

The Johnson City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, March 4th, 2026 at 12:00pm at City Hall with Mayor Bryan Ellis presiding. Council members present were Seth Nelson, Bret Kendrick, Andrew German, and Clayton Winger. City clerk Kenna Rohrenback, city superintendent Tyce McMillan, and city attorney Clint Floyd were also present. Guests present were David Lamb with KCAMP, Michelle Canny, Sheila Walker with Western Shelter Insurance, and Micha Cook with the Stanton County Health Coalition. Council member Tera Barnhardt joined the meeting at 12:05pm.

February 4th minutes were reviewed. Bret Kendrick moved to approve the minutes with corrections. Clayton Winger seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

February bills were presented for approval. Andrew German moved to approve the bills as presented. Seth Nelson seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

February 2026 Expenditures

General Fund	31,228.13
Employee Benefit	7,178.38
Bond & Interest	4,966.25
Electric Utility	136,237.89
Water Utility	16,922.97
Trash Utility	8,837.82
Sewer Utility	8,256.28

Position #2 for the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency Board of Directors for the City of Johnson is coming open and appointment is needed. Motion was made to appoint Seth Nelson as the representative. Andrew German seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Two building permits were presented to Council for approval: 305 N Chestnut for a shed installation, and 505 S Stanton lot #20 for a trailer house installation. Bret Kendrick moved to approve the permits as presented and Tera Barnhardt seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Micah Cook met with Council to discuss the Health Coalition's plan for planting trees on the walking path. Ms. Cook stated that they are moving to phase two, and she presented a map of tree placement to Council. Ms. Cook also discussed ramp access options with Council for the grade school, and stated that the Health Coalition would pay for a less permanent option to be installed, but would like to work with the City on costs for an additional concrete ramp installation instead. Will be revisited in April meeting.

Michelle Canny met with Council to discuss a Kansas Department of Commerce Grant that she was applying for, which would cover costs of renovations at 303 S Main Street for the purpose of business startup offices with a kitchen in the back. Mrs. Canny stated that she needed a partnering entity for the grant application. Tera Barnhardt moved that the City be a supporting organization for the grant application. Bret Kendrick seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

David Lamb with KCAMP presented a quote for property and liability insurance through pool.

Sheila Walker with Western Shelter Insurance presented two quotes for property and liability insurance.

Tera Barnhardt moved to table the final decision for insurance until a special meeting on March 7th, 2026 at 8:00am. Seth Nelson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Tera Barnhardt moved to table the discussion on utility deposit and reconnect fee restructure until April meeting. Andrew German seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Continued planning for the sewer main addition at Oak and Ellsworth was discussed.

Superintendent Tyce McMillan had several updates for Council: a motor was rebuilt for the sewer lagoons; the new water load station has had concrete poured, and the station installed; utility poles that were blown down in a recent high wind event were replaced; GMD3 meeting is coming up; and the north flag pole appears to be broken, the museum has called Wilson Crane service to help and no updates have been provided after.

The next Council meeting is set for regular schedule on Thursday, April 9th, 2026 at 12:00pm at City Hall.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned.

Bryan Ellis, Mayor

Attest:

Kenna M Rohrenback, City Clerk