

**MULVANE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

May 19, 2025

6:00 p.m.

The Mulvane City Council convened at the City Building at 211 N. Second at 6:00 p.m. Presiding was Mayor Brent Allen, who called the meeting to order.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Grant Leach, Trish Gerber, Tim Huntley, Kurt Westfall, Todd Leeds.

OTHERS PRESENT: Austin St. John, Debbie Parker, J. T. Klaus, Chris Young, Joel Pile, Mike Robinson, Gordon Fell, Jacob Coy, Frank Carson, Malissa Long, Cameron Tucker, Rose Mary Saunders, Kande Jones, Suzanne Loomis.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Allen.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION by Leach, second by Gerber to approve the Regular meeting minutes dated May 5, 2025. MOTION approved unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Councilmember Leach was contacted by a citizen trying to sell their duplex and is having issues with the neighbor's trash in the driveway. Staff is working on the issue. Mayor Allen received comments regarding employees Joel Pile and Brian Cunningham for going over and above at the Clean Mulvane Event.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPOINTMENTS, AWARDS AND CITATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS

1. Agreement with PEC for Downtown Preliminary Engineering Report:

The Mulvane Community Foundation (MCF) and Mulvane Recreation Commission (MRC) have been working on a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to help improve ADA accessibility to local businesses. The grant requires a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) to be submitted with the application. Professional Engineering Consultants (PEC) submitted a proposal for the PER in the amount of \$13,000. The MCF and MRC are requesting the City fund the \$13,000.

PEC will complete a PER in accordance with the CDBG program requirements for ADA upgrades which include reviewing site conditions at participating businesses, analyzing ADA upgrade needs, provide estimates, and a final report.

At the 12/2/24 City Council meeting the council wanted to know how business owners in other communities were affected by this and did not want to create a burden for current business owners. The council requested further information before making a decision.

MCF Director, Malissa Long, MRC Representative, Kande Jones, Municipal Consultant with Ranson Financial, Rose Mary Saunders, and Project Manager with PEC, Suzanne Loomis, were present to answer questions. Saunders worked on a project in Cottonwood Falls and reviewed the improvements made which included electric door openers, and ramps. PEC would provide estimates for improvements to business owners who wish to be included in the project. Council asked if there would be any other costs involved to the City for this Project. The MCF and MRC is hoping to secure funding and pledges to meet the 25% match if CBDG funding is approved. The list of participating businesses will be updated.

MOTION by Leeds, second by Huntley to approve the Agreement with PEC for a Preliminary Engineering Report at a cost of \$13,000.

MOTION approved 3-2 with Leach and Gerber opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Donation of a Rock and Plaque Placed at the PIX:

Frank Carson was present to request a poem entitled “Why Choose Mulvane” written by Ron Adkins, a long-time resident of Mulvane, be engraved on a bronze plaque and placed on a large stone in front of the PIX Community Center.

City Attorney, J. T. Klaus, reminded the council of the separation of church and state ensuring that the government does not favor or discriminate against any religion. The poem should not be designated in any official capacity or placed at the entrance of a government building.

MOTION by Leach, second by Leeds to accept the donation of a rock and bronze plaque containing a Poem entitled “Why Choose Mulvane” to be placed on City property outside of the Pix Community Center.

MOTION approved unanimously.

2. Request for Temporary Zoning and Reduce Fireworks Permit Fee:

Cameron Tucker, First Baptist Church Student Pastor, is requesting to reduce or waive the Fireworks Stand Permit Fee and grant a temporary zoning permit. The FBC Student Ministry is seeking to run a fireworks tent to raise money to fund student trips and events. Tariffs have greatly affected the cost of fireworks. A temporary zoning permit for 1020 N. Second is also needed to properly rezone the property to allow for the sale of fireworks.

MOTION by Huntley, second by Leach to reduce the \$6,000 fireworks stand permit fee to \$3,000 and grant a temporary zoning permit for the Mulvane First Baptist Church to sell fireworks.

MOTION approved unanimously.

3. Purchase of Clarifier Parts for Basin Repair at WWTP:

Public Works Director, Jacob Coy, presented this item to the council. In 2011, with the addition of the Casino, it was determined that the city needed to upgrade the existing wastewater treatment plant. The upgrade included a third basin plus two chemical injection buildings to feed chemicals directly into the force main. These chemicals are very corrosive to the metal parts in the basins. Each basin has rotating bridges that circle the entire outer wall. In 2019 The city purchased stainless-steel parts to fix the aeration system for the three basins. The clarifiers are now in need of replacement which include the metal arms, scrapers, and scum baskets.

Since these parts are proprietary to Parkson/Schreiber, they are the only ones to provide a quote. The quote includes one complete skimmer blade assembly with mounting brackets and scum basket for one basin and two scraper blades complete from bridge to floor for one basin at a cost of \$36,930.00 plus shipping.

MOTION by Leeds, second by Gerber to purchase the stainless-steel clarifier parts for basin 3 at a cost of \$36,930.00 plus shipping.

MOTION approved unanimously.

4. Purchase of IR Pump for the WWTP:

Public Works Director, Jacob Coy, reviewed this item with the council. The WWTP currently has six internal recycle pumps, two per basin. These pumps pump out of the aeration basin directly into the anoxic basin, which in turn is fed back to the splitter box and distributed to the basins equally. These pumps rotate operation daily and run 24 hours a day. Two of these pumps have failed. Since a basin is down for maintenance every year, the pumps can be moved around to fill the void until they are inspected, and the basin is ready for start-up.

The price of the Flygt pumps has increased significantly so staff has looked for alternate pumps to replace them. Prices were received from three (3) vendors on different pump models.

Fluid Equipment / Homa Pump - \$17,716.33

FTC Equipment / Sulzer Pump - \$15,197.30

Enviro-Line Co. / KSB Pump - \$11,900.00

Staff recommends the purchase of two (2) KSB pumps for a total of \$23,800.00 from Enviro-Line Co.

MOTION by Leeds, second by Leach to approve the purchase of two KSB pumps for a total of \$23,800.00 with additional charges for freight.

MOTION approved unanimously.

5. Request for Transient Guest Tax Funds – Kansas High School Rodeo Assoc.:

The 2025 Kansas High School Rodeo Association State Finals will be held May 21st to May 25th at the Kansas Star Arena. The KHSRA has requested Transient Guest Tax funds in the amount of \$2,000 for the Event.

MOTION by Leach, second by Westfall to authorize the City Administrator to approve the 2025 request from the Kansas High School Rodeo Association State Finals for Transient Guest Tax funds in the amount of \$2,000.

MOTION approved unanimously.

ENGINEER

1. Project Review and Update:

Main “A” Sanitary Sewer Improvements Phase 3 – Site restoration has begun in Main St. Park. Apex is beginning work on Third St. and will submit a Change Order for full-width replacement of Third St. Anticipated opening of Main St. is May 23rd. Staff is reviewing a proposal from Apex for Phase 4.

Phase 1 Harvest Point – A final walk-through inspection of street improvements has been conducted. Kansas Paving has been issued a certificate of substantial completion.

Emerald Valley Estates 2nd Addition – McCullough Excavation is finishing grading work. The City requested delaying street construction until 5/26/25 to allow time for electric crews to install electric lines at street crossings.

English Park Pedestrian Bridge – Preliminary plans have been completed. Ready to develop preliminary cost options and specifications.

Water Distribution System Study – City provided record information. Work continues on water modeling data entry.

CITY STAFF

City Clerk: Anyone interested in running for City Council will need to file at the Sedgwick County Election Office by noon on June 2nd.

City Administrator: The April Financial Report was provided for council review.

City Attorney: None

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

MOTION by Huntley, second by Leach to approve consent agenda items 1-7.

1. Payroll Dated 5/9/25 - \$250,411.26
2. Warrant Register for April - \$1,092,906.53
3. Pay Appl. #5 – Emerald Valley Estates 2nd Addn. – McCullough Excavation - \$108,291.87
4. Pay Appl. #1 – Harvest Point – Kansas Paving - \$453,626.55
5. CMB License for El Ranchito Mexican Restaurant Bar and Grill
6. Invoice from Crafcu, Inc. for Preform White Lines - \$11,640.00
7. Purchase of Ferric Chloride from Brenntag for WWTP - \$12,850.00

MOTION approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, AND NEXT AGENDA ITEMS:

No Council Workshop for May

Next City Council Meeting – Monday, June 2, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Leach, second by Huntley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Mulvane City Council.

MOTION approved unanimously at 6:44 p.m.

Minutes by:

Debra M. Parker

Debra M. Parker, City Clerk

Minutes approved by the City Council June 2, 2025.