

NEWS

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ATTICA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Aug. 20 Meeting

Mayor Angie Alexander called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Councilmembers Paul Calvert, Tammy McDaniel, and Kristy Yust were in attendance. Councilmen Taner Hayes and Buckland Smith were absent. City Clerk Lori Ryan, City Superintendent Jay Spengler, and Chief of Police Chuck Berry were in attendance. Councilwoman McDaniel motioned to approve the Agenda Topics and Councilman Calvert seconded. Vote passed 3-0. Calvert motioned to approve the Consent Agenda with 8/22/25 Payroll Appropriations Ordinance #7388 for \$14,617.51 and Expenditure Appropriation Ordinance #7365 in the amount of \$76,185.77 and seconded by Yust. Vote passed 3-0.

Appearances: Attica Cemetery Board Representative, Matt Gardner was in attendance to discuss internet at the cemetery. Gardner to work with Clerk Ryan on some issues.

2025/2026 REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE HEARING AND BUDGET HEARING: (no citizen appearances) McDaniel motioned to approve Resolution R-9-25 to exceed the RNR. Calvert seconded. Vote passed 3-0. Calvert motioned to approve the 2026 Budget. Yust seconded. Vote passed 3-0.

Recreation Committee 2026 Budget Hearing – Heather Fly motioned to approve the 2026 Budget. Christy Mans seconded. Vote passed 3-0 with Angie

Alexander voting as well.

City Superintendent Jay Spengler Report – Public Works Team completed regular routine chores such as Running wells, Emptied trash on Main, completed several One-Call Locates, Pushed-up the Burn Site north of town, Monthly Water Meter Reading for Utility Bills. Brian Prather is keeping-up on all of the mowing, weedeating, and spraying. Sprayed for mosquitoes. Installed Jason Fähring’s old seats in Dodge pickup. Ran a sewer line on east side. Getting fuel pump and belts replaced on sewer machine. Fix small water leak by old power plant. Replaced electric pole at 500 blk N Magnolia and put up customer’s new service. Fix some holes in a few alleys. Talked with customer about her water bill being high. Got quote for 2 25 KVA transformers for stock. Quote for electric crimpers. Ordered roll of wire for stock. Returned a few water couplers that was sent to us/wrong ones. Sabrina from KDHE was here on 8/19 to inspect our three sewer ponds and documentation that goes with it; she was pleased. Ordered a few brass fittings and some poly water line for stock.

APD Chief Berry Report – Chief Berry reported that he installed cameras at School facilities. 200 blk N Magnolia/rpt of stolen trailer/ located trailer at residence. 100 blk E Ave G/ Accident rpt/Maroon 2004 Ford F-150 vs Fence/Ticket issued/ inattentive driving.

300 blk N Blaine/rpt of arson fire on outside furniture. 600 blk N Miller/rpt of suspicious person in Blue Chevy Pickup pulling trailer with canoe on it/checked area/no truck found/w/S0-107. 500 blk W Ave B/work on install of running boards and cage for Unit #121. 400 blk N Magnolia/request for assistance for a fan due to the heat. 600 blk W Main (Harper)/ Escort and traffic control Fair Parade. 500 blk E Ave B/Ambulance assist. Sheriff’s Office/pick up evidence from KBI Lab. 300 blk E Ave F/Civil issue with parent. Wellness Center/Activity shooter training with teachers & staff & First Aid and CPR training certification.

City Clerk Lori Ryan Report – City Clerk Lori Ryan’s two-week report showed that she and Bill Clerk Staci Calvert served pizza at the Pioneer Feed during the HP Co Fair. Ryan working on KCC electrical grant. City Hall received new SCTelcom telephone system. Calvert assisted customer with water meter issue. Ryan received complaints on a business having messy lots; Mayor to contact land owner to have land owner tell business owner to address the issue. Ryan to go talk to school kids on Career Day. Ryan has KOMA/KORA training in September. Ryan took request from individual that wants City rock put at the end of his driveway; Council discussed.

AGENDA & OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED –

Council decided to approve Councilman Bucky Smith’s idea to give “Good Deed Do’er” DONALD BARKER a \$100 gift card to Abner’s for mowing, weedeating, picking up trash and limbs and never being paid for it or asking for a pat on the back. THE CITY OF ATTICA APPRECIATES YOU, DONALD BARKER.

Mayor asked Council who they thought would be a good, reliable City Council President to replace Matt Gardner. It was unanimous that Paul Calvert would make an excellent new Council President.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – At 6:25pm, Councilwoman McDaniel motioned to go into Executive Session for 11 minutes for matters of non-elected personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, KSA 75-4319b1. Councilwoman Yust seconded. Passed 3-0. 6:36pm, regular session resumed with no action taken while in E.S.

Regular session resumed. Yust motioned to give City Superintendent Jay Spengler a 2% increase in pay; Calvert seconded. Vote passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:36pm. Next regularly scheduled Council Meeting is 9/3/25.

Council Meetings are every first and third Wednesday of each month at 5:pm and open to the public; however, if you would like to address Council, it is appreciated that you call City Hall first to get on the Agenda.

NEWS BRIEFS

COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE

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TEFAP FOOD COMMODITIES AVAILABLE SEPT. 11

TEFAP Food Commodities will be available Thursday, Sept. 11 8:30 a.m. to noon at 201 N. Jennings, the Courthouse. Income guidelines apply and food is available on a first come, first serve basis. This institution is an equal opportunity institution.

- Light, frequent irrigation is necessary the first few weeks after planting, soil should remain moist, but not waterlogged.
- Minimize traffic on the area until seedlings are ready to be mowed.

Overseeding Existing Lawn

- Prior to planting, mow the area low (one to one-and-one-half inches) to reduce competition

with seedlings and help improve seed contact with soil.

- Water light, but often, keeping soil moist but not waterlogged.

Fertilize Cool-Season Grasses

- Use a quick-release source of nitrogen.
- Apply one to one-and-one-half pounds of actual nitrogen per 1,000 square feet.

HARPER COUNTY JAIL

Aug. 18: Shane Thomas Fortune, 41, held for Barber County, served 48 hours.

Aug. 21: Richard John Fogel, 49, domestic battery and criminal damage to property, release date N/A, bond N/A.

Aug. 23: Derick Wray Dent, 56, disorderly conduct and interfering with law enforcement officer, release date N/A, \$10,000 bond.

ATTICA SENIOR MEALS

Sept. 1: Closed for Labor Day Holiday

Sept. 2: Chicken sandwich, toppings, fried potatoes, cucumber salad, milk

Sept. 3: Smoked pork, baked beans, spinach salad, fruit, roll, milk

Sept. 4: Beef stroganoff, Ceasar salad, fruit, brownie, milk

Sept. 5: Ham and cheddar sandwich, toppings, cottage cheese, green bean salad, apple crisp, milk

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Kansas House Speaker Wants to Slash \$200M From State Budget

BY TIM CARPENTER

Kansas Reflector

TOPEKA – Kansas House Speaker Dan Hawkins said the 2026 Legislature would strive to slash \$200 million from the state government’s budget and seek to reduce expenditures on the Medicaid program delivering health care to low-income adults and children.

Hawkins, a Wichita Republican who has served 13 years in the Legislature, said during an interview at an American Legislative Exchange Council conference in Indianapolis that he

was proud the 2025 Legislature took the lead in crafting the current state budget. Ahead of the 2025 session, a Republican-controlled committee of the House and Senate developed its own budget bill rather than wait for Democratic Gov. Laura Kelly’s recommendation, as traditionally presented to lawmakers in January.

Despite Republicans in the House and Senate operating with partisan supermajorities since Kelly’s election in 2018, Hawkins was critical in the interview of what he calculated to be a 60 percent rise in spending during Kel-

ly’s seven years as governor.

In the past legislative session, Hawkins said, the House and Senate whittled down the state budget for 2025-2026 to more than \$200 million below the amount it approved for 2024-2025.

“That first \$200 million is probably the easy one to cut,” Hawkins said during the ALEC interview. “It starts getting harder every year after that.”

He said the Legislature’s decision to consolidate its grip on the budget process at the Capitol resulted in a bill that spent less than the

amount sought by Kelly.

“The governor still says that we spend too much, but we cut \$43 million,” Hawkins told his ALEC audience.

In response to an inquiry, Hawkins’ staff clarified the actual year-to-year cut by the Legislature was \$38 million below spending proposed by Kelly. The Legislature did vote for \$43 million in deletions, but some were vetoed by the governor.

The Legislature chose not to override all of Kelly’s line-item vetoes. That left the overall cut at \$38 million – not \$43 million.

MOVIE

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won four Oscars for Best Original Score, Best Visual Effects, Best Sound, and Best Original Screenplay. The film also received several Golden Globe Awards, including best Motion Picture. This film is regarded as

one of the greatest films of all time. E.T. has remained a standard for generations, winning audiences over with its universal messages of kindness and wonder. Come enjoy the movie even if you have seen it years ago, or if you have only seen it on TV, you will enjoy watching it on the big screen.

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