



REMINISCING

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1976

Joe McClure, Alta Vista, is Republican nominee for County Commissioner, 1st District, in Wabaunsee County...Council Grove National Guardsmen leave for Fort McCoy, WI, for summer camp training; among the men are Charles Downes, Newell Julian, George Young, Allen Thomas, Norman Willis, Delford Winter, Robert Ziegenhirt, Rex Lee, Timothy Marlar and Keith Yadon.

1986

Champion horse in open division at Morris County Fair is owned by Dean and Donna Parker; Tyson Buchman shows the reserve champion...Jennie Buchman, Busy Workers 4-H Club, is champion horse showman during 4-H horse show at Fairgrounds Park; Tyson Buchman, Busy Workers, is reserve champion showman...Charlene McRae defeats Raymond Ross for County Commissioner, 1st District, Democratic nomination...Mr. and Mrs. Jack Umbehr, Alma, parents of son, Kelby Shawn.

1996

Shane Miller and Aimee Miller issued marriage license...Wayne Smith, head basketball coach at CGHS, to be recognized by Kansas Basketball Coaches Association for 15 years of service...Edna Ziegler to celebrate her 98th birthday at Meadowbrook Manor.

2006

Andrew Laultt, Cale Miller, Keith Williams and Travis graham receive Morris County 4-H Foundation scholarships...Mary Collins and Ken England, teachers at CGES, complete agriculture in classroom course.

2016

Marvin Tischhauser will be the speaker for the Santa Fe Trail Parish worship service at Council Grove Reservoir...City Council approves a 2017 budget that will require a tax increase of 3.996 mills; the estimated tax levy will be 64.217 mills, compared to 60.221 mills this year and 60.219 mills in 2015.

CHASE COUNTY

CITY OF COTTONWOOD FALLS

The regular meeting of the City of Cottonwood Falls was called to order at 6:00 pm, July 20, 2026 in the Municipal Meeting Room. Those present at the meeting were Mayor Buddy Sisson, Council Members: Mike Hastings, Greg Campbell, Ryan Spinden, Nick Rogers, and Grant Edwards. Scott Gumfory, Utilities Supervisor, and Tina Andrews, City Clerk.

Agenda Approval: Mike Hastings motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Nick Rogers, passed unanimously.

Minutes Approval: Nick Rogers motioned to approve the minute from the previous minutes, seconded by Mike Hastings, motion carried.

Guests: Lisa Vega- Murfin Media, presented two advertising packages for 4-H / Chase County Fair – Proudly Supporting (\$240) & Back to School Safety Ads (\$180). Nick Rogers motioned to accept the two advertising packages, seconded by Ryan Spinden, motion carried.

Aron Dody, USD 284, talked about the new fittings for the water diversion on the down spouts on the school building to hinder the erosion issue. Aron had pictures of some issues of the drainage at the “old Symphony” building that was donated. He explained the options for the water drainage solution, the most cost-effective, elevation issues, and improving the look of the lot. They will be installing a driveway, and they will be able to see the pitch of the slope and proceed from there. Nick had a concern about the property next to their building with flooding issues. Aron explained they would be installing new guttering and downspouts on the building to help solve some of the issues with rainwater and installing two new French drains. Aron will be returning with bids and reviewing them with the council; and discussing the cost-sharing figures on the project.

Bruce Boettcher, Civil Engineer, BG Consultants, presented a Meeting Agenda on projects for the city. He had visited with Mayor Sisson about some future projects. He explained the list of projects from Waterline Replacement, Wastewater Lagoon Rehabilitation, Friend Street Storm Sewer Improvements, Downtown Storm Sewer Improvements Localize Large Basin Improvements, and Low Water Dam Improvements. He discussed the funding options from state agencies. He proceeded to explain the applications, deadlines, and submittals reports, i.e., Preliminary

LEGALS

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Engineering Reports (PER) & Engineer's Opinion of Probable Costs (EOPC). The specific applications and matching funding by the city. He explained the timeline on the projects and the procedure of funding through grants and loans. Mayor Sisson explained he has been discussing grant funding with Crystal Hinnen, CDBG, new measures on the grant funding will be online on July 23rd. Bruce believed that a new survey must be conducted beforehand. More information will be available after that. Governmental funding request requires engineering reports to proceed in applying for grants. The grant funding deadline dates and programs have various dates. Mayor Sisson & Scott Gumfory mentioned there is a deadline date of December 1, 2026, for the lagoon project. Bruce requested to review the documentation from KDHE. He will contact them on this project and try to extend the deadline. He explained that more information will be required for the lagoon project which will include adding items to the list to be qualified for the grant. Bruce will contact KDHE and return with the information.

MAYOR REPORT: Janis Meyer sent the proposal for the 2027 budget to the city council for review. Proposed budget on table. Capital Improvement email sent to Tina was discussed. No action taken.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Conrad – 301 Sycamore Street – Branch removal over his house. Scott will review the situation and report back at the next meeting.

Ordinance No. 962: Water Service - It was discussed to have new policy with information for a Utility Security Deposit and explanation of fees, deadlines, and rates. Tina will prepare a policy for the next meeting. A separate income account will need to be created to record the deposits for the Utility Security Deposit funds.

CITY CLERK:

The 250th Anniversary T-shirts will be available to purchase through the city office; all T-shirts must be paid for in advance before their order is placed. Council approved, separate income fund will be created.

Visa Gift Cards & thank you cards given to Mayor Sisson.

New City Seals were ordered; they were unreadable.

Mayor Sisson mentioned to Tina that the city should publish a thank you to the community & donors in

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MISC.

"The 36-Hour Day" Support Group meets 1-2 p.m. on Thursdays at the Morris County Hospital Chapel. It is free, safe, confidential and open to anyone caring for a friend or loved one with dementia. For info, call Jan at 303-775-5901 or Liz at 785-466-1590.

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the paper.

Complaint about the foul odor from the cats around his building, grass & parking lot, and vehicles. The council asked to meet with the people who care for the cats to attend a council meeting to try to resolve the issue.

Ordinance No. 981 – Grass Clippings & Debris on city streets. Mike Hastings has mentioned that there has been a lot of debris and grass clippings, other council members agreed. It was decided to have a reminder listed on this month's utility bills on Ordinance No. 981. JAC Agreement (as an example) to review for the council on table with plans.

UTILITIES REPORT:

They have been working on the rock edging for the playground, they are short about 30 feet. He has ordered more with Passmore. ** Posted pics on website.

The quote for cutting the tree down at the library is \$400, and the city would haul it away.

Scott asked for a concrete hammer drill to use for projects. Council agreed to have him purchase one.

Staff Policy & Relations:

Street Alleys & Properties: Mike Hastings has a concern about possible new construction in a residential zone. He discussed that a shop (light industrial) may be built. The city council must approve any plans or zoning changes.

Tina received a phone call from a person wanting to sell their house & garage (driveway) separately. She was told to create a map of the property with measurements, reason for the separation of the lot, and it must be approved by the council.

Economics, Tax & Finance: Parks & Recreation: Nick inves-

tigated some new benches for the parks. Measurements will be needed for the base and benches to be made of composite material. The concrete pads dimensions are needed. Discussion on the method of attachment of benches.

Sidewalks: Mayor Sisson spoke to Brandon Schlup on an itemized list for the sidewalks. Grant funding will be needed.

Grant Edwards explained to the council about a new type of cross walk sign – with blinking LED lights that might work for the city.

Economics, Taxation & Finance: Community Relations: Discussion on the planters & watering. * Side note: Tina emailed Laci Jacques she

shas agreed to plant in the spring & decorate in the fall/winter months, per email (will donate her time). She is unable to water planters. The city will be responsible for the watering.

Capital Improvements: APPROVAL OF: Payroll, Taxes, EFT's, and Bills: Mike Hastings presented the bill payment checks, voided checks, EFT's, QuickBooks payroll figures, and overtime.

Federal, Medicare & Social Security, and State Withholdings, KPERs. Mike Hastings motioned to approve, seconded by Nick Rogers. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Hastings, second by Nick Rogers, motion carried: Time 7:51 pm.

NOTICE OF REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE HEARING AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of

Chase County Recreation

will meet on September 9, 2026 at 6:00 PM at 219 Broadway for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of funds.

Detailed budget information is available at USD #284 Board Office and will be available at this meeting.

SUPPORTING COUNTIES

Chase (home county) Chase, Lyon, Morris, Marion

BUDGET SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

The proposed budget year expenditure amount is the maximum expenditure limit for the proposed budget

Fund	Prior Year Actual 2024/2025	Current Year Estimated 2025/2026	Proposed Budget Year 2026/2027
General	177,570	302,266	499,050
Totals	177,570	302,266	499,050

Lease Purchases:	2023	2024	2025
July 1,	0	0	0

Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988	4.000
Total Proposed Estimated Tax Rate	4.000

Cindy Kethmann
Recreation Commission Secretary



We are celebrating!!

(It's been one month since the salad bar returned)

Family Night

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