

Meeting Minutes

Roll Call by Mayor Rick Walker and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Walker called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Murdock - Present

Ritter – Present

Daniels – Present

Lane – Present

Honomichl – Present

All were Present.

Consent Agenda Items will be acted upon by one motion unless a Council member requests an item be removed for discussion and separate action.

1. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approve Minutes of the July 20th City Council Meeting.
- b. Approve Pay Ordinance No. 954
- c. Approve Contract Amendment #3 with Bluewater Group, Inc for the 82nd Street Sanitary Sewer Force Main Repair.
- d. Approve Contract for Fire System Monitoring Services with KCFS
- e. Approve Parade Permit for the DHS Homecoming Parade

Motion by Councilmember Murdock to approve the consent agenda; Second by Councilmember Lane.

Murdock Yes

Ritter – Yes

Daniels – Yes

Lane – Yes

Honomichl – Yes.

Motion Carried

1.5 Approve Pay Ordinance No. 954a.

Councilmember Ritter noted a conflict of interest, left the meeting at 7:01, and was not present for the discussion or the vote.

Motion by Councilmember Murdock to approve Pay Ordinance No. 954a;
Second by Councilmember Daniels.

Murdock Yes

Ritter – abstained

Daniels – Yes

Lane – Yes

Honomichl – Yes

Motion Carried

Councilmember Ritter returned to the meeting at 7:02 pm.

2. Call to Public:

Members of the public are welcome to use this time to comment about any matter relating to City business not listed on this Agenda. The comments that are discussed under Call to Public may or may not be acted upon by the Council during this meeting. There is a four-minute time limit. Please stand and wait to be recognized by the Mayor. You must state your name and address.

Seeing no one wanting to speak, the Mayor moved on to the next item.

3. Old Business:

4. New Business:

- a. Receive a Presentation for the Kansas Department of Transportation Regarding Road Design for De Soto Projects

Mr. Paul Kulseth, Assistant Director for the Kansas Department of Transportation led on the item. He presented the road improvements to 103rd Street and astra road. He led the council through the project design and gave a timeline for completion. The council discussed the road closures, proposed roundabouts, and how the construction will impact access to Sunflower Road and City Parks.

- b. Discuss City Hall Recycling Plan

Mr. Jay Garvin, Director of Parks and Recreation, led on this item. He gave a presentation regarding city hall recycling. He noted that the City currently needs help with its recycling dumpsters in the lower parking lot, as people misuse them to dispose of various types of trash and furniture, causing maintenance issues. He discussed the alternative options, including moving the dumpsters to a new site with or without a gate. He noted that staff is concerned that dumping issues will continue to persist. Mr. Randy Weldon, representing Honey Creek Disposal, noted that De Soto's recycling dumpsters are relatively unique in the Kansas City Metro area, with other regions facing similar issues with after-hours dumping and nearby counties contributing significant cardboard waste to De Soto's bins. Mr. Garvin noted that the staff's recommendation is to remove all recycle dumpsters from the lower parking lot, keep the current requirement of every other week service, educate the public about their home recycling options, and keep one dumpster for City Staff Recycling – the existing dumpster corral would have to be enlarged and made lockable.

Motion by Councilmember Honomichl to remove all recycle dumpsters from the lower parking lot, keep the current requirement of every other week service, educate the public about their home recycling options, and keep one dumpster for city staff recycling: Second by Councilmember Ritter.

Murdock Yes
Daniels – Yes
Honomichl – Yes.

Ritter – Yes
Lane – No

Motion Carried.

c. Consider Final Plat for Astra Enterprise Park 2nd Plat.

Mr. Brad Weisenburger, City Planner, led on this item. He noted that before Johnson County accepts lots, tracts, and dedications, a final plat must undergo approval by the planning commission and, subsequently, the city council to validate easements and right-of-way (ROW). He noted that the Astra Enterprise Park 2nd Plat encompasses four additional lots: Lot 1, which currently houses the Panasonic Site; Lot 2, designated for the new water tower; Lot 3, intended for potential development; and Lot 4, dedicated for the fire station. Additionally, Lot 5 is allocated as a development tract. Furthermore, Tract A is planned to be handed over to Johnson County Parks and Recreation. Tract B is reserved for possible utilization of the former rail spur on the site, and Tract C holds potential as a development tract. He recommended that the city council approve the final plat and accept the easements and ROW for Astra Enterprise Park 2nd Plat.

Motion by Councilmember Murdock to approve the Final Plat and accept easements and ROW for Astra Enterprise Park 2nd Plat; Second by Councilmembers Daniels.

Murdock Yes
Daniels – Yes
Honomichl – Yes.

Ritter – Yes
Lane – Yes

Mayor Walker- Yes

Motion Carried

d. Consider Amendment to Financial Advisory Services Agreement with Columbia Capital Management, LLC

Mr. Patrick Reavey led on the item. He gave an overview of the revised agreement with Columbia Capital. He noted that the significant changes dealt with post-issuance requirements.

Motion by Councilmember Murdock to approve the amended agreement with Columbia Capital; Second by Councilmember Lane.

Murdock Yes
Daniels – Yes
Honomichl – Yes.

Ritter – Yes
Lane – Yes

Motion Carried

- e. Consider Engagement Letter Agreement with Wells Fargo for Underwriting Services Regarding Special Obligation Bonds Related to the Panasonic Battery Manufacturing Facility.

Motion by Councilmember Murdock to table the item; Second by Councilmember Daniels.

Murdock Yes	Ritter – Yes
Daniels – Yes	Lane – Yes
Honomichl – Yes.	Motion Carried

- f. 2024 Budget Discussion

Mr. Mike Brungardt led on this item. He gave an overview of the 2024 proposed budget. He gave an update on the 5-year financial projections, a summary of notable policy decisions, and detailed individual line-item worksheets for each fund featured in the budget. He noted that city staff will submit the 2024 budget for submission on August 18th with the date of budget adoption on September 7th. Councilmember Honomichl asked that the budget include funding market adjustments for select staff. The council discussed market adjustments for positions and the current labor market.

5. Executive Session: Personnel & Property Acquisition

6.

Motion by Council: member Daniels to recess into executive session at 8:18 p.m. for 15 minutes to discuss City Administrator performance evaluation pursuant to non-elected personnel, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1)), with the open meeting resuming in the City Council chamber at 8:33 p.m. Second by Councilmember Honomichl.

Murdock Yes	Ritter – Yes
Daniels – Yes	Lane – Yes
Honomichl – Yes.	Motion Carried

Mayor Walker called the meeting back into order at 8:33 pm.

Motion by Councilmember Honomichl to increase the compensation of the City Administrator by 8% retroactive to his June 15th contract date.

Murdock Yes
Daniels – Yes
Honomichl – Yes.

Ritter – Yes
Lane – Yes

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilmember Daniels to recess into executive session at 8:34 p.m. for 20 minutes to discuss legal proceedings regarding easements pursuant to attorney-client privilege, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2)), with the open meeting resuming in the City Council chamber at 8:54 p.m. Second by Councilmember Murdock.

Murdock Yes
Daniels – Yes
Honomichl – Yes

Ritter – Yes
Lane – Yes

Motion Carried

Councilmember Ritter disclosed a conflict of interest and was absent from the executive session.

Mayor Walker resumed the meeting at 8:54 pm. Councilmember Ritter left the council chambers for the vote due to a conflict of interests.

Motion by Councilmember Honomichl to authorize city administrator, city attorney, and outside counsel Tim Orrick to take reasonable measures to protect the city's easement interests in the Sunflower Road Utility Corridor in connection with Energy's currently pending eminent domain proceeding in Johnson County district court; second by Councilmember Daniels.

Murdock Yes
Daniels – Yes
Honomichl – Yes.

Ritter – Yes
Lane – Yes

Motion Carried

7. Advisory Reports:

- a. City Administrator – No Report
- b. City Attorney – No Report
- c. City Planner- Noted that the next planning commission meeting is August 22nd.
- d. City Engineer – Noted that several bids for the water and wastewater plant expansions are due in the next few weeks.
- e. Assistant City Administrator – No Report

8. Council & Mayor Comments

Danny Lane – Thanks to the city staff for removing the storm debris from the last

storm.

Councilmember Murdock – No Report

Councilmember Daniels – No Report

Councilmember Ritter – No Report

Councilmember Honomichl – No Report

Mayor Walker – Noted that the grass at the former De Soto Burger King site (34071 Commerce Dr.) is getting high, but city staff has sent a letter to the property owner to address the issue.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Murdock to adjourn; Second by Councilmember Daniels.

All ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Brandon Mills
Brandon Mills, MPA, City Clerk