

City Council Minutes

April 27, 2026

The meeting was called to order in the Council meeting room at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Mitch Brenner. Council members present include Lance DeLissa, Roberto Holguin, Brian Kroth, George Lucas, and Jonathan Unruh. Also present were City Administrator Dean Cordes, City Attorney Clay Kuhns, and City Clerk Christina Redger.

Visitors were Bobbie Allison, Mike Gillen, Wyatt Redger, Jenn Hollis, and Darin Neufeld.

Darin Neufeld of EBH Engineering presented bids for 2026 Construction of Airport T-Hangars. Bid Tabulation sheet had bids for 5 Bay, 6 Bay, 7 Bay, and 8 Bay costs from the following three construction companies: Building Solutions, LLC (Dodge City), Koehn Construction Services, LLC (Fredonia), and WK Construction LLC (Meade). He also presented a cost saving proposal, which could allow for a 10% reduction in overall cost, and reminded Council of the grant funds set to expire end of 2026 if not used. He recommended approving the base bid contingent upon FAA review and approval. Motion by DeLissa, second by Lucas to accept the 5 Bay Base Bid from WK Construction LLC, in the amount of \$1,067,000.00, contingent upon FAA review and approval. Kroth abstained; motion carried with four in favor.

Neufeld also presented Contract Amendment No. 1 to add sections 1.3 & 1.4, and 2.3.3 & 2.3.4 to section 2. Neufeld explained that as an FAA recommendation, the original contract signed was for design only. This kept the contract cost under \$100,000 and created a shorter review time for FAA guidelines, which reduces the FAA review cost and allows the project to move forward and allow for reviewable amendments later on. The amendment includes the cost of construction services, closeout services, and defined services provided by EBH. Motion by DeLissa, second by Kroth to approve Amendment No. 1 for Project: Construct T-Hangar 2025 - AIP 3-20-0055-021-2026 & 3-20-0055-022-2026. Motion carried with all in favor.

Jenn Hollis introduced herself as the new Liaison for Meade County Core Community, a local program whose mission is to end poverty in our community through relationship and a weekly class held in Meade. She walked through what a member of Core can experience while attending the class, as well as how anyone can get involved. Currently, there is a need for members on the advisory board, donations - whether in the form of money or time, and assistance with meal prep and childcare. Jenn handed out business cards and flyers and invited anyone who wanted more information to contact her directly.

Wyatt Redger brought forth a request to update the disc golf course at the city park. He presented some options for concrete pads at each tee, as well as signs with direction and distance information from tee to basket. He called some local construction companies for associated costs, and figured it would be less than \$3,000 for all 9 holes. He also asked if there could be some kind of barrier or sign around hole 6, where campers like to park their trailers on the grass. Council discussed the options he brought, including the possibility of sponsorship by businesses or individuals. He also stated he was willing to help if needed to install. Kroth and Cordes to follow up.

Minutes of the April 13, 2026, meeting were approved as written.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Kroth to approve building permits #26013. Motion carried with all in favor.

Cordes presented two bids for the application of the splash pad floor coating from WK Construction (Meade) and Gary Knott (Meade). Motion by DeLissa, second by Unruh to accept bid from Gary Knott in the amount of \$4,530 to remove current coating, then prepare and lay the new coating. Kroth abstained; motion carried with four in favor.

Cordes presented two bids for the demolition of the house at 212 W Belle Meade from Mammoth Materials (Minneola) and Southwest Dirt & Demolition (Ulysses). Bids were for cost of labor only and did not include the cost of landfill fees. Council discussed cost in labor and equipment if City employees were to demolish and compared with the bids received. Motion by Kroth, second by DeLissa to accept the bid from Mammoth Materials in the amount of \$9,630. Motion carried with all in favor.

Cordes presented an update on Building Permit #26006 that was denied by the Planning Commission on February 23rd, 2026. The Zoning Board met on April 16th, 2026, and approved the request with stipulations regarding skirting and placement.

Cordes presented an update on the water leak that happened on Sunday, April 19th on the Southwest corner of Carthage and Fowler. Council discussed adding this water line to the project that will be starting in the next few weeks. Mike Gillen will be assisting with the water project. Cordes to follow up.

Redger presented request for six extensions on utility bill payments. Council approved.

Redger presented U Pump It CMB license #2026-04 application. Motion by Kroth, second by Holguin to approve the license with roll call votes: yes by Unruh, yes by Kroth, yes by Lucas, yes by DeLissa, yes by Holguin. Motion carried with all in favor.

Redger presented the Law Enforcement financials and Treasurer's report for March, and quarter one of 2026.

Redger presented Ordinance 933 increasing the booking fee from \$35 to \$45. Motion by DeLissa, second by Kroth to approve Ordinance 933 increasing the booking fee in the City of Meade, Kansas, pursuant to K.S.A. 12-16,119. Motion carried with all in favor.

Mayor Brenner requested an update on the curb at Ace Hardware on West Carthage St. Cordes to follow up one more time with business owners before moving forward with repair.

Mayor Brenner requested an update on the possible condemnation of the building located at 122 N Springlake. Cordes to follow up.

Council President DeLissa gave an update on the lift station monitor. He will continue to test and follow up at a later date.

Councilman Kroth requested an update on the condemnation of 203 E Carthage. Resolution 351 was adopted October 13, 2025, and the hearing was held on December 8, 2025. Cordes stated at the hearing that the property changed hands, and Council gave the new owner one year to complete the required repairs to the property. Council requested an update from the owner, and that repairs would need to be started soon. Cordes to follow up.

Mayor Brenner requested an update on the house at 619 Brian St. The yard had been cleaned and maintained by local residents. Cordes stated that he received a letter from one of the responsible parties and their attorney to request a hearing in front of the governing body. Attorney Kuhns followed up with their attorney but has not yet heard back. Cordes to follow up with hearing date.

Redger presented an update on the property located at 405 E Carthage, waiting on documentation in order to move forward. Redger to follow up at next meeting.

Motion by Unruh, second by Holguin to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with all in favor.

Mitch Brenner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christina Redger, City Clerk