

CITY OF CAWKER CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 14, 2026 7:30PM.
MUNICIPAL BUILDING-CAWKER CITY, KS

Work Session-Sign off on bills:

ROLL CALL: Teresa Cobb, Colleen Eberle, Carl Suter, Josh Moyer, Bill Schaepli

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Jo Biddle & City Attorney Martin

CONSENT AGENDA: C. Suter made the motion to approve the minutes from December 10th regular council meeting. C. Eberle seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

C. Suter made a motion to approve Claims Ord. 1577. T. Cobb seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

PERMIT APPLICATIONS: C. Suter made a motion to approve livestock permit for M. Thornton, Kay Jones, & D. Frasier, B. Schaepli seconded Motion Carried, 5 AYES

PUBLIC COMMENT- Fire Chief Chris Thornton, Asst. Chief Travis Mick, and Training officer Bud Howland were present to discuss the available fire truck options for purchase with the grant and why they are wanting the truck, the equipment it comes with and how it fits the needs of the fire department. C. Suter made the motion to approve the purchase of the 2005 International Pumper truck with the Grant money, C. Eberle seconded, motion carried 5 AYES.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: C. Martin briefly reviewed the propane storage ordinance, water on private property concern, and HIPAA discussion on fire assist. It was stated that HIPAA rules doesn't apply in this case and that the Chief should identify any issues and if problems still persist to remove the problem from the Department. C. Martin also addressed the Electric Power Pole Grant that has been awarded and the council approved entering the contract with the KCC.

CITY EMPLOYEES REPORT:

J. Biddle: L. Roanne is preparing to test for water and needs a hotel room for 1 night for class and testing, C. Suter motioned to approve the 1-night hotel room and J. Moyer seconded.

J. Biddle Discussed per the Auditor keeping the check signatures the same currently with D. Mick signing as the City Clerk and J. Biddle signing as the Treasurer until the Assistant Clerk/Treasurer position is filled. Council okayed this. Also, went over updating code books, council decided to wait on this for now and not do an update at this time.

ORDINANCES:

ORD. 1204 Electric rate: C. Martin presented Ord. 1204 – new electric rates. C. Eberle made the motion to pass Ord. 1204. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES This ordinance will be put into place on the February billing cycle.

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ORD. 1205 Water rate: Mr. Martin presented Ord. 1205 – new water rates. C. Suter made the motion to pass Ord. 1205. C. Eberle seconded Motion carried 5 AYES This ordinance will be put into place on the February billing cycle.

ORD. 1206 Sewer rate: Mr. Martin presented Ord. 1206 – new electric rates. C. Suter made the motion to pass Ord. 1206. J. Moyer seconded Motion carried 5 AYES This ordinance will be put into place on the February billing cycle.

ORD. 1207 Fire Department pay: Mr. Martin presented Ord. 1207 – increasing the Fire Department pay per call and meetings from \$15.00 to \$20.00. C. Eberle made the motion to pass Ord. 1207. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES This ordinance will be put into place in the February billing cycle.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Fire Department Pay- J. Biddle presented what Cawker Cities current Fire Department is getting paid compared to Glen Elders pay scale as it was previously discussed. J. Moyer made the motion to raise all fire pay for calls and meetings from \$15.00 per to \$20.00 per, B. Schaepli seconded, motion carried 5 AYES - Ordinance 1207.

NEW BUSINESS:

J. Biddle discussed Discover Mitchell County dues vs the old Beloit Chamber to the council to see if we would continue with the new platform. It is a good community investment and B. Schaepli motioned to continue and maintain our involvement, C. Suter seconded, motioned carried 5 AYES.

The CDBG grant needed a procurement agreement to secure the fire truck purchase. C. Eberle made the motion to approve the agreement, C. Suter seconded, motion carried 5 AYES

Mayor Doug Bader brought it up for council to nominate a Council President for 2026. Carl. Suter was nominated with C. Eberle making the motion for C. Suter to become 2026 council president and B. Schaepli seconded, motion carried 5 AYES

7:55 PM – C. Eberle made a motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel with Attorney Martin and Jo Biddle for 15 minutes. J. Moyer seconded Motion carried 5 AYES 8:05 PM– C. Suter made a motion to return to regular session. J. Moyer seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

C. Suter made a motion to Hire Elizabeth McKain for the Assistant City Clerk position with a tentative start date January 26, 2026 starting at \$14.00/HR 20 hours/week T. Cobb Seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

J. Biddle presented the 2026 City Aid Contract agreement, C. Suter motioned to continue and approve the 2026 contract agreement, J. Moyer seconded motion carried 5 AYES

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C. Suter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40PM, C. Eberle Seconded, motion carried 5 AYES

Approved:

City Clerk:



Joanna Biddle
2/11/2026