

**CITY OF PHILLIPSBURG  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
March 2, 2026**

The Phillipsburg City Council met in regular session on March 2, 2026, 6:00 P.M, at 945 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Phillipsburg, KS.

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lance Munyon.
- ATTENDANCE** **PRESENT:** Councilmembers Brian Shrader; Kenneth Craig; Don Roberts; Jerry Voorhees; Lauren Weinert.
- ABSENT:** Terry McConnell.
- ALSO PRESENT:** Shawn and Tim Ellenberger; George Searight; Jason Dibble; Stacey Solida; Kirby Ross, Phillips County Review; Rachel Martin, Accounts Payable Clerk; Dakota Coomes, City Attorney; Brandi Spray, City Clerk; Kent Footh, Utilities Director.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States was led by Mayor Lance Munyon.
- STRATEGIC DOING MEETING** Ron Boeve let the council know that there will be a county-wide Strategic Doing meeting with the commissioners and councils. This meeting brings everyone together with common goals and ideas that help the entire county. The first meeting will be towards the end of April and will be about 2 hours long.
- 808 FUND** Boeve also let everyone know that there was a City Leadership fund started and is now called the 808 fund and is for emergency personnel in the county if anyone wants to make a tax-deductible donation.
- MINUTES APPROVED** Moved by Shrader, seconded by Voorhees to approve the February 16, 2026 minutes as written. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
- APP ORD 1055-02-26B APPROVED** Moved by Roberts, seconded by Craig to approve ordinance #1055-02-26B with the addition of APAC in the amount of \$78,106.73. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
- TRACTOR BID** Shrader presented a bid from Landmark for a new tractor for a total of 95,876.16 with an extended 6-year warranty.
- CONCRETE REPAIR** Shrader said that the alley to the South of State Street between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street has partial concrete and is in bad shape. The Street Committee will get together to discuss it further.
- PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR** Moved by Craig, seconded by Voorhees to strike “City Administrator” from any wording with our government documentation and go back to the Public Works Director. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
- MARKING PAINT** Roberts said that the concrete down by Fort Bissell looks nice and volunteered to mark it with white paint if the crews could get that for him to do.

FEEDBACK	Weinert said he had gotten some feedback on the concrete work that APAC is doing and they have done good work.
PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES	Footh said the Public Works Department hired a new employee but also had one resign. They also had to call out two employees last Friday evening to clean up State Street after a truck hauling wet cake lost a lot of their material. They will get us the information to bill them for that clean-up.
WATER/WASTEWATER UPDATES	Footh said that the Water/Wastewater Department had an employee resign as well. He said they are still working to get set up with the Kansas Rural Water Apprenticeship program and have received two potential applicants' information for that. On March 10 <sup>th</sup> , he is meeting with an electrical engineer to go over the requirements and develop specifications for a backup generator for Reservoir 104. This generator will help while they are doing the water tower painting project but also for future outages.
PCED APPROVAL FOR RECRUITMENT	Munyon said that we received approval from PCED for a \$10,000 incentive compensation offered by Dane G. Hansen. The program is used to help recruit individuals that come from outside the 26 counties that serve Dane G. Hansen and majority of this money will be used to help the individual relocate to Phillips County.
CITY-WIDE CLEAN-UP CANCELLED	Munyon recommended, with our staff shortage, that we wait and have city-wide clean-up in the Fall rather than this Spring. Moved by Shrader, seconded by Roberts to wait until Fall to have a city-wide clean-up with the exception that we are full staffed. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
WELLNESS CENTER FREE MEMBERSHIP	Munyon asked the Wellness Center board if they would be willing to offer free membership to full-time city employees and reduce the rate to employee spouses and in return, the city would waive their \$350 monthly rent. Their board thought that was acceptable. Moved by Voorhees, seconded by Craig to have the facilities committee meet and update the Wellness Center contract to waive the \$350 rent fee for free memberships for city employees and reduced rate for spouses. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
VIOLATIONS TURNED OVER TO PROPER AUTHORITIES	Munyon let the council know that the violations discussed in the last meeting have been turned over to the proper authorities to address. To help move the city forward and focus on the positive things going on in the city, Munyon encourages the community to not let this matter take up any more time and wait for the results of the investigation.
EXECUTIVE SESSION	Moved by Craig, seconded by Shrader that the city council recess into executive session to discuss an employee candidate pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) with the Mayor, City Council, Brandi Spray and Dakota Coomes in attendance and for the open meeting to resume in the city council chamber at 6:47pm.
	Ellenbergers, Searight, Dibble, Solida, Ross and Martin left the meeting at 6:41pm.
	Ellenbergers, Searight, Dibble and Martin returned to the meeting at 6:47pm.

PUBLIC WORKS  
DIRECTOR SALARY  
OFFER

Moved by Shrader, seconded by Craig to offer an individual an annual salary of \$90,000 for the Public Works Director position.

PAYSCALE

Munyon stated that he would like to create a pay scale based on skill sets to help compensate employees who come with experience and/or history working with the city.

ADJOURN

Moved by Shrader, seconded by Voorhees to adjourn – time 6:56pm. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

  
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Brandi Spray, City Clerk

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