



CITY OF DOWNS

Regular Council Meeting
October 6, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.
715 Railroad Street
Downs, Kansas 67437

Downs City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 6, 2025, 5:30 p.m., at City Hall. Council members present: John Bisnette, John Cordill, Joyce Hake, and Collin Jones. Council not present: Heather Hancock. Others present: Kip Thorson, Kenneth Lee, Bruce Berkley, Brady Pound, and Miranda Robinson. Mayor Vienna Janis called the meeting to order and led in the flag salute.

Minutes

Joyce moved, John B. seconded, to approve regular meeting minutes from September 15, 2025. Motion carried with 2 ayes, John C. abstained.

Staff Reports

In the sewer report, Brady Pound stated he had heard back from Mayer Specialty on repairing the sewer line and manhole in the alley between Division and Blunt (700 block) and they needed pictures. Pound sent them photos and is waiting to hear back with a quote.

City Superintendent Brady Pound reported that the Osborne County Commissioners are no longer waiving landfill fees. The Council may have to reconsider only doing one clean up per year depending on costs. Pound also stated that he tried to reach out to the other applicants and had no word back.

City Clerk Miranda Robinson reported the September revenue was \$103,864.35 (includes tax distribution from the County) and September expenses totaled \$87,173.86. The City was awarded two separate grants from Osborne County Community Foundation. One was \$1300 for banner replacement and the second was \$451 for library bathroom updates. John C. moved, Joyce seconded, to accept the grants from OCCF for the banner replacement and library bathroom updates. Motion carried with 4 ayes.

City Clerk reported that an application was submitted to the Kansas Water Office for a water grant with assistance from Drew at Wilson & Company. The mayor signed an affidavit in support of the grant on behalf of the city. The application was due September 30. Collin moved, John B. seconded, to approve the application for the Kansas Water Office grant for water main replacement. Motion carried 4 ayes.

Downs Enterprises member had asked about the mill levy money. City Council would like them to come to council to present updates. City Clerk will get in contact with them.

Fire Department members Bruce Berkley and Collin Jones stated that they presented at Lakeside Elementary School for fire safety week.

Permits

Joyce moved, John C. seconded, to approve vehicle restoration permit 25-001. Motion carried with 4 ayes.

New Business

Kenneth Lee was present on behalf of the Lakeside Jr./Sr. High School All-School Play as they want to use the Memorial Hall. He asked for fees to be waived for use of the hall for practices and the play on November 21 and 22. Joyce moved, John C. seconded, to waive the fees for the use of the Memorial Hall during practice and the All-School Play for November 21 and 22. Motion carried 4 ayes.

At 6 p.m. Mayor Janis opened the sealed bids for the clinic building at 903 Morgan Ave. The following bids were received: Jim and John Cary for \$10,175; Aunty M Investments for \$25,305; Kip Thorson for \$21,210.69; Jye Ryley Graham for \$5,000. Council held discussion but no decision was made. They will discuss more at the next meeting with a full council.

At 6:08 p.m. David Hardy entered the meeting. He was present to discuss his proposal for mowing at the cemetery.

At 6:25 p.m. Doug Brush entered to discuss his concerns on the clinic building.

Old Business

At 6:55p.m. Joyce moved, John C. seconded, to move into executive session for 20 minutes with council, city attorney, city superintendent, and city clerk to discuss non-elected personnel per K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). At 7:15 p.m. regular meeting resumed.

Collin moved, John C. seconded, to allow the city superintendent to offer the maintenance position to the interviewed applicant for \$16/hour. Motion carried 4 ayes.

Council & Mayor Reports

Mayor Janis reminded council that there will be a Town Hall Meeting on October 8 for Highway 281 in Osborne and she is going to try to make it.

Vouchers & Payroll

Joyce moved, John C. seconded, to approve vouchers and payroll as presented. Motion carried with 4 ayes. With no further business, John B. moved, Joyce seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with 4 ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.



Vienna Janis, Mayor

ATTEST:



Miranda Robinson, City Clerk



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