

LEGALS

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ORDINANCE NO. 2601. AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO MIDWEST ENERGY, INC., A KANSAS CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, AN ELECTRIC FRANCHISE PRESCRIBING THE TERMS THEREOF AND RELATING THERETO, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH OR IN CONFLICT WITH THE TERMS THEREOF. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF COLLYER, KANSAS: Section 1. That, in consideration of the benefits to be derived by the City of COLLYER, Kansas, and its inhabitants, hereinafter called "City", there is hereby granted to Midwest Energy, Inc., hereinafter called "Grantee" or "Company", its successors and assigns, the right to use and occupy the streets, avenues, alleys and other public places within the City of COLLYER, Kansas, for the purpose of constructing, erecting, operating and maintaining electric transmission and distribution lines and all necessary facilities and appurtenances for use in the transmission, distribution and sale of electricity for all purposes to said City and its inhabitants for a period of twenty (20) years from the date of passage of this Ordinance through the 3rd day of September, 2046. Section 2. The Company is hereby given the right, under the supervision of the Governing Body of the City, and within the City limits, to trim and cut such trees and foliage as may be reasonably necessary to prevent the same from interfering with the safe and efficient operation and maintenance of its transmission lines, distribution system, street lighting equipment, and to establish reasonable rules and regulations for the conduct of its business. Section 3. That, in consideration of the rights and privileges hereby granted, said Grantee hereby undertakes and agrees to use reasonable effort to maintain good and adequate service to the City hereunder, but it is understood that the Company does not guarantee that the supply of electrical energy will at all times be continuous and it is agreed that temporary cessation of Company's service hereunder occasioned by fire, explosion, flood, strike, insurrection, mob violence, governmental interference, breakdown or injury to machinery, or transmission or distribution lines or from other accidents or causes not reasonably within its control, shall not constitute a breach of this Ordinance or any obligation arising hereunder on the part of the Company; and, that Grantee shall not be liable to City or to any other person, firm or corporation for any damages resulting from such

temporary cessation of service. Section 4. That, in consideration of the rights and privileges hereby granted, said Grantee, its successors and assigns, shall locate its distribution lines in the streets, avenues, alleys and other public places in such manner as not to interfere with the use of said streets, avenues, alleys and public places. At times when City causes public improvements to be made to any of the streets, avenues, alleys or other public places within the City that are occupied by Company's electric facilities, Company shall, at City request, relocate its electric facilities at Company's expense to conform to the City's planned improvement. If said Grantee is required to move, alter or rebuild any of its electric facilities not located on public right-of-way, the cost of moving, altering or rebuilding said facilities shall be borne by the requesting party. In the event City vacates or otherwise abandons City right-of-way on which Company facilities are located, or planned to be located, the Ordinance vacating or abandoning such City right-of-way shall provide City granted easement to Company. Section 5. It is further agreed by the City and the Company, that the rates now in effect or such rates as may be approved by the proper governmental authority having jurisdiction over the Company or the Company's Board pursuant to K.S.A. 66-104d, as applicable, shall be deemed to be a reasonable schedule of maximum rates charged the City and its inhabitants for the service provided by the Company. Section 6. Subject to any restriction placed on Company by regulatory authorities having jurisdiction over the Company in consideration of and as compensation for the granting of this franchise by the City of COLLYER, Kansas, and in lieu of any licenses, fees and occupation or other revenue taxes, Company shall collect from consumers and pay to the City an amount equal to Five percent (5%) of the gross revenue derived from the sales of electric power and energy within the corporate limits of said City, such payment to be made to the City monthly for the preceding monthly period. If and when retail wheeling becomes an option, this ordinance may be opened so that a franchise tax may be collected on such electric energy that is being wheeled through Midwest Energy's local distribution system in the city limits of COLLYER, Kansas. The option to reopen this provision of Section 6 will not effect the other terms of this ordinance. The City shall have access to and the right to examine, at all reasonable times, all books, receipts, files, records and documents of Company necessary to verify the correctness of said payments. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this franchise, the fee provided for in this Section 6 shall not become effective within any area annexed

by the City until 30 days after the City provides the Company with a certified copy of the annexation ordinance, proof of publication as required by law, and a map of the city detailing the annexed area. Section 7. Without affecting the other terms of this Ordinance, as further consideration for the rights and privileges hereby granted Company and subject to any restrictions placed on Company by regulatory authorities having jurisdiction over Company, Company agrees that the City will have the option to open the provision of Section 6 relating to the percentage applied to gross receipts derived from applicable electric sales. Six (6) months prior to the end of each 5-year period that this Ordinance is in existence, the Company and the City may renegotiate the percentage to be paid to the City during the succeeding 5-year period. If the Company and the City cannot reach a mutual agreement on said percentage during such 6-month period, this Ordinance shall become null and void. Section 8. That the Company, its successors and assigns, in the construction, maintenance and operation of its electric transmission, distribution and street lighting system, under the rights and privileges herein granted, shall exercise all reasonable and proper precaution to avoid damage or injury to persons or property, and shall hold and save harmless the City of COLLYER, Kansas, from any and all damage, injury and expense caused by the negligence of said Company, its successors and assigns, or its or their agents or servants. Section 9. It is further provided that should any section or sections of this Ordinance be held null and void, or void or illegal by any court having jurisdiction in a proper action, such decision by such court shall not affect any other part of this Ordinance not passed upon by such court. Section 10. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed. Section 11. This franchise is granted pursuant to the provisions of Article 20, Chapter 12, Kansas Statutes Annotated. Section 12. The ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication in the Western Kansas World, the official city newspaper. FINAL ADOPTION AND PASSAGE by the Governing Body of the City of COLLYER, Kansas, this 3rd day of September 2026. Larry Walt, Mayor ATTEST: Ryan Walt, City Clerk (SEAL) Pat Parke, CEO, Midwest Energy, Inc. ATTEST: Schamra Detherage, Assistant Secretary, Midwest Energy,

Inc. (SEAL) Sept. 10
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF TREGO COUNTY, KANSAS  
In the Matter of the Estate of SYLVIA KINDERKNECHT, deceased. Case No. TR-2026-PR-000017  
NOTICE OF HEARING  
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:  
You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Eric Kinderknecht, son and one of the heirs of Sylvia Kinderknecht, deceased, requesting descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Trego County, Kansas: An undivided one-fourteenth (1/14) interest in and to: South Twenty-six feet (S.26') of Lot two (2) and all of Lot Three (3), except the South One Foot (S.1') of said Lot Three (3), Block One (1), Ruskin Heights Addition to the City of WaKeeney, Trego County, Kansas, all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.  
You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before Sept. 28, 2026, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the City of WaKeeney in Trego County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause shall be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.  
Eric Kinderknecht  
Petitioner  
Abraham T. Pfannenstiel  
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Sept. 24  
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF TREGO COUNTY, KANSAS
In the Matter of the Estate of LINDA WEIGEL, deceased. Case No. TR-2026-PR-000018
NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Bruce L. Weigel, son and one of the heirs of Linda Weigel, deceased, requesting descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Trego County, Kansas: An undivided one-fourteenth (1/14) interest in and to: South Twenty-six feet (S.26') of Lot two (2) and all of Lot Three (3), except the South One Foot (S.1') of said Lot Three (3), Block One (1), Ruskin Heights Addition to the City of WaKeeney, Trego County, Kansas, all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.
You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before Sept. 28, 2026, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the City of WaKeeney in Trego County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause shall be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.
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IN THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF TREGO COUNTY, KANSAS SITTING WAKEENEY HALF A DAY, LLC) 324 North 9th Street) WaKeeney, Kansas 67672)) Plaintiff.) v)) Case No. TR-2026-CV-000022 R-3 MECHANICAL LLC.) 2522 Ehrich Street) Colorado Springs, Colorado 80904) and) Reuben P. Boyd) 9985 Kings Canyon Drive) Peyton, Colorado 80831) Defendants.) NOTICE OF PETITION To R-3 Mechanical LLC,

NOTICE OF HEARING  
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:  
You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Bruce L. Weigel, son and one of the heirs of Linda Weigel, deceased, requesting descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Trego County, Kansas: An undivided one-fourteenth (1/14) interest in and to: South twenty-six feet (S.26') of Lot Two (2) and all of Lot Three (3), except the South One Foot (S.1') of said Lot Three (3), Block One (1), Ruskin Heights Addition to the City of WaKeeney, Trego County, Kansas, and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death by assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.  
You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before Sept. 28, 2026, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the City of WaKeeney in Trego County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause shall be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.  
Bruce L. Weigel  
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Reuben P. Boyd, and all other concerned persons:
You are notified that a civil lawsuit has been filed in the District Court of Trego County by Plaintiff praying for relief against Defendants for Defendants' alleged breach of contract.
You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition within 21 days after the first publication of this notice. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Plaintiff.
Half A Day, LLC
Petitioner
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Sept. 17
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IN THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF TREGO COUNTY, KANSAS SITTING AT WAKEENEY In the Matter of the) Guardianship and Conservatorship of) Case No. TR-2008-PR-000037 VAL G. STRADAL) NOTICE OF HEARING THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are notified that on August 24, 2026, a Petition has been filed in this Court by Christi Coker-Sumner, the guardian and conservator of Val G. Stradal, praying that the guardianship and conservatorship of Val G. Stradal be amended.  
You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition before September 21, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the District Court, in the City of WaKeeney, Trego County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.  
Christi Coker-Sumner  
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Sept. 17

KNOW YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

The following officials are locally-elected representatives for WaKeeney City Council, Collyer City Council, USD #208 School Board, Trego County elected positions, and State & US officials

| WAKEENEY CITY COUNCIL                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                  |                                                 |
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| WAKEENEY CITY COUNCIL MEETS THE 1ST & 3RD TUESDAYS OF EACH MONTH, 6:15 P.M. AT WAKEENEY CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS MEETINGS ARE ALSO LIVE STREAMED ON THE CITY OF WAKEENEY FACEBOOK PAGE |                                                  |                                                 |
| IRENE DIRKS<br>MAYOR<br>TERM TO 2028                                                                                                                                                       | BRENT DEINES<br>COUNCIL MEMBER<br>TERM TO 2030   | CURTIS FLAX<br>COUNCIL MEMBER<br>TERM TO 2028   |
| COURTNEY BERNING<br>COUNCIL MEMBER<br>TERM TO 2030                                                                                                                                         | DAVID ANDERSON<br>COUNCIL MEMBER<br>TERM TO 2030 | SHANE PFEIFER<br>COUNCIL MEMBER<br>TERM TO 2028 |

| USD 208 BOARD OF EDUCATION                                                                      |                                                   |                                                |
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| USD 208 BOE MEETS THE 2ND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH, 5:30 P.M. AT TREGO GRADE SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM |                                                   |                                                |
| CLAYTON WILSON<br>PRESIDENT<br>TERM TO 2028                                                     | ERIC KINDERKNECHT<br>BOARD MEMBER<br>TERM TO 2028 | BECKY WINDHOLZ<br>BOARD MEMBER<br>TERM TO 2028 |
| SETH ALBERS<br>VICE PRESIDENT<br>TERM TO 2030                                                   |                                                   | CAREY FOSE<br>BOARD MEMBER<br>TERM TO 2030     |
| UNFILLED<br>UNEXPIRED 2-YR TERM<br>TERM TO 2028                                                 | ASHLEY CONNESS<br>BOARD MEMBER<br>TERM TO 2030    |                                                |

| COLLYER CITY                                                                              |                                                  |                                                   |
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| COLLYER CITY COUNCIL MEETS THE 1ST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, 7:30 P.M. AT THE CITY BUILDING |                                                  |                                                   |
| LARRY WALT<br>MAYOR<br>TERM TO 2028                                                       | ROBERT HARDMAN<br>COUNCIL MEMBER<br>TERM TO 2028 | JENNIFER RICKER<br>COUNCIL MEMBER<br>TERM TO 2028 |
| JEFF KNOP<br>COUNCIL MEMBER<br>TERM TO 2030                                               | ADAM SCHNEIDER<br>COUNCIL MEMBER<br>TERM TO 2030 | LANE KEITH<br>COUNCIL MEMBER<br>TERM TO 2030      |

| TREGO COUNTY COMMISSION                                                                                                                       |                                                      |                                                      |
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| TREGO COUNTY COMMISSION MEETS EVERY TUESDAY AND THE LAST DAY OF EACH MONTH, 5:00 P.M. AT THE TREGO CO. COURTHOUSE - COMMISSION ROOM, WAKEENEY |                                                      |                                                      |
| KURTIS BROCK<br>CHAIRMAN, DIST. 1<br>TERM TO 2027                                                                                             | JERRY WHITE<br>COMMISSIONER, DIST. 2<br>TERM TO 2029 | JARED HAGER<br>COMMISSIONER, DIST. 3<br>TERM TO 2029 |

| TREGO COUNTY OFFICIALS                           |                                                   |                                                         |
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| EDWARD PRITCHARD<br>SHERIFF<br>TERM TO 2029      | LORI AUGUSTINE<br>CLERK<br>TERM TO 2029           | RENEE NEFF<br>TREASURER<br>TERM TO 2029                 |
| ABRAHAM PFANNENSTIEL<br>ATTORNEY<br>TERM TO 2029 | BRENDA BROCK<br>REGISTER OF DEEDS<br>TERM TO 2029 | RICHARD HANKS<br>DIST. MAGISTRATE JUDGE<br>TERM TO 2027 |
|                                                  | ADAM WILSON<br>APPRAISER<br>APOINTED              | TIFFANY GILLESPIE<br>CLERK OF DIST COURT<br>APOINTED    |

CITY OF WAKEENEY COUNCIL MINUTES

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNING BODY 18 AUGUST 2026

The Governing Body of the City of WaKeeney, Kansas met in a regular session at City Hall 408 Russell Avenue at 6:15 PM with the mayor presiding and the following members present: Mayor F. Irene Dirks and Council Members Dave Anderson, Courtney Berning, Brent Deines, Curtis Flax, and Shane Pfeifer  
**BEING ABSENT:** None

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected, printed, and distributed.

**GUESTS:** Cheryl Gibson, Travis Phillips, Dusty Billinger, Abraham Pfannenstiel, Lynelle Shubert and John Shubert

Cheryl Gibson, Trego County ED was present before the city council to request use of city owned property in Block 57 for the placement of a “pop up” business incubator shed. The structure will need electrical service only for utilities. The city attorney recommended the council first review a draft lease agreement with Trego

County. Cheryl was thanked by the governing body and will return to the next city council meeting with the lease agreement.

**CHIEF OF POLICE:** Chief Phillips reviewed his departmental report that included old evidence destruction and possible code changes for the use of E-Bike's in the city.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Abraham Pfannenstiel reviewed with the council updated Standard Traffic and Uniform Public Offense code adopting ordinances as published by the LKM. A motion was made by Brent Deines and seconded by Curtis Flax to approve ordinance #1473 for the STO. Motion carried. The motion was made by Curtis Flax and seconded by Courtney Berning to approve ordinance #1474 for the UPOC. Motion carried. The updated codes will be effective upon publication in the Western KS World.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR:** Hardy Howard presented documents as drafted by city bond counsel Gilmore & Bell (Kevin Cowan) concerning the city's proposed ½ cent sales tax election in November. A

motion was made by Brent Deines and seconded by Dave Anderson to approve Resolution #08182026 authorizing the mayor and city clerk to execute the needed documents to forward to the county clerk for placement upon the November general election ballot. Motion carried.

KDOT mandated drug and alcohol policy for the general transportation buses was reviewed by the city council. A motion was made by Curtis Flax and seconded by Shane Pfeifer to accept the KDOT policies for the bus services. Motion carried.

**MAYOR:** Irene Dirks gave a brief update on the Kelly Plaza construction.

In other city business, Council member Curtis Flax announced that due to his pending move out of the city limits, he was resigning from his seat on city council effective immediately. Curtis was thanked by the mayor and other council members for his service to the community.

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:  
ATTEST: