## **BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION 6-4-2025**

City of Burlington Governing Body met in Regular Session at City Hall's address, 1013 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Burlington, Kansas, at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, 2025. Mayor Luke called the meeting to order.

| THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE                                      |                                       |  |  |  |
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| ROLL CALL: Stan Luke, Mayor                                   |                                       |  |  |  |
| Council Members present:                                      |                                       |  |  |  |
| ☐ Jerilyn Curtiss (President of Council)                      | Maxi Berryman                         | 🔀 Cara Mays                                  |  |  |
| ☑ Lila Van Horn   | Nathan Strawder                       | Martin Ernst                                 |  |  |
| Superintendents Present:                                      |                                       |  |  |  |
| Kevin Boyce (Parks) Alan S                                    | Schneider (Electric)                  | Mark Davidson (Street)                       |  |  |
| Mike Roney (Chief of Police) Danny Hawkins (Water/Wastewater) |                                       |  |  |  |
| Also Present:   |                                       |  |  |  |
| Anne Brown (City Clerk)                                       | Clarissa Foster (Adm                  | ☐ Clarissa Foster (Administrative Assistant) |  |  |
| Philip Wright (City Attorney)                                 | ☐ Jimmy Hugunin (Zoning/Grants Clerk) |  |  |  |
| Kerri Weltha (Deputy City Clerk)                              |                                       |  |  |  |
| Media Present: Mark Peterson (Coffey Cour                     | nty Republican)                       |  |  |  |

AGENDA: Mayor Luke, "The only thing that I have to put on the agenda is under finance. We have Claims Ordinance 2025-10, \$278,487.88. Under Payroll Ordinance 2025-12, \$115,869.61; for a total of \$394,357.49. Under legal, we will have two executive sessions. One for a period of 3 minutes: attorney-client relationship and privileges. The other one will be for 5 minutes under the same attorney-client relationship. Anything else to add to the agenda? Hearing none, I would accept a motion to approve the agenda as amended."

**<u>VISITORS</u>**: Jay Hale, Steve Gifford, Michael Abendroth, and Paul Abendroth.

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

MINUTES 5/21/2025: Mayor Luke, "You have before you the draft minutes for our regular session of May 21, 2025. Are there any additions or corrections to those minutes?"

Council Member Curtiss, "I move to approve the draft minutes of May 21, 2025, as presented." Council Member Ernst, "Second." Motion unanimously carried, 6:0.

## APPOINTMENT - Steve Gifford - Block Street

Steve Gifford, "Back again for 4<sup>th</sup> of July to block off our street. I'd like to do it just as we've done in the past years from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. and use the barricades as usual. And I can answer any questions."

Mayor Luke, "Anybody have any questions for Steve? Hearing none, what is the Governing Body's pleasure?"

Council Member Ernst, "I'll make a motion to approve blocking off the street—what exact streets are we blocking off?"

Steve Gifford, "It's at 802 St. Lawrence between 8th and 9th."

Council Member Curtiss, "Okay."

Council Member Ernst, "And what days specifically?"

Steve Gifford, "Fourth of July which is Friday this year."

Council Member Ernst, "I move to approve Steve Gifford's request to block a portion of the 800 block of St. Lawrence Street on July 4, 2025, from 7 to 11 p.m." Council Member Curtiss, "I'll second." Hearing no discussion, motion unanimously carried, 6:0.

Steve Gifford, "Appreciate your time, thank you."

Mayor Luke, "Take care."

Steve Gifford, "Will do it. Thanks."

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jay Hale, "I'll just say that these guys are always thanking each other but I appreciate their work as well. The most recent thing was, Alan and his crew had to come take care of an outage there on Kennebec where I live. Took care of it and did a quick clean up. I appreciate their pace of working at that time."

## **ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT: DISTRIBUTION Update**

**General:** Electric personnel have been doing normal line maintenance, tree trimming, line locates, equipment maintenance, and the KMU safety training.

<u>Line Maintenance:</u> Superintendent Schneider, "So the men are doing normal line maintenance. Obviously with the recent rain, it's muddied things up a little bit, so we're trying to do the little things on rock alleys and stuff like that."

**KMU Training:** Superintendent Schneider, "We attended KMU safety training."

<u>Accident:</u> Superintendent Schneider, "So last Friday, we got a call that somebody hit a power pole and they did. They broke it off clear at the ground, so we did get that pole changed out and got everybody back on (power). Jay (Hale), my apology, I didn't realize we'd left you out of service there for a couple extra hours. We thought that just went to the street light and I had forgot that goes over your home, so my apologies there. We did get that taken care of."

**Pole:** Superintendent Schneider, "We've went around – we've had some issues over the years that every time we change out a power pole, we have the local telephone company and the local cable company – they don't always get their stuff transferred off of the old pole onto the new pole so we can pull the pole. Yesterday – and we finished up today – we went around and we've documented where those transfers have not happened yet and we will resubmit that to them. And I guess we will go from there. We'll see how they respond to that."

## **ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT: PRODUCTION Update**

*General:* Power plant personnel have been performing normal power plant maintenance, cleaning the plant, plant reports, and generator maintenance.

<u>Maintenance</u>: Superintendent Schneider, "Currently, we went to do a maintenance run on generator #6; that's one of the big motors that sucks in the renew part of the power plant. It failed to start; it wouldn't turn over. So, we pulled the – there's doors on the side of the engine block where we can get to the pistons and the bearings and the crank shaft for inspections. Also in there, the base of that is where the engine oil is and it's wide open, it flushes up that and it's got pumps that runs the cylinders to keep everything lubricated. Well, we took off the very last door and we see we have cylinder – one of the liners of the

cylinder, it's got seals around the top and the bottom of it. It was leaking water, so it's a good thing that we got forced into that situation. We had water in the motor oil, cooling water, so we've about got that water out of the oil. We've got a device over there that basically, it goes through a filter and heater system that turns that water into steam and it evaporates, putting pure motor oil back into the crank case. We've about got that wrapped up. I'm hoping by the first of next week, we are tearing down that one cylinder and getting new sealant gaskets put back in there to stop that water from going where it's not supposed to go."

<u>APPA National Conference:</u> Superintendent Scheider, "Last year, in that second week of June, was the national APPA (Annual Public Power Association) conference that you all approved. Well, it's coming up again next Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. It's in New Orleans this time. I want to remind everybody that KPP energy is covering the cost of the conference so that will not be any out-of-pocket money on the City. I would like permission to go to that. Council Member Ernst, "You said that was KPP, is that correct?" Superintendent Scheider, "KPP energy, yes."

Council Member Ernst, "I move to allow Superintendent Schneider to attend the Annual Public Power Association conference in New Orleans, LA on June 9 – 11, 2025." Council Member Van Horn, "Second." Hearing no discussion, motion unanimously carried, 6:0.

#### **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

## WATER AND WASTEWATER: Distribution Update

<u>General:</u> Personnel have been doing the normal duties: line locates, work orders, meter rereads, and customer calls and inquiries.

<u>Concrete Blocks:</u> Council Member Berryman, "We purchased some concrete blocks for storage of our washed rock at the water plant and I want to thank the Street Department for bringing the rocks to us."

<u>Flushing Lines:</u> Council Member Berryman, "The staff are still going around and flushing dead end lines all over town."

<u>Maintenance:</u> Council Member Berryman, "The staff have installed new shocks on one of the work trucks and they have been doing general maintenance on the vehicles."

**Rain:** Council Member Berryman, "It's good to see that the rains came down in our area without flooding." City Clerk Brown, "He (Superintendent Hawkins) probably wrote that before, he was gone yesterday." Council Member Berryman, "The rainfall varied from 2.5 inches and up in the city. There are still good chances of more rain coming in the near future."

## **WATER AND WASTEWATER: Production Update**

General: Council Member Berryman, "The plant has been running well."

<u>Actuator:</u> Council Member Berryman, "We had a water valve actuator go out on us and the staff replaced it with a new one, so, another actuator was ordered for our spare."

<u>Personnel:</u> Council Member Berryman, "I want to thank my water committee and Anne (Brown) for helping in the interview process of the potential hiring of Joshua Foster."

Council Member Curtiss, "I move to extend an offer of employment to Joshua Foster, at the starting hourly salary of \$17.90, with a starting date of June 16, 2025." Council Member Ernst, "I second the motion." Hearing no further discussion, motion unanimously carried, 6:0

## **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

Mayor Luke, "That will put us now at fully staffed."

## STREET DEPARTMENT: Update

General: Personnel have been doing the normal duties.

*Oil Distributer*: Superintendent Davidson, "With the delivery of our new distributer trailer, they've been watching some videos and getting familiar with the operation of it."

<u>Rock Haul:</u> Superintendent Davidson, "As Maxi (Berryman) said, we hauled in some rock for the Water Department."

Weeds: Superintendent Davidson, "We've been spraying for weeds, weather permitting."

**Flooding:** Superintendent Davidson, "Last night with the flooding, we had a little over 4.5 hours' worth of overtime setting out barricades and removing those. This afternoon we borrowed a fire truck from Station #3, went out to Country Club Heights, washed the roads off. They seemed to, um, yeah."

<u>Accident:</u> Superintendent Davidson, "We also did traffic control for the accident down on, between  $5^{th}$  and  $6^{th}$ , and Kennebec."

**Retirement:** Superintendent Davidson, "If I could, please, with this being my last meeting, I would like to say 'thank you' to Mayor Luke, to the Governing Body, for all your support in what the Street Department has done in their purchases and projects. Especially like to thank Anne (Brown), Kevin (Boyce), Mike (Roney), Alan (Schneider), Jimmy (Hugunin) for all their help, assistance any time we needed anything. I greatly appreciate it. It has been a good life. Thank you all." Council Member Van Horn, "We thank you." Council Member Curtiss, "We thank you, yeah. We don't want you to go."

Mayor Luke, "Mark. Not everybody has seen your formal letter of retirement, and I didn't change anything, I thought about it. This is dated May 5, 2025: "This serves as formal notification, I will be retiring from my position as Street Department Superintendent for the City of Burlington, effective June 16, 2025. I am grateful for the opportunity to have worked for the City of Burlington for the past 38 years. I would be happy to assist with the transition in any way that I can. I will be here until the 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for the opportunity and support over the years. Sincerely, Mark." On behalf of the Governing Body and the City, presenting this to Mark H. Davidson, in appreciation of 38 years dedicated service to the City of Burlington, Kansas; December 14, 1987 to June 16, 2025." Superintendent Davidson, "Thank you."

#### **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

Council Member Ernst, "I move that we proceed to advertise the Street Superintendent position, open to internal applications only for 30 days." Council Member Curtiss, "Second the motion."

Council Member Strawder, "Is that normal process on replacement of the Superintendent?" Mayor Luke, "Yes, we do it internal, then we can open it up to the public if nobody applies and nobody is qualified." Council Member Van Horn, "Because if it wasn't internal, they wouldn't have any idea how things work." City Clerk Brown, "And they've been training staff." Council Member Strawder, "I understand the processes. I also understand that this is for the top position of a place so, I just – yeah no, you definitely have to give internal people equal chance and everything, but I personally, on something like this, I don't

see why you need to delay the process 30 days on it. And just open -- I mean, internal applicants are encouraged to apply and everything, but if anything, this is just delaying the process. It might mean that we miss out on a potential all-star replacement by limiting it." Mayor Luke, "Well, at the moment we have a motion on the floor, we can either accept or reject that."

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Luke called for a vote. Council Members Van Horn, Curtiss, Ernst, Mays, and Berryman voted 'Yea' and Council Member Strawder voted 'Nay.' Motion carried, 5:1.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT: Update**

**General:** Chief Roney, "Normal duties."

<u>Activities/Cases:</u> Chief Roney, "Officers have been assisting numerous citizen-assist calls, medical assist calls, traffic stops, multiple VIN inspections and working several theft cases. We've had multiple accidents, last Friday was a big one. I'd like to thank the Street Department; they were able to come out and set up a perimeter to keep traffic off us, so that Alan and his crew could get in there and get to the lines and get the poles put up. It freed up some other resources from the Sheriff's Office. They were able to go back to do their duties. So, thanks Mark, thanks to Alan and the guys coming in and getting it cleaned up pretty quick."

<u>Nuisance Properties:</u> Chief Roney, "We've been working on nuisance properties. We've got multiple letters sent out. We've got multiple out-of-staters that we've sent letters to on some homes. Residents around that are living in Burlington, we've had face-to-face contact with them to serve the letters. Getting to our ten days on some of those. We're getting ready to go make our second contacts. Hogan's house, cleaned up. Brad Payer got up in there, got that all cleaned up, got that out of here. It's looking good."

*New Officers Training Academy:* Chief Roney, "I've got one officer, new hire Mark, he's at the KLETC (Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center), he's doing good; he calls me nightly, he's doing great. Dustin leaves June 23<sup>rd</sup>."

<u>Flood:</u> Chief Roney, "We had the floods last night; working with the Street Department, getting barricades and stuff put up and taking them down. Making sure nobody drives through the water."

Annual Evaluation: Chief Roney, "We had an annual evaluation on Donnie Anderson."

Council Member Van Horn, "I move to accept Donnie Anderson's personnel evaluation as presented and to grant a pay increase from \$25.75 to \$26.53 per hour, retroactive to May 24, 2025." Council Member Curtiss, "Second."

Mayor Luke, "How many years now has Donnie been here?" Chief Roney, "Thirty. Here?" Mayor Luke, "Yeah." Chief Roney, "One for Burlington. Coffey County total of six." Mayor Luke, "Okay. He's in the off-cycle so he doesn't have a timeline." Chief Roney, "Yes, this is his first one-year."

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

## **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:**

Mayor Luke, "Congratulate him and let him know he's – we appreciate his work." Chief Roney, "Absolutely, will do." Mayor Luke, "Anything else?" Chief Roney, "No sir, that's all I have." Mayor Luke, "Any questions?"

Council Member Berryman, "No questions, but a comment. I was down at the Police Station this morning. Mike showed me the flowchart of nuisance properties; they are all logged, they are color coded

according to who's doing them. I like to do pop-quizzes on Mike and ask him about specific properties. He's got an answer, he knows the status, the landlord, I mean it's awesome. He shared a correspondence with me this morning that -- by previous leadership had told me it was an untouchable property, and it's not turning out to be untouchable." Council Member Van Horn, "Awesome!" Council Member Berryman, "Yes. Also, what I've noticed down there, Mike, is a change in the attitude and professionalism of the office. It's more positive, more professional. Major change in attitude. And you've been there a short time. Well done." Council Member Curtiss, "Yes, I second that." Chief Roney, "Thank you."

## **PARKS DEPARTMENT: Update**

**General:** Personnel have been doing the normal duties: cleaning public buildings and restrooms, building and equipment maintenance, mowing, and spraying grass and weeds.

<u>Mowing:</u> Superintendent Boyce, "Mowing is taking most of our time. We were out mowing today. We put our pontoons on and floated around and got things mowed. Hopefully we won't get too far behind."

#### **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:**

Council Member Curtiss, "Your flowers are starting to look great." Superintendent Boyce, "They're not taking much water right now." Council Member Curtiss, "That's right! You got a few days off with that."

## FINANCE: Claims Ordinance & Payroll Ordinance

| a. | Claims Ordinance  | 2025-10 | \$<br>278,487.88 |
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| b. | Payroll Ordinance | 2025-12 | \$<br>115,869.61 |
|    |                   | TOTAL   | \$<br>394,357.49 |

<u>CLAIMS 2025-10</u>: Council Member Curtiss moved to approve City of Burlington Claims Ordinance 2025-10 for the amount of \$278,487.88 for payment of city bills. Council Member Ernst gave the second. City Clerk Brown, "We have APAC of Kansas Shear Division for \$17,312.48; we have several rather large ones this time. Kurita America, Inc for \$47,352.50, Pavement Technologies International for \$60,070.00, SEK COOP, Inc for \$18,487.50." Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Luke instructed City Clerk Brown to poll Council for a vote. Mayor Luke declared, "Claims Ordinance 2025-10 passed unanimous, 6:0."

PAYROLL 2025-12: Council Member Curtiss moved to approve City of Burlington Payroll Ordinance 2025-12 in the amount of \$115,869.61, as presented. Council Member Ernst gave the second. Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Luke instructed City Clerk Brown to poll Council for a vote. Mayor Luke declared, "Payroll Ordinance 2025-12 passed unanimous, 6:0."

## **PLANNING & ZONING: Update**

General: Normal duties.

<u>Nuisance Properties Update:</u> Zoning Clerk Hugunin, "Been busy with a lot of yards. Mike's given me a few of them. I've got a letter getting ready to go out tomorrow to another one. The ditches; we're getting caught up because the ditches were getting dry but they are no longer dry. We'll have to give a little more time for people to get their ditches mowed."

Facebook/Webpage: Zoning Clerk Hugunin, "I just updated Facebook and the webpage."

**<u>Floods:</u>** Zoning Clerk Hugunin, "I did go out and help the Street guys last night. Just by driving around, telling them where the water was starting to come across the road."

## **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:**

Council Member Van Horn, "Well you have City Hall windows on the list here. Could we have an update on that?" Zoning Clerk Hugunin, "Anne and I talked today and after she looked at the budget and stuff, I think we are better off waiting until next year." City Clerk Brown, "And we're going to try to get some more quotes." Zoning Clerk Hugunin, "And hopefully I can try and get a few more people to want to respond and give us quotes." Council Member Curtiss, "Sounds good."

## **LEGAL DEPARTMENT: Update**

**General:** Attorney Wright, "Also, I need to talk about would be an executive session but I did want to let the City Council know that I will not be here for the meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup>. So, if you need something before then, please get it to me. And next week I will be going to the City Attorney's Association of Kansas meeting, a semi-annual CLA meeting so I will probably have all sorts of things to talk about with updates of other issues, or issues that the City doesn't normally have. That's all I have."

Mayor Luke, "Then at this point I would accept a motion to enter into a 3-minute executive session for consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship as per K.S.A 75-4319(b) to render legal opinion concerning litigation with the Governing Body, Mayor Luke, City Attorney Wright and City Clerk Brown present." Council Member Curtiss, "I so move." Council Member Van Horn, "Second." Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Luke called for a vote. Motion unanimously carried 6-0.

Entered at 6:29 p.m. and exited at 6:32 p.m. No action taken.

Mayor Luke, "At this time, I would accept a motion to enter into a 5-minute executive session for consultation with attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship as per K.S.A 75-4319b to render legal opinion concerning the HEAL grant with the Governing Body, Mayor Luke, City Attorney Wright, and City Clerk Brown." Council Member Van Horn, "So moved." Council Member Curtiss, "Second." Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Luke called for a vote. Motion unanimously carried 6:0.

Entered at 6:34 p.m. and exited at 6:39 p.m.

Council Member Ernst, "I make a motion to enter a 10-minute Executive Session for consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship per K.S.A 75-4319(b); to render legal opinion concerning the HEAL Grant; with the Governing Body, Mayor Luke, City Attorney Wright, and City Clerk Brown present." Council Member Strawder, "I second the motion." Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Luke called for a vote. Motion unanimously carried 6:0.

Entered at 6:41 p.m. and exited at 6:51 p.m.

Council Member Curtiss, "I make a motion to enter a 10-minute Executive Session for consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship per K.S.A 75-4319(b); to render legal opinion concerning the HEAL Grant; with the Governing Body, Mayor Luke, City Attorney Wright, and City Clerk Brown present." Council

Member Strawder, "I second the motion." Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Luke called for a vote. Motion unanimously carried 6:0.

Entered at 6:53 p.m. and exited at 7:04 p.m.

Mayor Luke, "At this point, what is the governing body's pleasure?"

Council Member Mays, "I make a motion to authorize City Clerk Anne Brown to sign the Kansas Department of Commerce Emergency Historic Economic Asset Lifeline (HEAL) Grant Agreement between the Kansas Department of Commerce, the City of Burlington, and Pam Scott (Building Owner)." Council Member Strawder, "I second the motion."

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Luke called for a vote. Council Members Van Horn, Curtiss, Ernst, Mays, and Strawder voted 'Yea' and Council Member Berryman voted 'Nay.' Motion carried, 5:1.

## **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:**

Chief Roney, "I have a question for the City. Did we do any checking in on that stop sign resolution versus...?" Attorney Wright, "So Anne and I discussed that a little bit. We're still working on that one. That one's on the radar for sure." Chief Roney, "Thank you." City Attorney Wright, "You're welcome."

## **CITY CLERK: Update**

*General:* City Clerk Brown, "City Hall staff have been busy with customers paying utility bills, work orders, preparing vouchers for bill paying, payroll, and minutes for council meetings."

**2026 Budget:** City Clerk Brown, "I have been working with the Department Heads on the 2026 Budget. We do have the Budget Finance Committee meeting with the Department Heads scheduled for next Thursday, June 12 at 3:30 p.m. at City Hall in the back meeting room.

Reports: City Clerk Brown, "I have handed out the utility and sales tax reports for the month of May."

<u>Candidate Filing:</u> City Clerk Brown, "If you all don't know already, the candidates that have filed for Council Members are: Ward 1 Position 2, Jerilyn Curtiss; Ward 2 Position 2, Martin Ernst and George Shove; Ward 3 Position 2, Maxi Berryman and Michael Springman. Brad (Jones) did tell me that there is not going to be a Primary (election) because they did not have..." City Attorney Wright, "Not enough people to do a Primary." City Clerk Brown, "Yeah, so there will not be a Primary this year."

<u>City Hall Windows:</u> City Clerk Brown, "We are going to hold off on the windows until next year. Work on trying to get some more quotes on that."

Calls/Inquiries: City Clerk Brown, "Just normal calls and inquiries."

#### **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:**

Council Member Curtiss, "Next Thursday is the Finance meeting?" Mayor Luke, "Yep." City Clerk Brown, "The 12<sup>th</sup>, yeah. Do we need to move it?" Council Member Curtiss, "What time?" City Clerk Brown, "3:30." Council Member Curtiss, "I've got doctors' appointments but I should be back by then."

#### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Luke, "On appointments, at the time we did them, there was an open position in the Housing Authority. I have been informed by that organization that Christi Norman has been asked, and she has accepted, the position to fill the spot that Ben Gaut had when he passed away. So, she will be on that committee."

Mayor Luke, "Anything the Governing Body wants to bring before us?" City Clerk Brown, "We did have a, in your packets, the Sheriff's Department is supporting the Special Olympics and they did ask for – you can sponsor or you can do a team and do whatever, or you can just donate if you want. So, I thought I would put that out there and see if you would like to donate to that." Council Member Ernst, "Is this for the Heroes Pull?" City Clerk Brown, "Yes." Council Member Ernst, "Okay." City Clerk Brown, "So the team is for the Heroes Pull if you want, or just do a donation for it that would go to help the Special Olympics as well." Mayor Luke, "I would say it would be a donation." City Clerk Brown, "Yeah, I think we need to..." Council Member Curtiss, "I'm not pulling anything." City Clerk Brown, "I don't want to pull anything." Council Member Curtiss, "I'm not pulling." Council Member Ernst, "Last year they pulled the big..." Council Member Curtiss, "Mark has to pull, though, before he can retire." Superintendent Davidson, "I'm sorry?" City Attorney Wright, "Trust me, you don't care." Council Member Strawder, "Have we done donations in the past for this?" City Clerk Brown, "Well, not for this." Mayor Luke, "Last year was the first year that they did it." Council Member Curtiss, "I think I read where the other cities have given like \$100."

# Council Member Curtiss, "I make a motion that we donate \$200 to the Coffey County Sheriff's Office Special Olympics 2025 Heroes Pull event." Council Member Mays, "I second."

Mayor Luke, "Any discussion?" Council Member Ernst, "Do we have \$200 in the..." City Clerk Brown, "Yes." Council Member Ernst, "Okay." City Clerk Brown, "Yes, we do."

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

Council Member Strawder, "A couple questions. I know last meeting I was out, but there was discussion about the old restaurant downtown with the side walk." Council Member Van Horn, "Marie Belle's." Council Member Strawder, "Marie Belle's. And then there is also the old Stop Light Store building that has been an area block. Is there – where do we stand at on working with people to get remedies so that we can - I mean, are we following up with them? Is that...?" City Clerk Brown, "That is private property and until it becomes – well, it is kind of a hazard, but the Stop Light Store is, but I don't know how we can force them to..." Council Member Curtiss, "Well how long can they keep those barricades up?" Zoning Clerk Hugunin, "I think the County is working on getting someone to look at that building. City Clerk Brown, "Yeah, the County is working on Marie Belle's." Zoning Clerk Hugunin, "The County owns that building." Council Member Curtiss, "Right." Council Member Mays, "They've officially taken it over." Superintendent Boyce, "That's not a bricklayer there at Marie Belle's looking at it." Council Member Strawder, "I was just curious, I mean, because as I said, Stop Light Store – I understand it's private property and stuff -- but at the same time, I mean we're blocking off areas and just making sure..." Chief Roney, "Stop Light Store guy, I talked to him, he is in the process of trying to scrape some of that stuff off so it's not a hazard, when he gets a chance to get to it and the weather permits. And then also, he's going to be reaching out to somebody to come in an reseal those bricks. I talk to him once every other week and he's working on it when he can get to it." Council Member Strawder, "That was it. Just making sure." Chief Roney, "Yeah, absolutely."

Mayor Luke declared the meeting adjourned.

Approved by the Governing Body and signed by Kerri Weltha, Deputy City Clerk