



CITY OF DOWNS

Regular Council Meeting
August 3, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.
715 Railroad Street
Downs, Kansas 67437

Downs City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 3, 2026, 5:30 p.m., at City Hall. Council members present: Joyce Hake, Harry Colburn, John Cordill, Heather Hancock. Others present: Creighton Hendrickson, Bruce Berkley, and Miranda Robinson. Mayor Vienna Janis called the meeting to order and led in the flag salute.

Minutes

Joyce moved, Harry seconded, to approve regular meeting minutes from July 20, 2026. Motion carried with 4 ayes.

Heather moved, John C. seconded, to approve special meeting minutes from July 29, 2026. Motion carried with 4 ayes.

Staff Reports

Animal Control: Creighton Hendrickson set some traps for raccoons but caught a possum and took it to the country. One trap is still set at the location.

Code Enforcement Harry Colburn reported sending two certified letters regarding nuisance yards/weeds. He is also still sending letters for grass clippings blown out in the street.

In the water report, Colburn stated he needs to purchase a chlorinator tester that will cost around \$800. The dehumidifier at the Water Treatment Plant is working on and off; he will look into getting prices for a new one.

At 5:47 p.m. John B. entered the meeting.

Colburn mentioned that the larger, nitrate water sample testing is arriving at the KDHE lab too late, making the samples too hot. Discussion was held on other ways to get the samples to the lab in time, and it was decided to try another shipping method.

Interim City Superintendent – Harry Colburn held discussion with council on what needs to be done and making sure things are followed up on with the crew.

City Clerk Miranda Robinson reported she received a contract for winter propane. She also submitted to Midway Coop a tax-exempt form for the purchase of fuel and diesel.

Pool: Free swim this Friday, August 7 sponsored by SMC; August 8 will be free swim Saturday with limited free snow cones; August 15 is a free swim Saturday and it's the last day the pool will be open. Harry will find out what another city uses for pool fencing mesh and purchase new material to replace the current mesh.

Permits

Heather moved, John C. seconded, to approve building permits 26-23 to 26-25. Motion carried with 4 ayes; John B. abstained.

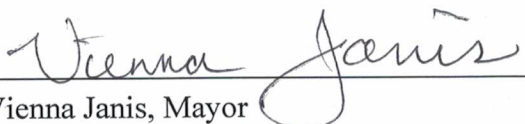
Old Business

City Superintendent position was discussed, including advertising through different avenues.

Vouchers & Payroll

Joyce moved, John B. seconded, to approve vouchers and payroll as presented. Motion carried with 5 ayes.

With no further business, Heather moved, Joyce seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with 5 ayes. The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.


Vienna Janis, Mayor

ATTEST:


Miranda Robinson, City Clerk



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