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KINGMAN CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

April 23 Meeting

Attendance:
Present: Mayor Winsor, Vice Mayor Kaufman, Commissioners Wollen, McFarland, and Arensdorf were present. City Staff consisted of Interim City Manager John Deardoff, Clerk Bieghler, Attorney Graffman, Director Kari Goldston, and Chief Lux.

Call to Order: Mayor Winsor called the meeting to order at 6:00p and Darrell Decker led the opening prayer.

Agenda: The Commission considered the agenda.

- Motion made by McFarland, seconded by Kaufman, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda: The Commission considered the consent, which consisted of the following items:

1. Minutes: 4/9/2026
2. Bills Payable: \$439,137.09

- Motion made by Arensdorf, seconded by Kaufman, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0 with McFarland abstaining as he was absent at the last meeting.

Kudos Awards: Commissioner Wollen presented a Kingman Kudos Award to Interim City Manager John Deardoff for his dedication and service to the city this year. Commissioner McFarland presented a Kingman Kudos Award to City Attorney Greg Graffman for his 23 years of service to the city as city attorney and eight years of serving as City Manager.

Public Comment: No citizens signed up for public comment.

Ordinance 2157— Ark Valley Franchise Fee: AN ORDINANCE GRANTING ARK VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED, A KANSAS CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS,

AN ELECTRIC, LIGHT, HEAT, AND POWER FRANCHISE, PRESCRIBING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF, AND RELATING THERETO was considered.

- Motion made by Wollen, seconded by McFarland, to adopt Ordinance 2157 as presented. A vote was called with the following results:
 - o Yea: Kaufman, Arensdorf, McFarland, Wollen, Winsor
 - o Nay: None

The motion was declared carried, and ordered signed by the mayor, attested by the city clerk, and published in the official newspaper.

2026-2027 Health Insurance Funding: Mike Minton with Gallagher Benefit Services was present and presented various funding options for the 2026-2027 employee health insurance premiums as well as some proposed plan changes. The plan changes include an increase to employee deductibles for the PPO plan, a required federal increase of deductibles in the HDHP, and in increase max benefit to the employee dental plan. The recommended funding is 85%, the same as the 2025-2026 funding level, which will result in an estimated cost of \$647,323.73, a slight (1%) decrease from this year's expected cost. There was discussion as to whether 80% funding would be sufficient as well, which Mr. Minton said that the reserves were healthy enough, but it was ultimately the decision of the commission.

- Motion made by Wollen, seconded by McFarland, to approve the 85% funding level of the 2026-2027 insurance plan as well as the three plan changes presented. Motion carried 3-2 with Winsor and Kaufman voting

against.

OSE Engineering — County/Armory Rental Plan: County Commissioner Jack Thimesch and Gent Garman of OSE Engineering presented a preliminary plan to move forward with supplying HVAC to the armory and a preliminary layout of the facility if the County was to indeed rent the facility for county offices while the courthouse undergoes a year-long renovation project. The proposal has been that the county provide HVAC in the armory in lieu of rental costs. The preliminary design provides 1 HVAC unit, which is engineered to be sufficient for courthouse rental use. However, for future events where there are several participants in the gymnasium during the hottest months of the year, a second unit would possibly need to be considered later, which would not be the responsibility of the county. The County and the engineers are asking if there is a consensus to move forward with further planning. The consensus of the commission was for the county to proceed forward. No official action was taken.

Wilson & Company On-Call Service Agreement: Interim Manager Deardoff presented a on-call service agreement for engineering services by Wilson & Company and answered commissioner questions.

- Motion made by Arensdorf, seconded by Kaufman, to approve the on-call service agreement with Wilson & Company. Motion carried 5-0.

Street Sealing Bids: Public Works Director Karl Goldston and Interim Manager Deardoff presented bids for the 2026 Street Sealing Project. This year's project includes Walnut Hill Cemetery and Riverside Park as well as an alternate option to

add Marquette St. Goldston shared that \$80,000 was budgeted for the project and both bids came in over budget, but because the locations were skipped in last year's project, it really needed to be completed and cuts would have to be made elsewhere. One bid was from South Central Sealing & Paving for slurry seal in the amount of \$91,614.09. The second bid was from Vance Brother for chip seal in the amount of \$88,240.20. Goldston said that the bid packet asked for bids for both chip seal and slurry seal, but each vendor only chose to bid those specific products. Goldston recommended the chip seal bid from Vance Brothers as it was the lower bid on a project already over budget and the fact that chip seal lasts longer than slurry seal. Mayor Winsor expressed concern about the chip seal due to the potential of loose rock and kids walking barefoot at the park.

- Motion made by Wollen, seconded by Arensdorf, to approve the Vance Brothers bid for Chip Seal to not include the alternate in the amount of \$88,240.20. Motion carried 4-1 with Winsor voting against.

Extended CMB/Liquor Sales: The Commission reviewed a notice from the Kansas Department of Revenue's Alcoholic Beverage Control Division that extended the sale of CMB and Liquor to 6a -5a every day between June 11, 2026, to July 19, 2026, for the FIFA World Cup. The document informs municipalities that an ordinance or resolution must be passed to opt-in to the allowance. Clerk Bieghler shared that he has been contacted by both Dollar General and DAKs, who has requested such an ordinance. The consensus of the commission was to have the city

attorney draft an ordinance to allow the extension for the next meeting. Commissioner Wollen was against it.

City Manager's Report: Interim Manager Deardoff shared the following information:

- Received a follow-up email from the engineers regarding the mill race.
- Clean-up week is in progress and is going well.
- This will be Mr. Deardoff's last meeting, and he has enjoyed his time at Kingman and working with the city commission.

Commissioner Comments:

Wollen

- Appreciated the quarterly reports provided by the department heads in the packet.

McFarland

- There are some streetlights out on Main St. Director Tim Goldston was in the audience and got the locations.

Kaufman

- Thanked Interim Manager Deardoff for his services to the City during this interim period.

Winsor

- There are mounds of sand at Riverside Park. Director Kari Goldston said that they had left the mounds of sand there for the kids to play.
- The digger playground equipment at Riverside Park is in need of repair. Director K. Goldston took note.
- Thanked John Deardoff for his service.

Commissioner Arensdorf had no comment.

Adjournment

- Motion made by Arensdorf, seconded by McFarland, to adjourn the meeting at 7:28pm. Motion carried 5-0.



Days of Yore

11 Years Ago

A joint meeting between the Kingman city and county commissions grew tenuous when the subject of economic development came up; the point of contention was over the city deciding not to pay its share of the Kingman County Economic Development Council budget and spend its economic development funds as the city saw fit. Wheatlands Health Care Center got a perfect score for its most recent inspection of the nursing home and assisted living center. Pat Maloney, part of a five-generation farming and ranching family, sat down with the Leader-Courier to talk about his expectations for the beef industry. A Kingman Elementary School student who tested positive for whooping cough was the second confirmed case of the ailment by the Kingman County Health Department. KHS graduate Tim Schrag was named the editor of the K-Stater magazine for the Kansas State Alumni Association. The Cunningham girl's track team won its regional and sent six athletes to the State meet.

35 Years Ago

The Kingman Jaycees made a "citizens arrest" of Kingman police officer Paul Hinten and his wife Theresa, in which Theresa was "held in custody" during the Jaycess meeting and served coffee until Paul went to the meeting to sign an applica-

tion for membership. Vivian DeWeese, John Albers and Rubie Cushenbary were the newest inductees to the 332 Hall of Fame during the Cunningham High School athletic banquet. The City of Kingman signed a contract with Hobart Boroughs & Son of Kingman to construct an addition to the city power plant. Norwich's Kelly Hare set a new school record in the javelin and won the event at regionals, joining teammate Ken Farrar at the State track meet; Farrar took second in the long jump at regionals. The opening of the Kingman swimming pool was delayed, first because of problems with a water pump, then because not enough lifeguards were available for the scheduled opening on Memorial Day weekend. Early reports from Paul Mitchell, manager of the Bunge Corp. elevator in Kingman, indicated that an early wheat harvest was expected, but with a below average crop for farmers. Residents experienced a brief electrical outage when a major circuit breaker at the power plant exploded.

60 Years Ago

Paul Clark of Barton County was hired to teach science and coach all sports for the Unified School District 332. Bill Bauer, jeweler at Walker Jewelry in Kingman, demonstrated techniques and talked about his custom jewelry during a Kingman Rotary Club meeting. Early reports indicated a bleak lookout for

the local wheat harvest, with a late freeze in May responsible for much of the damage to the wheat crop. The Kingman Jaycees organized tennis and golf tournaments for area boys under the age of 18. Neal Robb, window clerk at the U.S. Post Office in Kingman, was photographed on one of his final days working at the post office; he was set to retire June 1. Kingman County raised a total of \$2,671 for the annual county cancer crusade. Miss Loetta Marlene Westerman was the valedictorian of the Nashville High School graduating class. Safeway advertised boneless beef roast for 99 cents per pound,

85 Years Ago

V.R. Stuart purchased Kingman Hardware from M.E. Garrison; Stuart was originally from Englewood and came to Kingman in 1918. Kingman County Schools Superintendent Ed Naanes reported that there was a shortage of applicants for teaching positions at the county and rural schools; Naanes was looking to fill seven vacancies. Draft board member Henry Gibbens announced that Kingman County must furnish seven men to the U.S. Army between June 10-30. A downpour didn't dampen spirits for the Kingman Pioneer Day celebration and, once when the rain went away, the parade took place as scheduled. Seven softball teams comprised the Kingman County League, which

was set to begin play June 3. Stella Tremaine, who recently returned from missionary work in China, was set to speak at the Christian church. B&W Grocery advertised a two-pound jar of grape jam for 25 cents.

110 Years Ago

The oil excitement spread to Spivey and prospective millionaires were planning on building castles. Fifty more stockholders in the Kingman Oil Co. have kicked in \$100 each for exploration. Rose Spurrier, respected teacher, passed away; her name was well remembered each spring when the KHS scholarships endowed in her name by her daughter, Maud Wallace, are distributed. Josephine Gillett was voted one of the 10 prettiest girls at KU. All teams and wagons as well as automobiles were urged to keep on the right side of Kingman streets for safety. White Township advertised to remind everyone that it was illegal to dump trash on the roadsides. Ray Moore, wire chief for Bell Telephone in Kingman, fell from the top of a pole and tore his right side considerably; he hit a metal foot step on the way down. The Henning Orchestra furnished the music for a big dance at Willowdale. Kingman High School's graduating class was announced at 35 students. John J. Cragun attended the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN AND TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Kingman County Planning Commission will meet, Monday June 22nd. The Kingman County Planning Commission will consider the following zoning application at 7:00 p.m. in the District Court Room (Third Floor) at the Courthouse in Kingman, Kansas:

Case No. Z -26 -003. Proposed property by Shane & Joanie Estell for the change of zoning district A-1 General Agriculture District to R-R Rural Residential District.

Legal description: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 4; Thence Easterly along the North line of said Section 4 and on an assumed bearing of South 89

degrees 59 minutes 48 seconds East a distance of 1416.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; Thence Southerly on a bearing of South 00 degrees 14 minutes 53 seconds East a distance of 700.00 feet; Thence Easterly on a bearing of South 89 degrees 59 minutes 48 seconds East a distance of 684.00 feet; Thence Northerly on a bearing of North 00 degrees 14 minutes 53 seconds West a distance of 700.00 feet to a point on the North line of said Section 4; Thence Westerly along said North line and on a bearing of North 89 degrees 59 minutes 48 seconds West a distance of 684.00 feet to the Point Of Beginning. Said tract contains 10.99 acres of land more or less which includes road right-of-way on the North.

General location: 1416 feet East of SE 130 Ave on SE 120 St in Section 4 Township 30 Range 05 West.

Acreage: 10.99 acres more or less.

You may appear at this time either in person or by agent or attorney, if you so desire, and be heard on the matter. After hearing the views and wishes of all persons interested in the case, the Planning Commission may close the hearing and consider a recommendation to the Governing Body which, if approved under the County Zoning Regulations, would be effectuated by resolution. The public hearing may be recessed and continued from time to time without further notice.

Please enter at the South door of the building:

DATED this 29th day of May 2026.

Amanda Stucky, Secretary
Kingman County Planning Commission

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