MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
August 3, 2026, 6:30 pm, City Hall, 100 East Washington, Kearney, MO – Mayor Pogue presiding

Board members present in person: Gerri Spencer, Dan Holt, Ashton King, and David Lehman.

Staff members present in person: Sheila Ernzen, City Administrator; Shelie Daniel, Public Works Director; Sundi Hayes, Deputy City Clerk; Ryan Marcotte, Parks/Recreation Assistant Director; Eric Marshall, Parks/Recreation Director; David Pavlich, Community Development Director; Ron McEntire, Police Captain; and Sarah Wagner, Economic Development Specialist.

Pledge of Allegiance The Mayor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearings

New Employee Introductions

Sarah Wagner, Economic Development Specialist

Personal Appearances

Open Public Comments

Kathleen Mallett, 406 East 20th Terrace, spoke of neighborhood concerns regarding stormwater runoff.

Consent Agenda

The following items were submitted for approval by the Board of Aldermen:

A. Minutes of July 20, 2026, Board of Aldermen Meeting.
B. Acknowledging receipt of the Shoppes at Kearney Community Improvement District Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2026.
C. Acknowledging receipt of the Kearney West Side Community Improvement District Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2026.

A motion was made by Aldermen Lehman and seconded by Aldermen Holt to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinances

Bill No. 41-2026 An Ordinance of the City of Kearney, Missouri Imposing a Sales Tax for the Purpose of Improving Public Safety at the Rate of One-Half of One Percent, Pursuant to Section 94.903 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri; Providing for Submission of the Proposal to the Qualified Voters of the City of Kearney, Missouri for Their Approval at the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election; Designating the Form of Ballot; and Directing the City Clerk to Provide Notice of Said Election, was presented by Sheila Ernzen, City Administrator.

This ordinance would put a question to the voters on November 3 asking if they would like to impose a tax that would be dedicated and only used for public safety.

The proposed ordinance was read by Title only. A motion was made by Aldermen Lehman and seconded by Aldermen Holt to approve the ordinance as read on the first reading.

The proposed ordinance was read by Title only a second time. A motion was made by Aldermen King and seconded by Aldermen Spencer to approve on the second reading. **Bill No. 41-2026** was duly passed by the following roll call vote: FOR the motion: Holt, Spencer, King and Lehman. The motion carried by a four to zero vote. The bill was duly numbered **Ordinance No. 1704-2026.**

Resolutions

Resolution No. 60-2026 A Resolution Appointing Brian Allen to the Position of Chief of Police Effective September 3, 2026, was presented by Sheila Ernzen, City Administrator.

Ernzen explained the Mayor had made his selection of Captain Brian Allen to serve as Police Chief after the retirement of Mark Thomas.

The proposed resolution title was read. A motion was made by Aldermen Lehman and seconded by Aldermen Holt to approve the resolution. Vote on the resolution was recorded with all present voting in favor. Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 61-2026 A Resolution of Support for Affordable Senior Housing in Kearney, was presented by David Pavlich, Community Development Director.

Pavlich said this is a general resolution to support senior housing. MACO Development runs two different properties in Kearney and continues to look for ways to support the community by providing affordable housing to seniors.

The proposed resolution title was read. A motion was made by Aldermen Lehman and seconded by Aldermen King to approve the resolution. Vote on the resolution was recorded with all present voting in favor. Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 62-2026 A Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Funding for the Drive Sober Or Get Pulled Over Enforcement Campaign and Execution of the Subaward Agreement was presented by Ron McEntire, Police Captain.

McEntire explained this resolution authorizes the city to accept a reimbursement grant up to $1,500 through MODOT Highway Safety Division in the Drive Sober Or Get Pulled Over enforcement campaign. The funding reimburses eligible officers' overtime and fringe benefits associated with the targeting of impaired driving enforcement. Approval authorizes the Chief of Police to execute the subaward agreement and any necessary documents.

The proposed resolution title was read. A motion was made by Aldermen Spencer and seconded by Aldermen Lehman to approve the resolution. Vote on the resolution was recorded with all present voting in favor. Resolution passed.

Items for Review and Presentation

Mayor's Communication

Thank you to the neighbors which attended in support of Kathleen Mallett who spoke during the Open Public Comments who shared their concerns.

City Administrator's Report

An open house for retiring Police Chief Mark Thomas and incoming Captain Brian Allen as Police Chief – Monday, August 17, 2026, from 5 to 6 pm.

The Next Meeting will be held Monday, August 17, 2026, at 6:30 pm.

Aldermen Discussion

Aldermen Spencer – none this evening

Aldermen Lehman – none this evening

Aldermen Holt – Thank you to the staff of the Parks Department for beautifully maintaining the Splash Pad.

Aldermen King – Janet and Daniel Desnoyer contacted him regarding the maintenance around the Welcome to Kearney sign and he was able to point them to the Chamber for assistance.

Executive Session At 6:46 pm Aldermen Lehman moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to RSMo 610.021: Pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (1) for legal actions or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys; and RSMo 610.021 (12) to discuss matters pertaining to negotiated contracts. Aldermen Holt seconded. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: For the motion: Holt, Spencer, Lehman and King.

Approved: _____ Attest: _____

Mayor Randy Pogue Sheila Ernzen, City Clerk