



CITY OF DOWNS

Regular Council Meeting
June 15, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.
715 Railroad Street
Downs, Kansas 67437

Downs City Council met in regular session on Monday June 15, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., in City Hall. Council members present: Joyce Hake, Harry Colburn, John Bisnette, John Cordill, Heather Hancock. Others present: Scot Loyd, Kathrine McVey, David Draayer, Collin Jones, Bruce Berkley, Brady Pound, and Miranda Robinson. Mayor Vienna Janis called the meeting to order and led the flag salute.

Minutes

Harry moved, John C. seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes from June 1, 2026. Motion carried with 4 ayes. Heather abstained.

Staff Reports

Animal Control: Collin Jones resigned from his position. Harry moved, John B. seconded, to accept Collin Jones's resignation as animal control. Motion carried with 5 ayes. Motion carried with 5 ayes. Mayor Vienna Janis appointed Creighton Hendrickson as Animal Control. John B. moved, Heather seconded, to approve the mayor's appointment of Creighton Hendrickson as animal control. Motion carried with 5 ayes. A complaint was received about dogs running loose who reside at 906 Delay Street.

Code Enforcement: Harry Colburn was asked about the structure at 822 Ross Street; send a letter concerning this matter. He is also to contact the homeowner at 919 Railroad Street concerning cleanup after the fire.

City Attorney Bruce Berkley gave the council draft ordinances on the noise ordinance and camper parking for review. They will be added to the agenda for the next council meeting.

In the water report, Colburn stated the plant has returned to normal water operating levels.

City Superintendent Brady Pound stated that cleanup from the storms continues. Preparing for celebration, and checking the pool and bathrooms. It was mentioned to make sure to clean trash from the main street. Pound also mentioned the emergent sewer jetting at Griffith Industrial Park.

City Clerk Miranda Robinson reported her office sent out second late notices concerning dog tags. She received information from the county regarding special assessments, totaling \$1,700.

Heather mentioned she was approached about sponsoring a night swim but they will have to figure out the lighting situation first. She also mentioned that pool hours will be reduced during the celebration.

Permits

Harry moved, John B. seconded, to approve special use permits: 26-62 to 26-64. Motion carried with 5 ayes. Heather moved, John C. seconded, to approve building permits: 26-18 to 26-20. Motion carried with 5 ayes.

New Business

Katherine McVey requested to appear regarding a noise ordinance so the Sheriff's department could enforce it, as they have received many calls. David Draayer was also present concerning the same issue. City Attorney had draft ordinance and discussion was held concerning this matter. No decision was made at this time.

Scot Loyd, CPA, was present to review the proposed 2027 budget with the Council. Discussion was held on the mill levy, debt services, and possibly changing some transfers. No final decisions were made.

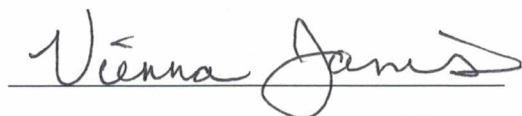
Ordinance 1023 regarding a utility connection fee was presented to the Council. Joyce moved, Heather seconded, to approve Ordinance 1023, removing a utility deposit and adding a utility connection fee. Motion carried with 5 ayes.

Old Business

Harry moved, Heather seconded, to approve the agreement with Wilson and Co. for the Preliminary Engineering Report concerning the addition of a fourth cell at the lagoons. Motion carried with 5 ayes. Motion carried with 5 ayes.

Vouchers & Payroll

Heather moved, John B. seconded, to approve vouchers and payroll as presented. Motion carried with 5 ayes. With no further business, John B. moved, Heather seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with 5 ayes. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.



Vienna Janis, Mayor

ATTEST:



Miranda Robinson, City Clerk

