

# Ness City council met in regular session on July 7

REGULAR SESSION: The City of Ness City met in regular session July 7, at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Ann Kuhlman presided. Council members in attendance were Colby Gantz, Darcy O'Toole and Craig Goodman by phone. Bill Stiawalt joined at 5:04 and Travis Snyder at 5:10. STAFF PRESENT: Attorney Tony Rues, Superintendent Earl Crosswhite, Clerk Wanda Gabel and Scott Keener. OTHERS PRESENT: Cinda Flax

MINUTES: A motion by Goodman seconded by O'Toole to approve the minutes of the June 16, regular meeting was unanimously approved.

CLAIMS: A motion by Gantz seconded O'Toole to approve June Claims



"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Mathew 11:28-30

In a world that never seems to slow down, rest can feel like a luxury. But in the words of Jesus, rest is not only possible but it's promised.

This passage from Matthew offers two of what Scripture calls "exceedingly great and precious promises" (2 Peter 1:4): "I will give you rest" and "you will find rest for your souls." These aren't just poetic words; they describe the two great needs of every human heart—peace with God and peace in God.

The first promise speaks to those who are burdened by guilt, shame, or the weary weight of trying to make life work on their own. Jesus says, "Come to Me... and I will give you rest." That's not rest we earn; it's rest we receive. He offers forgiveness, not as a reward for our efforts, but as a gift of His grace. As Isaiah prophesied, "The LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6). In Jesus, we can lay down our burdens because He carried them to the cross.

The second promise speaks to believers who have already tasted that forgiveness, yet still find their souls restless. Many Christians begin their walk by grace but then try to live it out in their own strength. The result? Exhaustion. Frustration. Defeat. Jesus offers a better way: "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me." His yoke isn't a new burden—it's an invitation to walk in step with Him, to live by His gentle leadership and quiet strength.

Unlike the world's kind of rest, which often means escape or distraction, Jesus offers true rest—a deep soul-sigh of peace that comes from being known, loved, and led by Him.

Friend, whether you're burdened by sin or simply burned out by striving, Jesus invites you to come. Come for the first time or come again. You'll find that He is still gentle. Still lowly. Still offering rest to weary hearts.

Rev. John L. Grimm

Ness City & Bazine Methodist Churches

was approved. Aye: Gantz, O'Toole, Goodman. Abstain: Stiawalt

NESS COUNTY CHAMBER: Cinda Flax presented promotional expenses for 2025. A motion by Gantz seconded by O'Toole to approve the request for \$1,550 for Rooster Roundup, Kansas Limestone Coalition, Wild West Country, Marketing Website, and Kansas Travel guide was unanimously approved.

SEWER GROUND: In the process of researching the area he had been asked to survey, Ben Rumbaugh came across documentation when the ground was deeded to the City June 16, 1930.

CITY SUPERINTENDENT: Corrections from a recent safety audit will be addressed, locating water lines with the Vactron at the reservoir for the water treatment plant and a safety alert was received on the Vactron to be followed up on. The easement for the reservoir area was discussed. Kansas Dirt Works, a subcontractor for the CCLIP was in town today, will be moving in equipment on the 14th to start the 17th, and Kirkham Michael confirmed fire hydrant locations for the project today. North Topeka Street was discussed, to continue at the next meeting.

CITY CLERK: Audit delivery and initial budget discussion will be at our next meeting, a thank you from Summer Rupp was received, and no response was received from Carrothers on window issue cost confirmation that was requested, will follow up on it.

CITY ATTORNEY: Unfit structures were discussed, as well as a letter regarding air space, recodification and code enforcement progress.

OTHER ITEMS: Solid waste contract and cemetery.

ADJOURNED: 5:45 p.m. Approved on July 21.

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## NESS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

• August 7th

• September 4th

• October 2nd

2025 UPCOMING LAB DATES:

7:00 AM-10:30AM

No doctor's order needed. Test performed by Quest Diagnostics. Payment is expected at time of service, tests will not be billed for insurance.

### Tests Available

Hemoglobin A1C- \$14.00	TSH- \$18.00	Magnesium- \$12.00
PSA-\$25.00	CBC- \$12.00	Ferritin- \$10.00
Vitamin D- \$37.00	CMP- \$12.00	BMP-\$6.00
Testosterone- \$20.00	CMP Big Panel- \$40.00	T3-\$15.00
Lipid- \$15.00	TESTOSTERONE.TOTALMS - \$20.00 (Female)	
Covid Antibody IGG-\$85.00		
T4 Free 4- \$8.00		
Uric Acid- \$6.00	Hep C W/ Refl HCV- \$24.00	
Note if positive another test will be performed (HCV RNA). Additional cost of \$110.00 will be charged!		

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### NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of  
**City of Ness City**  
will meet on August 18, 2025 at 5:00 PM at City Hall for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at City Hall and will be available at this hearing.

#### BUDGET SUMMARY

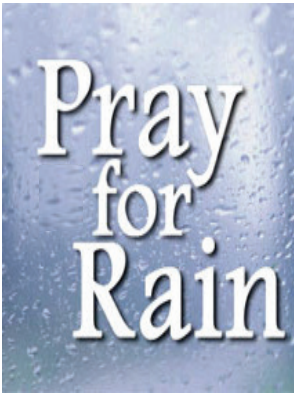
Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2026 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual for 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Proposed Budget Year for 2026		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate *	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate *	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate *
General	1,555,050	43.571	1,643,100	39.594	1,726,762	440,928	35.758
Debt Service							
Library	91,093	7.979	107,000	8.103	107,000	89,792	7.282
Industrial			18,539				
Library Employee Benefits	44,806	3.836	47,445	3.678	47,445	39,532	3.206
Special Highway	36,805		35,000		78,201		
Special Parks & Recreation	38,680		12,000		13,852		
Water Utility	609,242		483,000		662,632		
Guest Tax	2,069		7,500		8,479		
Solid Waste	167,110		257,000		222,695		
Sewer Utility	194,857		184,000		321,940		
Non-Budgeted Funds-A	2,025,598						
Totals	4,765,310	55.386	2,794,584	51.375	3,189,006	570,252	46.246
Revenue Neutral Rate**							46.248

Less: Transfers	867,000	770,500	863,062
Net Expenditure	3,898,310	2,024,084	2,325,944
Total Tax Levied	570,318	570,257	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Assessed Valuation	10,296,799	11,099,922	12,330,759
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,			
G.O. Bonds	2023 63,000	2024 59,000	2025 55,000
Revenue Bonds	0	0	465,000
Other	280,751	214,334	0
Lease Purchase Principal	0	0	0
Total	343,751	273,334	520,000

\*Tax rates are expressed in mills  
\*\*Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988

Wanda Gabel  
City Official Title: City Clerk



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