

February 3, 2025

City Council Meeting

Mayor Cox called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present- Terry Tyler, Ricky Yeager, Bryson Meats, Lyle Sherwood, and Bryson Meats. And Georgia Eggleston.

Mayor Cox requested a motion to approve the proposed February 3, 2025 agenda. Yeager moved to accept the agenda, which Tyler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Cox requested a motion to approve the minutes from the January 6 City Council Meeting. Meats moved to accept the minutes, and Eggleston seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

Mayor Cox requested a motion to pass the January 21 Special Meeting Minutes. Eggleston moved Yeager second. Motion passed 5/0.

Meats moved to approve the warrants/bills presented with the proposed agenda. Tyler second. Mayor Cox asked for a vote. The motion passed 5/0

Mayor Cox called for a motion to enter into the hearing regarding the de-annexation of property described as follows:

A tract of land located in the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Three (3), Township Twenty-three (23) South, Range Sixteen (16) East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Coffey County, Kansas. More specifically, it is described as follows:

Commencing at the North Quarter corner of said Section Three (3); thence along the North line of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of said Section Three (3) N 89°47'25" W 215.75 feet; thence S 00°34'14" W 48.00 feet to the Point of Beginning on the Southerly Right-of-Way Line of State Highway 58, as described in Coffey County District Court Case No. 10360; thence S 00°34'14" W 527.00 feet to a corner on the Northerly Line of a tract of land conveyed to Danielle Yvonne Huff and Marvin Forest Huff, as described on pages 390-391 in Book 165 in the Coffey County Register of Deeds; thence along the North Line of said Huff tract and a Northerly Line of a tract of land conveyed to Crandall Ranch, L.L.C., as described on pages 415-417 in Book 159 in the Coffey County Register of Deeds N 89°47'25" W 757.50 feet; thence along an Easterly Line of said Crandall Ranch tract N 00°34'14" E 505.00 feet to the Southerly Right-of-Way Line of said State Highway 58;

thence along the Southerly Right-of-Way Line of said State Highway 58, following these three courses:

1. - S 89°11'06" E 611.00 feet
2. - N 00°49'54" E 30.00 feet
3. - S 89°11'06" E 146.36 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 8.81 acres.
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Yeager moved to open the hearing on the de-annexation. Tyler seconded the motion. The motion passed with 4 in favor and one abstention from Meats.

Daniel Smith, the City Attorney, clarified that the city is not responsible for the infrastructure connected to the proposed addition. The city's only responsibility is to ensure that water and sewer services are connected to the property line per city ordinances. The city council listened respectfully to the concerns raised by residents. Several individuals, including Bill Otto, Jennifer Freeman, Katie Bowen, Michael Abendroth, Alex Wilkins, and Sawyer Wheers, expressed their opinions during the meeting. Bryson Meats also spoke but in his capacity as a concerned citizen rather than as a council member.

Mayor Cox then returned the focus of the hearing to the city. According to the relevant statute, de-annexation cannot be granted if there is an objection from any party involved. Since Bryson Meats, as a property owner, presented an objection before the hearing, de-annexation of the property could not proceed under Kansas statutes. Mayor Cox requested a vote from the council regarding the de-annexation and called for a motion to close the hearing. Yeager moved to close the meeting. Sherwood second. Mayor Cox asked for a vote. Motion passed 3/1/1. Yeager, Sherwood, and Eggleston voted yes, Tyler voted no, and Meats abstained.

Martin Ernst from Coffey County Emergency Management presented the contract for the land designated for the cell tower.

There were two bids opened for mowing the cemetery. Anita Kneece, and Pankaskie. The council did not move to proceed.

Mayor Cox recommended purchasing a new copy machine from CPI for \$3,350. Sherwood moved to accept the bid for the copy machine, and Meats seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-2, with Yeager and Eggleston voting against it.

Yeager moved to change the wording in Article 2 regarding dogs from "Superintendent as dog catcher" to "Animal Control Officer" that the council appoints to the position. Tyler seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Meats moved to purchase the Coffey County Tourism Magazine ad for \$385.00. Yeager seconded. The motion passed 5/0.

Yeager moved to adjourn; Tyler second motion passed 5/0.

