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\$12,840,238. This includes reserve funds that in many cases are restricted in how they can be used. For 2025, current projections indicate expenditure of just under \$10.4 million. Each mill raises just under \$21,254

for the city, an increase of approximately \$677 from the 2025 budget. In her comments at the start of the meeting, Mayor Alicia Hommon noted in the seven months since she took office the Council had to make a lot of

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work, but taking on a security role. That frees up other members of law enforcement for other tasks. Mayor Bowser wants a police force of 4,000. Since 2020, while being a D.C. cop has been one of the most thankless jobs in the country, the number fell to 3,400. So, also being called into service are members of the Park Police. They have the power to arrest, and they’re being utilized to fill gaps. Mr. Trump has put a focus on the vast number of homeless encampments in the city. Multiple sites have been taken down this year, and just last week a large one was dismantled close to the Kennedy Center. One of the things frequently cited as making

cities feel less safe is the presence of large numbers of homeless people. When the sidewalks and parks are taken over by tent cities filled with addicts and the mentally ill, it certainly doesn’t improve the quality of life. One news outlet reported this week that staff was unable to access their office front door when a group of aggressive vagrants set up residence there drinking alcohol and refusing to move. According to the story, it took several hours to get police to respond. It’s not contradictory to find people with sympathy for the “unhoused” while also be fed up with their front stoop being used as a toilet, and being forced to sweep for needles before

difficult financial conditions The budget includes the 4.658 mill levy for the Lyons Public Library, which is unchanged from this year. The actual mill levy that will appear on tax statements when they

letting their kids play in the park. Obviously, the idea of citizens not being in control of their own basic city functions, like policing, isn’t ideal, even when it’s temporary. Still, many Democrats are admitting off the record that it was time for steps to be taken. Washington, D.C., has always had a unique (and less than envious) way of being governed compared with other Americans. To keep undue influence from going to the state housing the capital, the District of Columbia was created to be outside such boundaries. That prevents Washingtonians from being represented in the U.S. Senate or House. Plus, Congress has way more control of the district than most people would desire in their lives. This has led to calls to turn Washington into its own state. (Coincidentally, it would add two more Democratic U.S. senators). Statehood wouldn’t guarantee low crime. Just look at the U.S. cities worse than D.C. on the crime stats.

are sent out in November may vary, based on any valuation changes made prior to the final tax roll being certified. A link to the proposed budget can be found on the front page of the city’s website, www.lyonsks.org.

Resolutions were adopted declaring three structures dangerous and unsafe and ordering their removal and property be made safe and secure. Two of the properties are adjoining, at 102 and 104 West Lincoln, with City Inspector Stephen Thomas saying both houses have numerous broken windows and doors and been vacant for more than 20 years, A neighbor of those properties spoke in favor of ordering demolition, describing both as “crack houses.” The third property, at 615 East Avenue South, has also been empty for more than 20 years, and Thomas said is in even worse shape than the two on Lincoln. Approval was given for the signing of the engineering contract with Schwab-Eaton to a CCLIP project on Grand Street, or K-14, from just south of Main to Taylor Street. The total project cost is \$800,000, half of which

will be funded through the Kansas Department of Transportation and half by the city, which is also covering the engineering cost. The city has budgeted funds for it’s share of the project cost. The Council recognized Cemetery Sexton Martin Hartle for his 45 years of service to the city. A proclamation from Mayor Alicia Hommon said Hartle has been “a cornerstone of the City’s Workforce and has provided comfort, respect and support to the families of Lyons during their most difficult moments. To recognize Hartle’s service, the Council approved naming the street adjoining the cemetery shop in his honor. A revised Special Event Permit ordinance was approved. The changes, which were developed by former Assistant City Administrator Tanner Faust before he left to become City Administrator in Lindsborg, sets out procedures and applications, including a new requirement that applications be submitted not less than 30 days before the event. It also adds standards for issuance, denial and revocation procedures. This also includes appeal processes and allows a

waiver for the 30 day requirement if the good and compelling cause is shown. One such situation came to the Council during the meeting, as it approved a road closure of the 100 block of West Avenue South Sunday for a Back to School Festival being held at The Gathering Place. City Administrator Troy Houtman said he has spoken with Police Chief Justin Holliday about this, and he had no problems with it. The Council approved a corrected radio agreement with Rice County, to reflect this is a five year contract rather than the one year agreement that had been mistakenly submitted to the Council when it initially approved it. At the conclusion of the meeting the Council held a ten minute executive session to review applications for employment, the session also including Houtman and City Attorney Patrick Hoffman.

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Central
Kansas
Classifieds
Apartment For Rent

APARTMENT NOW AVAILABLE at the Pawnee Plaza for the elderly or disabled. Rent amount is 30% of your income w/utilities paid. Office phone 620-285-6661. The Pawnee Plaza Apartments are a U.S. Department of Housing Urban Development subsidized housing organization providing equal opportunity housing to all individuals without regard to race, creed, color, sex or national origin and implements the Affirmative Fair Housing Plan. All directors’ meetings are open meetings the 2nd Thursday, 12:30.

NICE 1 AND 2 bedroom apartments In Larned. Furnished or unfurnished. Deposit and lease required. 620-285-9997

Lost & Found

4-Wheel Walker, black with seat, brakes and initials GL. Please return to Diversicare. Phone 620-923-6217.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Mongolian politician

5. Coconut palms

10. Rounded knob

14. Japanese city

15. Covers in soft material

16. Walk around

17. Ancient region in Syria

18. French painter

19. Grandmother

20. Cow part

22. Rocky peak

23. Secret plan

24. Sings to one's lover

27. More (Spanish)

30. Father

31. Chinese philosophical principle

32. Hat

35. In agreement

37. A person's brother or sister

38. Evil spirit

39. Monetary units

40. Partner to cheese
41. About Sun

42. A place to dance

43. Performer ___ Lo Green

44. Beach accessory

45. Recipe measurement (abbr.)

46. Partly digested food

47. Pooch

48. Honorific title added to family name

49. Salts

52. Lichens genus

55. Lowest point of a ridge

56. Type of sword

60. Albanian language

61. Gold measurement

63. Italian seaport

64. Longtime late night host

65. Extremely angry

66. U. of Miami mascot

67. Mid-month day

68. Omitted from printed matter

69. Upper body part

CLUES DOWN

1. Two-toed sloth

2. Cooking ingredient

3. Iranian city

4. Publicly outs

5. Steep-sided hollow

6. Spoke

7. General law or rule

8. Extravagantly theatrical

9. Very fast airplane

10. Arm bones

11. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea

12. ___ fide: legitimate

13. Gemstone

21. Counsels

23. Top exec

25. Cool!

26. Touch lightly

27. Extract money via taxation

28. Dyes

29. Cloying sweetness

32. Soft drinks

33. Capital of Guam
34. Chemical compound

36. The bill in a restaurant

37. Car mechanics group

38. Late comedian Newhart

40. Health care for the aged

41. Wise individuals

43. A passage with access only at one end

44. Trim

46. Former OSS

47. The upper surface of the mouth

49. Edible lily bulbs

50. Type of reef

51. Vaccine developer

52. Mottled citrus fruit

53. A place to store lawn tools

54. Rare goose native to Hawaii

57. Hollywood pig

58. Musician Clapton

59. Take a chance

61. Spanish soldier

62. Mark Wahlberg comedy

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about
Your
Family,
Friends,
and
Neighbors

LEGAL

(Published in the Lyons News on August 21, 2025)

RESOLUTION NO. 937

A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE STRUCTURE IN THE LYON'S THIRD ADDITION, N2 S2 BLK 14, CITY OF LYON'S, RICE COUNTY KANSAS COMMONLY KNOWN AND REFERRED TO AS 615 EAST AVENUE S., LYONS, RICE COUNTY KANSAS, IS UNSAFE OR DANGEROUS AND DIRECTING THAT THE STRUCTURE BE REMOVED AND THE PREMISES BE MADE SAFE AND SECURE.

WHEREAS, the enforcing officer of the City of Lyons, Kansas, did on the 7th day of July, 2025, file with the governing body of said city, a statement in writing that the structure, hereinafter described, as dangerous and unfit structure(s), specifically: Unsecured open to animals, rodents, & transients. Broken or non-existent windows, Major blighting influence on the neighborhood, Dilapidation, property is not properly maintained, Vacant, Old structure(s) (to be brought up to current city codes, the house would take a remodel), no utilities present, Increased hazards of fire, accident, or other calamities.

WHEREAS, the governing body did agree on the 7th. day of July, 2025 to fix the time and place of a hearing at which the owner, his or her agent, and lienholders, any occupants, and all other parties of interest of such structure could appear and show cause why such structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished, and provided for giving notice thereof as provided by law; and,

WHEREAS a notice of public hearing was published in the official city paper on the 10th day of July 2025, and on the 17th day of July 2025, and a copy of said resolution was served upon all persons entitled thereto as provided by law; and,

WHEREAS, on the 18th day of August, 2025, the governing body did conduct the hearing and took evidence from the enforcing officer on behalf of the City. The following parties in interest failed to appear or appeared and did not present evidence: Jose D. Mikel, II and Angela C. Hall

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LYON'S, KANSAS, THAT:

1. The governing body hereby finds that the structure(s) located in the Lyon's third addition, N2 S2 BLK 14, City of Lyon's, Rice County Kansas commonly known and referred to as 615 East Avenue S is unsafe and dangerous and directs that such structure(s) are to be repaired or removed and the premises made safe and secure. 615 East Ave S., Lyons, Kansas is in violation of the City minimal housing code and cannot be used a residence by any person until unless and until it meets the provisions of that code.

2. The owner of such structure is hereby directed to commence the repair or removal of the property within 60 days from the date of publication of this resolution (not later than the 21st of August, 2025) and to have the removal completed within 60 days of the date of commencement (not later than the 20th. of October 2025). Provided that upon due application by the owner and for good cause shown, the governing body, in its sole discretion, may grant the owner additional time to complete the removal of the property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the owner fails to commence the repair or removal of the structure(s) within the time provided herein or fails to diligently prosecute the same, the governing body may take further action as it deems necessary to raze and remove the structure without further notice to the owner or other parties in interest.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall cause this resolution to be published once in the official city paper and mail a copy to the owners, agents, lienholders, occupants, and other parties in interest.

Adopted this 18th day of August, 2025

/s/Alicia Hommon, Mayor
SEAL
ATTEST:
/s/ Bailey Saylor, City Clerk

LEGAL

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RESOLUTION NO. 936

A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE STRUCTURE IN THE LYON'S THIRD ADDITION, BEG 35' W NE COR BLK 13 TH S150' W35' N150' E35' TO POB., CITY OF LYON'S, RICE COUNTY, KANSAS, COMMONLY KNOWN AND REFERRED TO AS 104 W LINCOLN., CITY OF LYONS, RICE COUNTY, KANSAS, IS UNSAFE OR DANGEROUS AND DIRECTING THAT THE STRUCTURE BE REMOVED AND THE PREMISES BE MADE SAFE AND SECURE.

WHEREAS, the enforcing officer of the City of Lyons, Kansas, did on the 7th day of July, 2025, file with the governing body of said city, a statement in writing that the structure, hereinafter described, is a dangerous and unfit structure, specifically: Unsecured, open to animals, rodents, & transients. Broken or non-existent windows, Major blighting influence on the neighborhood, Dilapidation, property is not properly maintained, Vacant since 2002, Old structure (to be brought up to current city codes, the house would take a remodel), no utilities present, Increased hazards of fire, accident, or other calamities.

WHEREAS, the governing body did agree on the 7th. day of July, 2025 to fix the time and place of a hearing at which the owner, his or her agent, and lienholders, any occupants, and all other parties of interest of such structure could appear and show cause why such structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished, and provided for giving notice thereof as provided by law; and,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LYON'S, KANSAS, THAT:

1.The governing body hereby finds that the structure(s) located in the Lyon's third addition, Beg 35'W Ne Cor Blk 13 th S150' w35' N150' E35' to POB, City of Lyon's, Rice County Kansas commonly known and referred to as 104 W Lincoln is unsafe and dangerous and directs that such structure(s) are to be repaired or removed and the premises made safe and secure. 104 W Lincoln, Lyons, Kansas, is in violation of the City's minimal housing code and cannot be used as a residence by any person unless and until it meets the provisions of that code.

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