

**CITY OF HIGHLAND, KANSAS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL
June 11, 2025
5:00 P.M.**

Prior to the beginning of the meeting, the Oath of Office was given to the newly appointed, Roger Rush

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry Gibson, Robert Ellerman, and Roger Rush

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Keith Edmonds and Tana Snyder

CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT: City Clerk Joann Karn, and Police Chief Dustin Winters

GUESTS PRESENT: Jill Denton, Carl Johnson and Bryan Rhodd

PRESIDING: Mayor Charles Batchelder

Terry Gibson moved and Robert Ellerman seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried 3-0

Terry Gibson moved and Robert Ellerman seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda: a) June 4, 2025, special meeting minutes b) claims list for June 4, 2025, through June 11, 2025. Motion carried 3-0

PUBLIC FORUM:

Jill Denton volunteered to donate her time to Zoom the council meetings.

CONSIDER/APPROVAL:

Robert Ellerman moved and Terry Gibson seconded a motion to accept the Mayor's appointment of Roger Rush to the Law Enforcement, Finance and the Planning and Zoning Committees. Motion carried 3-0

Roger Rush moved and Robert Ellerman seconded a motion to close Main Street from the High School to Elmira on the 4th of July for the parade. Motion carried 3-0

DISCUSSION/OPEN ISSUES:

- **Ditch near April Heim's** – Council members believed a hold pond in the area was not a solution and suggested the ditch sides be seeded with grass.
- **Highland Community Ball Park Upgrades & Agreement** – Council consensus was to find a meeting date for the three boards in July, with a suggestion to meet at the community center.
- **Bridge repairs located at North Kansas/Coronado Road** – No updates.
- **Community Building Roof Estimates** – Tabled – waiting on another estimate
- **Unsafe Structures Reinspected** – Chief Winters reported Malcom Grier agreed to inspect the structures. Mr. Grier is also interested in being hired as the city's Code Enforcement Officer. Chief Winters stated Mr. Grier would be at the meetings to present his findings.

REPORTS:

- Clerk Karn highlighted the time frame for the budget and asked to meet with the finance committee.
- Chief Winters read his report (not available). Winters reported the HUMP Church donated an AED for a patrol vehicle and the Christian Church was asked to donate one for the second patrol vehicle. HCAT donated funds for the purchase of police badge stickers for the kids. The nuisance cases have either been completed or are in progress. The department has not heard back on the grant application.

Terry Gibson moved and Robert Ellerman seconded a motion to adjourn at 6:17 p.m. Motion carried 3-0

Mayor

City Clerk