she was very helpful as well."

Council Member Mays, "And, I mean, updates have to come from your plant, and I'm not blaming you with that, but I do think our communication was atrocious. I mean, we've got to figure out something. Even like us as members, like you said, we had no information either." Council Member Curtiss, "Right." Council Member Mays, "We're getting phone calls from people, you know, and if you don't get ahead of it and put it out there, you know, some kind of update, then you're going to get all of the false stuff going on there." Superintendent Schneider, "Yeah. No, I agree." Council Member Mays, "So, we have got to do something different with that. And you know, I'm not blaming you—it was almost 12 hours before the water update came, saying that we were without power. We didn't have an update for 12 hours, and that can't happen again." Council Member Berryman, "Even to say, 'This is what we have, we're not certain, and we don't have a time—'" Council Member Mays, "Exactly." Council Member Curtiss, "…but we're working on it." Council Member Berryman, "…we don't have a time, but we're working on it.' Because that was the biggest thing."

City Clerk Brown, "And I thought about that after the fact, too, because I was like, I guess I could have just put on there that the guys are working on it, I have no information at this time, and we don't have a

time frame for it." Council Member Mays, "Yep, 100%." Council Member Van Horn, "I think it was the time, more than anything else. That people would have been happier to hear, 'We don't have any idea, hold on, it's going to be a while.' Rather than just radio silence." Council Member Mays, "Agreed." Council Member Van Horn, "Live and learn, right?"

Superintendent Schneider, "Yeah, and again, I'm just as guilty about that. I just get busy with trying to solve the problem, and I don't think about anything else sometimes, when we're doing that." Council Member Mays, "No, and I don't think you should be the person that's responsible for that. I think we've got to figure it out."

Council Member Strawder, "Yeah, so that's along the lines of something that I was going to bring up near the end of the session, was the public information." Council Member Mays, "Yeah." Council Member Strawder, "I mean, if the City does have a policy on how it works, or a public information officer, or how it's handled? Because on any emergency, this one just happened to happen to the Electric Department, but any department, it could happen, essentially, just making sure that we have a plan in place, or if we don't. Or it might be worthwhile reviewing the plan, if there is one in place, or maybe any improvements that could be made in the future."

Council Member Van Horn, "I think you're absolutely right, because just like with the boil alerts on the water, sometimes it takes a while before people actually know. And what is an effective way to get information out, because I really don't know, but we need to do better in that department, I think."

Superintendent Schneider, "Well, I think Anne's (City Clerk Brown) got the message now." City Clerk Brown, "I think Facebook works pretty well. And I would text the others (City employees) and say, 'Hey, I just put this out there, please share.' We did call Everbridge, and they got it out there, too."

Council Member Mays, "And I did talk to Amber Presley, at Emergency Management (Coffey County), about it today, actually, and she's going to come and talk with us, as well, to kind of make sure we're all on the same level, and we understand the availability there is with all the stuff that they can do, as well, because just not Facebook or social media is going to take care of it." Council Member Curtiss, "That's good." Council Member Mays, "She said to let you guys know that she would come and visit. She talked about it at the commission (Coffey County Commissioners meeting) on Monday."

Council Member Van Horn, "In any case, Alan (Superintendent Schneider), we appreciate your work, and your crews' work." Superintendent Schneider, "Well, I will be sure to tell the men. I know that most people understand and appreciate the things that the City crews do." Council Member Van Horn, "Right." Superintendent Schneider, "And I know that they were brought a couple of different meals over. I know, well, one was Anne, she brought them some pizza. I think most people understand, but I still don't like it to happen."

Council Member Strawder, "One thing I was going to say is—and if it needs to be a motion… Because this is outside of the normal business hours—I mean, yes, power outages occur, that's built in as part of the routine, but an event to this nature is above and beyond." Superintendent Schneider, "Yeah." Council Member Strawder, "And public servants are dedicated anyways, but just the dedication. Think about what you were doing on Saturday, and then at 9 o'clock at night you go into work, and you're there until Sunday evening, you know, type of thing." Council Member Curtiss, "Right." Superintendent Schneider, "Yeah." Council Member Strawder, "So I definitely, as I said, I would be in favor of either the mayor or council

doing a proclamation to say thank you for your dedication, and in addition to that, I don't know…. I looked through the policy book really quickly and didn't see anything, but I think that a spot bonus is warranted for those six individuals who were there for that time and everything." Superintendent Schneider, "Six, yes. That is correct." Council Member Strawder, "Because they really went above and beyond. There are a lot of instances where an emergency like this happens, and they're supposed to, you know, the employees are supposed to be there, and they skedaddle out of town, because it's the weekend, or, you know. So, the dedication was there. So, I mean, on the proclamation—"

City Clerk Brown, "The water department was out all night, too." Council Member Curtiss, "Yeah." City Clerk Brown, "And I didn't know it until Danny (Superintendent Hawkins) called me that morning. I didn't realize they were out working in the field." Mayor Luke, "Yeah. They were out running their generator at all of the lift stations." City Clerk Brown, "Yeah." Mayor Luke, "They also lost a control valve in the blue water tower. And I got all kinds of pictures and phone calls from people asking, How come you're stealing water out of the bottom of the water tower?' That's because we had to lower the level to keep the pressure to where we could distribute it out. We also lost a big pump, and we don't know what the root cause of that was, but at least there, that individual generator there for the water plant, the controller worked everything. But they were running around town all the time. And so, they had—I don't know how many, I'd have to check on that one—how many people were involved with the water side as well."

Council Member Strawder, "I mean, and that's why I didn't state any specifics or, you know, make it into a motion." Mayor Luke, "Yeah." Council Member Curtiss, "Right." Council Member Strawder, "But I definitely think something is warranted to say thank you for going above and beyond." Council Member Curtiss, "I do too." Council Member Strawder, "Because water breaks happen and everything, but this was truly an event. I mean, it was not an ordinary event."

Mayor Luke, "The last time I remember us having an outage like this was in 2010 at Christmas." Council Member Curtiss, "Oh, that was horrible." Superintendent Schneider, "That was not fun, I agree with you on that." Mayor Luke, "I think that was the last time. And this is 2026, so I mean, it's not like we have these very often. But we did finally get that one to run and work, too. But I think we were the only town in Coffey County that had lights on Christmas. It seldom happens, but when it does, it can be a catastrophe, and we need to address it properly." Council Member Curtiss, "I agree."

Council Member Mays, "One last question. Will we get—I mean, I understand—but like, more so, like, how many people were involved? Will we get like an overall…like, kind of…what's it called? Like, you know, like—how do I put it?" Council Member Strawder, "Like a summary?" Council Member Mays, "Do you know the one I'm thinking of?"

Council Member Strawder, "So to me, this in all nature was justifiable of operating a coop, like a continuity of operations plan. In government, I know jurisdictions have some additional things, but a lot of that is you have your reporting, because if there is a declaration issued by the governor or whoever, then there is refund/reimbursement money available for that." Council Member Mays, "Right. Right." Council Member Strawder, "But yeah, normally you would get some type of report that indicates, you know, how many additional man-hours were used because of this incident, and what resources were." Council Member Mays, "An incident report, kind of, was what I was wondering. Yeah, I mean, like, we have to have them at the County for things." Chief Roney, "After action report." Council Member Mays, "Is there like an after-action report? Is that something that we have to do?" Mayor Luke, "Well, like I said, this is the first

one." Council Member Mays, "It's not something I want you to do in addition to— I just didn't know if— " Mayor Luke, "This is the first time since 2010 we've had it." Council Member Mays, "Right, right. Yeah, I'm just—like you said, funding and…" Mayor Luke, "I'm going to make a guess that, no, we don't have to do anything else." Council Member Mays, "Okay." Mayor Luke, "But it's not saying we can't, you know, tighten things up a little bit to do a better job." City Clerk Brown, "I think they call that an after-action plan." Council Member Mays, "After-action incident report, or whatever. I mean, I don't know what we call it either, but yeah."

Superintendent Schneider, "You know, honestly, I didn't even update the committee. I had obligations out of town yesterday, and on Monday, I was still scrambling to try to get things back to normal. I could have stayed and done that, but I did not." Council Member Curtiss, "No. No, you couldn't have." Superintendent Schneider, "I apologize for that." Council Member Curtiss, "You were needed elsewhere." Council Member Van Horn, "You don't need to apologize."

Mayor Luke, "Okay." Council Member Mays, "Thank you for taking the time to explain it all." Superintendent Schneider, "Anything you want to know, just come see me, call me, do whatever you want to do, anybody."

WATER AND WASTEWATER: Distribution Update

(*Superintendent Hawkins was not present at the meeting, and so Council Member Berryman read his departmental report.)*

General: Council Member Berryman, "The staff has been doing normal duties of line locates, work orders, re-reads, checking all nine lift stations, flushing water tower transducer, customer calls and inquiries, and they've also been flushing fire hydrants."

Storm Outage: Council Member Berryman, "The water department responded to the power outage, and I'm very pleased with the men. They did a great job of keeping the sewer pump stations pumped down and working around the clock."

Thank you: Council Member Berryman, "A huge shout-out to Kyle (Superintendent Dauber) in the Street Department. He went and got us diesel fuel for our generators, which helped us keep going with the generators."

Storm Outage Water Conservation: Council Member Berryman, "I'm very grateful for the public's assistance in limiting flushing and showering so we could keep up with the pumping out of the sewer lift stations."

WATER AND WASTEWATER: Production Update

Training: Council Member Berryman, "Chris (Senior Plant Operator/Mechanic Hammond) and I are attending the Tuttle Creek Dredging Project, that's why I'm not here. The Assurance District requested that we be there since Redmond is next for the dredging project."

Equipment Repair: Council Member Berryman, "I went to Tulsa to pick up our VFD (Variance Frequency Drive) that went down on us at the water plant. This is our spare until the other two come in."

Reading Meters: Council Member Berryman, "And the staff have been reading meters as well. The end."

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

Mayor Luke, "Okay, I won't ask for questions." Council Member Berryman, "Go for it."

WATER AND WASTEWATER: Personnel Annual Evaluation – Josh Foster

Council Member Berryman, "And then he (Superintendent Hawkins) also has a personnel annual evaluation for Josh Foster."

Council Member Berryman, "I move to accept Josh Foster's annual evaluation as presented and to grant a pay increase to $18.93 per hour, effective June 20, 2026." Council Member Curtiss, "I second the motion." **Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Luke called for a vote. Motion carried, 6:0.**

WATER AND WASTEWATER: Waiver of Annexation

Council Member Berryman, "And then he (Superintendent Hawkins) has got a waiver of annexation for water." Mayor Luke, "Yep. Okay. You have a map in your packet of information. This is a piece of property that belonged to Joe Rohr, and I believe Jeremiah is a grandson or something like that." Administrative Assistant Befort, "Nephew." Council Member Van Horn, "Nephew." Council Member Curtiss, "Nephew." Mayor Luke, "Nephew?" Council Member Curtiss, "Yeah, nephew, right."

Mayor Luke, "You'll see that on three sides, that property is outside the city limits, but it's bounded by it. The question is, I'm not sure where in that piece of property he wants to bring the water to. The line that goes through there, where it looks like the trees are gone, that's our 69 kV line coming into town that divides that piece of property. So somewhere around there, probably coming off of 3rd Street, would be the area that he would be looking to bring the waterline to. It should be within the set distance that we have determined, the 200 feet, without a problem. But I don't know the exact distance on that particular spot, and I'm not sure he has set an exact spot yet. I think the main thing is that he is interested in the question of whether we would even consider doing it, and he might then be able to tell us where he would want it to actually go. And then so long as it meets our requirements, then we wouldn't have to do anything other than pass the motion, and yes, we will go outside of the city limits for that particular location."

Council Member Curtiss, "Do we do this very often?" Mayor Luke, "We have done it, and I would say we've probably done it twice a year." Council Member Curtiss, "Okay. I don't ever remember. Okay." City Clerk Brown, It's been a while." Mayor Luke, "Out off of 16th Street, we've done it there." Council Member Curtiss, "Okay." Mayor Luke, "For the properties on the west side of 16th. We've done it for a couple of properties north of town, there by the school, on the west side of the school." Council Member Curtiss, "Oh, okay." Mayor Luke, "Yeah."

Council Member Strawder, "In those instances, though, they were, like, the frontage was adjacent to city limits." Mayor Luke, "Right." Council Member Strawder, "Not cut out of city limits." Mayor Luke, "Yeah. I'm not sure that he would not agree to even annex part of that piece of property into the city. I don't know if that's even been discussed with him, and change the boundary of where the city limits end. I don't know all of the details well enough to say exactly what he would or wouldn't do."

Council Member Mays, "Do we require additional information to be aware of?" Mayor Luke, "We can." Council Member Mays, "I mean, like his intentions and, like, where he wants to put it, and his intentions of what he's doing with the property before we--?" Council Member Van Horn, "And would he also need a sewer line if he has a water line there then?" Mayor Luke, "If he's not inside the city limits, the answer is no. He may need it, but he'd have to do his own lagoon system. If he annexed it into the city, then there would be a possibility of it." Council Member Mays, "Right."

Council Member Curtiss, "So maybe we should just hold off until we get more information?" Council Member Mays, "That's what I was thinking." Mayor Luke, "We can table it for tonight and get more information for the next meeting." Council Member Curtiss, "Yeah. I think so." Council Member Van Horn, "I don't want to agree to something that we don't even know about."

Council Member Strawder, "I mean, so, we do have an annex committee. Is this something that the committee should probably look at?" Mayor Luke, "Well, there's that committee, and Danny (Superintendent Hawkins). They would be the ones to investigate between now and the next meeting." Council Member Strawder, "Okay. That's what I didn't know." Council Member Curtiss, "Right, right." Council Member Strawder, "Because I know annexation is a tricky item for a lot of people, but where this is obviously nudged out of the city limits, and I'm going to guess, because it was under one ownership for a long time, is why it was never brought in." Mayor Luke, "Yep." Council Member Strawder, "I think that should come into play." Mayor Luke, "That was that person's choice. So, Danny, I think, will be back tomorrow, and we can have him get together with the annex people and the committee and bring the correct information back for the next meeting, and we'll just table it for tonight." Council Member Mays, "Perfect." Council Member Curtiss, "Sounds good."

STREET DEPARTMENT: Update

General: Superintendent Dauber, "We've been doing normal duties of vehicle and equipment maintenance."

Alleys: Superintendent Dauber, "We started really hitting the alleys hard now that the rain's kind of slowing down, hopefully. We're trying to catch back up on potholes and washouts."

Spraying Weeds: Superintendent Dauber, "We started spraying for bindweed this week."

Street Improvement Project: Superintendent Dauber, "We've been helping Killough (Construction) out with anything they need as they're working on the project on Cross Street, trying to get it torn out."

Callout: Superintendent Dauber, "We did have a call out Saturday right after the storm for a tree down at 13th, at the intersection of Willett and Sanders (streets). They had a tree fall across the road there. And then we put stop signs out at the stoplights while they were out to help with traffic control. And that's all I've got."

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

Mayor Luke, "Okay. Did we have any flooding?" Superintendent Dauber, "No." Mayor Luke, "No? Okay." Any questions for Kyle (Superintendent Dauber)?"

Council Member Curtiss, "I don't know if this is the time to bring it up or not, but I have been asked by a couple of individuals if the City was planning to pick up any of the huge trees that were downed in the last storm. And they said it's cut up, but they can't get it out. I said the dump (City brush pile) is open for the tree removal place." Mayor Luke, "Yep." Council Member Curtiss, "I said I don't think we have any plans, but I will bring it up."

Mayor Luke, "And we did the one before (Brush Removal on April 27, 2026) and just the recent one (Special Brush Removal on May 26, 2026), and we have not…" Council Member Curtiss, "Right, right." Mayor Luke, "But even if they have theirs cut up and it's sitting in the middle of the property, we can't go get it. They have to get it out to the curb." Council Member Curtiss, "Right. I think in this person's instance, it was out by the curb. And I don't know why they were not able to take it to the place (brush pile) or not." Mayor Luke, "The burn pile?" Council Member Curtiss, "Yeah."

Superintendent Dauber, "With this last storm, I haven't seen the amount of storm damage that we had with the last storm that we did pick up from." Council Member Curtiss, "No." Superintendent Dauber, "And it did take myself and my guys an entire week to pick up from that last storm. It's just my opinion, I don't think this one warrants it." Council Member Curtiss, "Okay." Superintendent Dauber, "But it's your guys' decision ultimately. And like I said, I just haven't seen as much storm damage out there from this last storm. The storm we picked up from, we had several trees down that we had to clean up ourselves on the streets. This one, we only had one." Council Member Curtiss, "Right. Okay. I will let them know."

Mayor Luke, "The burn pile is unlocked. It's easy to get to." Council Member Curtiss, "Yep." Superintendent Boyce, "It's actually padlocked open because people were closing it." Mayor Luke, "Oh!" Superintendent Boyce, "For once, they were doing the right thing." Mayor Luke, "For once, they did it right. Okay…. Alright. Anything else, Kyle (Superintendent Dauber)?" Superintendent Dauber, "No, that's all I have." Mayor Luke, "Alright." Council Member Curtiss, "Thank you."

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Update

General: Chief Roney, "Officers have been working on traffic stops, alarm calls, medical assist calls, civil standbys, funeral escorts, assist citizen calls, and agency assist calls. We had a vehicle slide off the night of the power outage. We had a fire alarm; we had a couple of those. We've done a lot of VIN inspections, we've had a couple of warrant arrests, dealing with several harassment calls, vehicle lockouts, and then we just recently, at the end of the week, picked up two sexual abuse cases."

County Assist: Chief Roney, "Yesterday mid-morning, almost noon, you may have saw myself and another officer headed out of town. The County picked up a vehicle pursuit and needed assistance. So, we met them at 17th Road. We got a good spike on this vehicle. We were able to shut this chase down pretty quickly. Once everything was slowed down, the other officer and I returned back to the city. No incidents, no damaged vehicles, no hurt officers."

Storm Outage: Chief Roney, "We helped out a little bit with the power outage stuff, just the little things that we have to deal with, with Kyle (Superintendent Dauber). We put our heads together, fixed some situations, and dealt with complaints. We got that taken care of."

Properties/Nuisance Vehicles: Chief Roney, "Nuisance properties: I've got one property in the 600 block of Hudson that is really becoming kind of a thorn for me. The owners live in another town, and they are refusing to answer my letters. I just recently sent a letter to them asking them, and sending all of our documentation on our ordinance and everything to them, and asking them to call me. So, we'll see if that works. I know Jimmy's (Zoning Clerk Hugunin) been dealing with them as well on the grass side of things. But on this property, the neighbors, the entire neighborhood, are fed up with this house. They attract people coming in that we end up arresting, either on warrants or other issues. They left animals trapped inside of it, so the entire flooring in this house is covered in animal feces. And the type of people that are coming in are just pushing it aside, putting a little bedding down, and sleeping on it. The roof's got holes in it, the windows are broken, the doors are staying open because it stinks in there, and now I've got critters going in. And so, that is a big one for me that I'll be working on. We may have to go a little deeper than what we've done.

"I've got another one in the 900 block of Willett that has turned into… We've issued citations; it hasn't gone to court yet, but I've been dealing with, today and yesterday, a lot of complaints from the neighbors because now they're getting mice, and the trash, and the trees are touching their property. And they've even called the landowners and harassed them to the point where I had to call the neighbors and say hey you need to stop because it's going to turn into a bigger ordeal. They were actually going to show up tonight and talk to you, and at five minutes until six, they texted me and said they changed their mind. So, that will

be one I'm sure some of you will hear about, and they'll be reaching out to you individually. So, we are working on it. We are going to allow the court process to do its job. So, that's all I've got."

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

Mayor Luke, "Any questions for Mike (Chief Roney)?" Council Member Van Horn, "I do have a comment, and that is that I came into town and I saw your sign outside the city limits that said slowdown, that the stoplights were out, and it really got my attention. I think that was great thinking, and I appreciate that."

Chief Roney, "So, I know Alan (Superintendent Schneider) probably got a lot of phone calls, you all got a lot of phone calls. I would love to trade my phone with each and every one of you. The biggest complaint was about that north stoplight. And so, we reached out to KDOT (Kansas Department of Transportation); KDOT was unavailable. And so, I reached out to Amber (Amber Presley, Coffey County Emergency Management). Amber graciously brought that sign in, and we just threw a generic 'Power's out, power outage, stoplight's not working, slow down' on there, and that slowed down phone calls. As a matter of fact, I didn't get any phone calls after that. But everybody was concerned about this, three-way intersection at the time." Council Member Curtiss, "Yeah." Chief Roney, "And how horrible and horrific accidents are happening, and there was not one. The only thing we had was a slide off, not even anywhere in this part of town, but that was the concern." Council Member Van Horn, "Good solution. I liked it."

Council Member Strawder, "Along those lines, it does show the importance of that stoplight up there, though. I know some people in the past have been like, 'What's the need for it?' Whenever it was yellow and red flashing, so the power was off— That is a very good location for the sign."

Chief Roney, "I'll be honest with you, we had the whole issue of this traffic speed limit on the south end of town." Council Member Strawder, "Yeah." Chief Roney, "I would love to see the speed limits go down on the north end of town because that is where our stores are, that is where our kids cross, that is where a lot of our traffic is entering up here because of the businesses." Council Member Curtiss, "Right." Chief Roney, "And here we got 45 miles an hour shooting out, so now everybody is racing to get out of town. And I haven't got a call back from KDOT."

PARKS DEPARTMENT: Update

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

Mowing: Superintendent Boyce, "We've been doing a lot of mowing still."

Spraying Weeds: Superintendent Boyce, "We've been spraying weeds and grass when we can."

Storm Damage: Superintendent Boyce, "We're still cleaning up tree limbs and downed trees from the storms."

Kelley Park: Superintendent Boyce, "We'll be drilling the holes for the fireworks display on July 2nd." Mayor Luke, "Are you sure you're going to need those? Have you talked with Roger (Strawder)?" Superintendent Boyce, "I have not." Mayor Luke, "Talk to Roger before you do that because it looks like it's going to be electronic and they're done off of a mat and you don't need the holes." Superintendent Boyce, "Okay." Mayor Luke, "So, check with Roger on that one." Superintendent Boyce, "I'll do that."

Nuisance Grass: Superintendent Boyce, "We've mowed one nuisance property since the last council meeting: 216 Hudson, I believe, is that address. And that's all I have."

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

Mayor Luke, "Any questions for Kevin (Superintendent Boyce)?" Council Member Curtiss, "No, but your flowers are looking great." Superintendent Boyce, "I have a couple of the cement pots that are struggling. So, I actually did buy some other plants to put in because some of them have gotten choked out because they're just too wet." Council Member Curtiss, "Yeah, yes."

FINANCE: Claims Ordinance & Payroll Ordinance

a.	Claims Ordinance	2026-12	$	379,129.91
b.	Payroll Ordinance	2026-13	$	121,947.62
		TOTAL	$	501,077.53

CLAIMS 2026-12*: Council Member Curtiss moved to approve City of Burlington Claims Ordinance 2026-12 for the amount of $379,129.91. Council Member Strawder gave the second.* Mayor Luke, "Highlights, Anne (City Clerk Brown)? I know $202,000 of that's all power pool (Kansas Power Pool)." City Clerk Brown, "We have Brenntag Southwest, LLC for $5,139.57, Dave's Pumping, LLC for $6,216.00, FTC Equipment, LLC for $13,671.06, and Kansas Power Pool for $202,672.86. We had a lot of high ones this time. Palfinger for $5,479.91, and US Lime Company – St. Clair for $7,052.18."

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Luke instructed City Clerk Brown to poll Council for a vote. ***Mayor Luke declared, "Claims Ordinance 2026-12 passed unanimously, 6:0."***

PAYROLL 2026-13: *Council Member Curtiss moved to approve City of Burlington Payroll Ordinance 2026-13 in the amount of $121,947.62." Council Member Shove gave the second.* Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Luke instructed City Clerk Brown to poll Council for a vote. ***Mayor Luke declared, "Payroll Ordinance 2026-13 passed unanimously, 6:0."***

PLANNING & ZONING: Update

General: City Clerk Brown, "Jimmy (Zoning Clerk Hugunin) has been doing normal duties."

Nuisance Grass: City Clerk Brown, "Several more 10-day letters have been sent out for unmowed yards. He has received multiple calls about tall grass. The Parks Department mowed one yard last week, as Kevin (Superintendent Boyce) said."

City Hall Map Room: City Clerk Brown, "He did get the map room finally put back together after our big water break at the end of January."

New Vehicle: City Clerk Brown, "He has installed new running boards on the new truck back here to make it easier for us short people to get in."

Special Use for Water Retention Pond: City Clerk Brown, "The hearing for the special use for the new retention pond is set for July 22nd, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. He is still gathering material for the hearing."

Planning and Zoning Board: City Clerk Brown, "The new planning board members are Shelli Cole and Shanna Cook. So, he has a full board again. And that's all he had."

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

OTHER COMMITTEE OR COUNCIL BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 926, ELECTRIC RATE SCHEDULE

Mayor Luke, "We'll go to Ordinance 926, which is the Electric Rate Schedule. The information that was brought last meeting by KPP (Kansas Power Pool), and there was a question as to where we would fit in with Evergy and 4 Rivers. If you look at the average for the pool, you have that information. Evergy's rates for residential, the minimum rate they have is 12 cents per kilowatt-hour; the maximum is 16 cents. And for 4 Rivers, the minimum they have is 14 cents, and the highest is 14.6 cents. So, we would be slightly below all of those, or I should say both of those, with the rates that are being proposed by Kansas Power Pool."

Council Member Strawder, "That was taking the total of the monthly bills divided by the kilowatt-hours?" Mayor Luke, "Yeah. It's the kilowatt-hours, energy, and dollars that they publish. They, being the two utilities, their numbers."

Council Member Curtiss, "I have not heard much regarding it, except I did have one person reach out to me, and they said that they were in favor of some plan to have the rates raised some, every year. And they were aware that it needed to be done to have the funds available." Mayor Luke, "Yep." And they said—I know a lot of people disagree with this—but she said, 'Look what happened with the County when they didn't raise their taxes for a while, and we got that big jump.' So, that's the only comment I had from anybody."

Council Member Van Horn, "I also got a comment from someone who said they really like living in Burlington because their utilities are so much less than where they lived before. And they also said, yeah, they know that they have to go up, and that as long as it's not one big jump. And I told them that we were talking about over three years, and that we'd like to stay on top of it so we don't have any big surprises, and that seemed logical to them as well."

Council Member Mays, "It's not the kilowatt-hour, right, that's the big jump? The consumer charge is what—" Mayor Luke, "The consumer charge, yeah. And what that consumer charge does is it covers all the fixed costs to serve an individual residence. It's the wire, the meter, all of that stuff, that's basically what it is. And so that jumped from like $8.00 to $25.00." Council Member Mays, "Per month, right?" Mayor Luke, "Per month." Council Member Mays, "And you'll see that on your bill every month?" Mayor Luke, "Yes, and then you will also see that the kilowatt-hour charge has gone down and changed." Council Member Mays, "Correct." Mayor Luke, "So that $13.00 or $15.00 increase that it looked like is really only going to be maybe $6.00 or $5.00." Council Member Mays, "Yeah."

Council Member Strawder, "The two items really offset themselves, so whenever you calculate it out, the examples that they gave on the dollar and kilowatt-hours, that's not really going to be raised the first year. So, yeah, some people will see a jump. I mean, the people—" Council Member Van Horn, "Like me." Council Member Strawder, "Yeah. That have electricity somewhere that aren't using electricity, they will be affected the most by the consumer charge, but I also think that's warranted."

Mayor Luke, "My shop, I hardly ever use any kilowatt-hours. Okay, will jump from $8.00 to $35.00 because it's not classified as residential, but as a small commercial. And my kilowatt, it wouldn't make a difference what the kilowatt-hour charge did because I don't use that." Council Member Mays, "Right." Mayor Luke, "You know, I can go there in the daylight and open up the big garage doors and never have to worry about, you know, the lights or anything."

Council Member Mays, "And the commercial ones were the ones that will see a big jump, but that's—we don't have a whole lot of that, right?" Mayor Luke, "And you'll also see that the kilowatt-hours will be impacted there as well, and the more kilowatt-hours they use with the same demand, the lower the unit cost." Council Member Mays, "I just want to be able to explain it."

Council Member Strawder, "So, I mean, really, the revisions are a two-pronged approach with trying to align us more with how we purchase electricity from the power pool (Kansas Power Pool)." Mayor Luke, "Right." Council Member Strawder, "There is an equation, I think, that's written in there that shows some of the rates, because your small commercial and your residential are your largest groups, that, you know, so they're actually calculated a little bit differently than what large commercial and the industrial is. It's just the industrial, you'll notice, you only have one industrial client, so any adjustment there is only being gathered by one place. I mean, it's—"

Mayor Luke, "So, we have a choice. We can either accept their recommendations and make a motion to change the rates. Which will be effective in August?" City Clerk Brown, "Yes." Mayor Luke, "Or we can do some more research, or go back to them, or do whatever we need to do. But we also need to look at the fact that we have to maintain a certain amount of money in that account. Back in the years, we used to be able to buy a bucket truck for $200,000, and today you may have to spend $700,000, and it may take two years to get it, and you've got to be prepared for that."

Council Member Strawder, "I move to adopt Ordinance 926, An Ordinance Amending Subsections 15-318 through 15-321 and Section 15-322 of Article 3: Electricity of the Code of the City of Burlington to Include New Rates, Charges, and Requirements for Electric Customers of Burlington, with an Effective Date of August 13, 2026." Council Member Shove, "I second the motion." **Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Luke instructed City Clerk Brown to poll Council for a vote. Motion unanimously passed, 6:0.**

Council Member Strawder, "There was another portion that I hope that we do get follow-up with KPP on, on the solar aspect of it." Mayor Luke, "Yeah." City Clerk Brown, "Yes." Council Member Strawder, "That reimbursement thing. Because it sounded like there was maybe a little bit of work on that." Mayor Luke, "That's due to a change in the statutes." Superintendent Schneider, "The state statutes, yes." Mayor Luke, "Yep. That has to be updated. Because ours is slightly out of line with what the legislature has." Superintendent Schneider, "And I haven't read the whole policy, but my understanding is that that's going to be more of a benefit for us, some of those changes in that policy." Council Member Strawder, "Yeah." Mayor Luke, "Okay."

LEGAL DEPARTMENT: Executive Session

Mayor Luke, "Do you, Philip (City Attorney Wright), want to do the executive session under Legal, or do you want to put it to the end?" City Attorney Wright, "Let's just go ahead and do it." Mayor Luke, "Okay. At this time, I would accept a motion to enter into a 5-minute executive session per K.S.A. 75-4319(b) for discussion on the municipal court appeal with the Governing Body, Mayor, City Clerk, City Attorney, and Chief Roney."

Council Member Strawder, "I make a motion to enter into a 5-minute Executive Session per K.S.A 75-4319(b) for discussion on the municipal court appeal with the Governing Body, Mayor Luke, City Clerk Brown, City Attorney Wright, and Chief Roney present." Council Member Curtiss, "I second the motion." **Hearing for further discussion, Mayor Luke called for a vote. Motion carried, 6:0.**

Entered at 7:16 p.m. and exited at 7:21 p.m.

Action Taken:

City Attorney Wright, "So, I would want a motion with regard to my being able to move forward with that appeal. So, I would accept a motion to approve the city attorney under the city attorney's contract to prosecute the case under appeal at the District Court under the attorney's hourly rate under that contract."

Council Member Curtiss, "I move to approve City Attorney Wright, under the city attorney's contract, to prosecute the case under appeal at the District Court under the city attorney's hourly rate under that contract." Council Member Mays, "I second the motion." **Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Luke called for a vote. Motion unanimously carried, 6:0.**

LEGAL DEPARTMENT: Update

Out of Office: City Attorney Wright, "So, I just have one other thing. I guess we're on me still for a second. I just want everybody to know, I have two big blocks of dates where I am not going to be available. June 26th through July 6th, meaning I'm not going to be at the July 1st city council meeting. If you want me to look at something or address something, please get it to me as soon as possible, for you know, whatever. And then I also have another big block of time. So, the first block of time, I hadn't planned for that one. This one I've been planning for a year, and that's July 17th through August 3rd. I don't think that affects me attending any council meetings or anything like that on that one, but I just wanted you to be aware that I will not be here."

City Clerk Brown, "That was July 17th--?" City Attorney Wright, "July 17th through August 3rd. I will not be available. I'm going to be on the top of a mountain somewhere without cell service." City Clerk Brown, "Okay." City Attorney Wright, "Yeah." Mayor Luke, "You should get good cell service on top of a mountain." City Attorney Wright, "Not where I'm going to be at. There are no towers…by design." Mayor Luke, "It's just like when I was in Antarctica. There wasn't much." City Attorney Wright, "This is some of the most remote territory you can get to in the U.S., in the continental U.S."

Mayor Luke, "Anything else?" City Attorney Wright, "I believe that's it. Thank you very much."

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

CITY CLERK: Update

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

City Hall HVAC: City Clerk Brown, "I did speak with Wyatt Redeker with Modern Air on Monday. I have got them scheduled to come in. They will either be here on June 25th or 26th to start setting our units and do a little bit of drilling, and what they need to do. Then, Krayton Cox is going to have to come in and do the electrical for us. So, he'll have to do the electric, and then they will come back and finish up to get our units put in place. I don't have a date for that, though, so depending on how long it takes-- Krayton is going to get in contact with them and kind of get things coordinated so they can get that done as quickly as possible."

2027 Budget: City Clerk Brown, "I have been working on the 2027 budget, and we held our first budget finance meeting on Monday, June 15th. This was basically to review where the current budget status is. We looked at payroll and benefits, money that we will receive from the state for sales tax, special highway, and the Coffey County Treasurer for the report of motor vehicle allocation for 2027. I did receive the assessed evaluation from the County Clerk on Monday, so I do have that information. I haven't gotten anywhere with it yet, since I've been doing other things. But our next budget meeting, I usually do with just the finance committee, but we're all wanting to do work sessions, so we kind of have set…" Council Member Curtiss, "July 15th." City Clerk Brown, "July 15th." Mayor Luke, "It is a council meeting." City Clerk Brown, "So, we will have our budget meeting work session right after the council meeting that night." Council Member Curtiss, "After we eat. We're going to eat first. Right? Between them?" City Clerk Brown,

"Yeah. I didn't know for sure how you were going to do that." Mayor Luke, "Or during. I don't care." Council Member Curtiss, "During? We can, yeah." City Clerk Brown, "So, however you want." Council Member Curtiss, "We got it under control." City Clerk Brown, "We won't give you a time because we don't know, depending on what we do."

Electric Rate Letters: City Clerk Brown, "And then since the ordinance was approved, we will be sending personal letters to our bigger customers, directly to them, but we also will be including a letter in with the billing to go out so that they are aware of that also."

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

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

REPORT BY CITY OFFICERS:

Mayor Luke, "Is there anything that the Governing Body wishes to bring before us?" Council Member Curtiss, "Yep. I think this is for Kevin (Superintendent Boyce). I was out doing some other things today, and I ran across a lady. She and her husband walk almost every day, and she said that she really appreciated the cleanliness and how well-maintained the restrooms are at the caboose and the city dam, because they stop whenever they go for a walk. So, I wanted you to know that." Superintendent Boyce, "Thank you. I will pass it on."

Council Member Curtiss, "And also, let's see—Alan (Superintendent Schneider), I think this one kind of refers to you. I had another individual text me, and she said, 'We are really impressed and blown away by the help the city departments have been. Every time we have asked for help, they have happily been willing to do what they can to make it happen.' And this is in reference to the event this Friday night." Superintendent Schneider, "Yes." Council Member Curtiss, "And so—" Superintendent Schneider, "Yeah, we've been working with her real close." Council Member Curtiss, "Yeah. So, I just wanted you two guys to know that, and I'm not leaving anybody else out either because I really do appreciate all of you. Okay. That's me."

Mayor Luke, "Okay. Anybody else?" Council Member Strawder, "Yeah. So, I mean, we briefly touched it with the Electric Department, but I think it's a discussion outside of the Electrical Department. But I do think if Amber (Amber Presley, Coffey County Emergency Management) is willing to kind of come in and kind of give us an overview on some of that." Council Member Curtiss, "Right." Council Member Strawder, "I know this is stuff that, oddly enough, with my job at Johnson County, we've started going through since right before COVID. And then COVID hit, which was a big event that would have implemented a lot of it, but to really look at how our public information is getting out during an event or immediately after an event, that time frame between the end of the emergency, to where, like in this case, the power poles all went down and the power initially went off. So, it starts after the emergency until we're back up in the normal operating process. It's generally an area that's overlooked until you go through it. And by overlooked, I mean it doesn't mean that we aren't prepared for it, but it's something that we can always prepare more so for."

Council Member Van Horn, "Does she (Amber Presley) have a date when she can come and talk to us?" Council Member Strawder, "That I don't know. You'd just have to—" Council Member Mays, "She talked with the commissioners on Monday and mentioned that she was going to get with us."

Council Member Strawder, "But I do think it's important that on any event, and I know I've asked this before, like on street cleaning after a snowstorm or a waterline break or anything, I do think that it's important that the department, whenever they do go through an event, even a little event or a big event, to

really look at and evaluate what could be improved. And it sounded like you guys were doing that some. So, I'd say good job on trying to look at that because events never happen in a good spot, type of thing, so you can always learn from them. But there's some of that preparedness, I think, as a city, we should make sure that we have some items in place just to touch on that.

"I also—and I know Danny (Superintendent Hawkins) is not here tonight, obviously. I had questions on the announcement through the County Commissioner on the north end of town with that water—I don't remember what water district it was." Mayor Luke, "Water District 12?" Council Member Strawder, "Water District 12." Mayor Luke, "Yeah, that's the north end of the county." Council Member Strawder, "North end of the county, yeah. Does that affect, or how does that affect, our plans for our Water Department? Because it does—" Mayor Luke, "No." Council Member Strawder, "Okay, so we're not increasing capacity or anything like that to provide service to the north end of the county or anything?"

Mayor Luke, "No. No. Mark (Petterson) can answer the County questions better than I can, but basically, District 12 is already in the northern part of the county, and they are looking at any potential growth up around Beto Junction and that area, and being able to serve the water needs for that, and possibly expanding a little more into Waverly and Lebo and right along the county line. As far as into the rest of the county, we will be able to, with District 2 and 3—District 3 takes some water from District 12 because they're up in the north end, District 12 doesn't, I don't believe, because they have a tie with Emporia, which is a standby in case we can't serve. But once we have our project completed, then we will be able to run with our current staff and make water 24/7, where today we can only make water for about 12 hours a day without having to create new staff. So, it gives us more flexibility, allows us to still be able to serve more, what I'm going to say, south of Strawn (New Strawn), into the rest of the county. And with Water Districts 2 and 3, they'll have things that they have to do to be able to expand their growth. They have smaller waterlines; they just can't push any more water through what they've got, so they're going to have to change out their distribution system. But we'll be able to serve them and meet their needs. We'll be able to produce almost three times the amount of water that we do, and still be within our water rights."

"Council Member Strawder, "Okay, but isn't some of the discussion to bring a line through Water District 12 down to, essentially, the airport/New Strawn area? I understand there's maybe nothing in place, and I understand, you know, it's still a work in progress on items, but is there anything that the City is doing or could be doing to ensure that we don't lose a big customer that now has this water option there?"

Mayor Luke, "I guess that question, that is a question for Water District 3, because it'll be up to them to decide what they want to do and where they want to take water from. Water District 3 takes how much of a percentage? Do you remember? From 12." Mark Petterson, "I can't remember the percentage, but Coffey County customers take 44% of 12's water. That includes Lebo, Waverly, Rural 3." Mayor Luke, "Yeah. Right now." Mark Petterson, "And also a little bit of Anderson (County) and Osage (County), I think."

Mayor Luke, "But 12's plant right now is at capacity. And they're looking at preparing for growth if anything happens up in the north end. And it all started when they were looking at the chip plant (semiconductor plant). I don't know. My understanding is that you don't get water rights unless you have an end-use for them. I don't know. Now, they have water rights that they can get, but I don't know if the state will release them until they have a customer. So, I'm not sure all of the ins and outs, and I don't think Water District 12 knows all the answers with what they're trying to do. But it shouldn't impact our ability to operate at maximum capacity in our system. Because beyond our system and our maximum capacity, we don't have the water rights, but I think we could utilize all of it."

Council Member Strawder, "Well, I think the key point of asking is, I mean, it is a large project that we're doing, and this is a large announcement that was made in action by the county on moving forward and making sure that we aren't working ourselves into a corner of continuing at current scope on something that this announcement could have potentially, you know, hindered. You know, if we are losing, you know,

customer base or anything like that. And it's very preliminary; I'm not saying we are or aren't, but, you know, should we look at the scope? Because whenever that scope was made, it didn't include or take into account the large expansion of Water District 12. And that's my primary reason for asking." Mayor Luke, "Yeah."

Council Member Strawder, "Also, though, where the water plant stuff discussion has been going on for a long time, I'm not just moving to the lagoons, which was the most current one, or anything, but through the application process and all of that, I'm wondering if it wouldn't be beneficial for us to have some type of a recap or whatever indicating what all is entailed and what the outcome and all of that is, just because it's been a long process and all of that." Mayor Luke, "I don't think that can be accomplished yet. I just know Water District 12 doesn't have $70 million to build it over."

City Attorney Wright, "The other thing, too, is that those engineers can actually now pin it down, right?" Mayor Luke, "Yeah." City Attorney Wright, "Because they've been kind of waiting to figure out what we're doing to be able to come up with a close to final plan, so I would think that they should be able to then, at some point, be able to give the City a pretty good idea of what it entails at this point." Mayor Luke, "I don't know." City Clerk Brown, "I think so, too. We're just waiting now to see if we're going to get that grant." City Attorney Wright, "That grant, yeah." Council Member Curtiss, "That grant." City Clerk Brown, "Yeah."

City Attorney Wright, "The other thing that the mayor didn't mention is, I believe, the water plant, it's going to greatly reduce the cost of the expendables. You know, the chemicals and stuff that they've been using. So, it's just going to be more efficient, and it's going to be automated, which I think is going to be, you know, a lot better than what we've got at this point." Mayor Luke, "If you're looking at comparing it to electric, the unit cost of it is going to go down." City Attorney Wright, "Right."

Council Member Strawder, "And again, my reason for bringing it up isn't to say nix it or whatever." Council Member Curtiss, "Right. No, no." Council Member Strawder, "It's just to say—" Mayor Luke, "Just making sure that we're seeing the full picture." City Attorney Wright, "Right." Council Member Curtiss, "We have to be aware that something may be happening, yeah." Council Member Strawder, "If it does. And just in general, I think a recap or a summary of what all the project is and the reasoning for it, just because it's been a while. I mean, George (Council Member Shove) wasn't on council yet, and there were discussions even before Cara (Council Member Mays) and I came on council."

City Attorney Wright, "Sounds like a good homework project for Danny (Superintendent Hawkins) while he's not here." Mayor Luke, "Well, his committee (Water Committee) is here." Council Member Berryman, "I resign." Mayor Luke, "I don't think it's that big of a—" Council Member Curtiss, "Well, I know." Mayor Luke, "Not an issue to resolve information-wise." Council Member Curtiss, "Danny was even thinking about things like that when they first proposed doing all that stuff out there, so he—" Mayor Luke, "We sat down…" Council Member Curtiss, "Yeah." Mayor Luke, "We sat down and discussed with Wolf Creek (the nuclear power plant) of having a water plant located in their wetlands and piping the water back to them after the process was completed. And that would have been the City's piece of property."

Council Member Strawder, "I just thought there was probably something—" Council Member Curtiss, "Yep." Council Member Strawder, "Again, to make sure…" Mayor Luke, "The bases are covered." Council Member Curtiss, "Right. Yep. Sounds good." Mayor Luke, "Anything else? Okay."

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Luke declared the meeting adjourned.

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