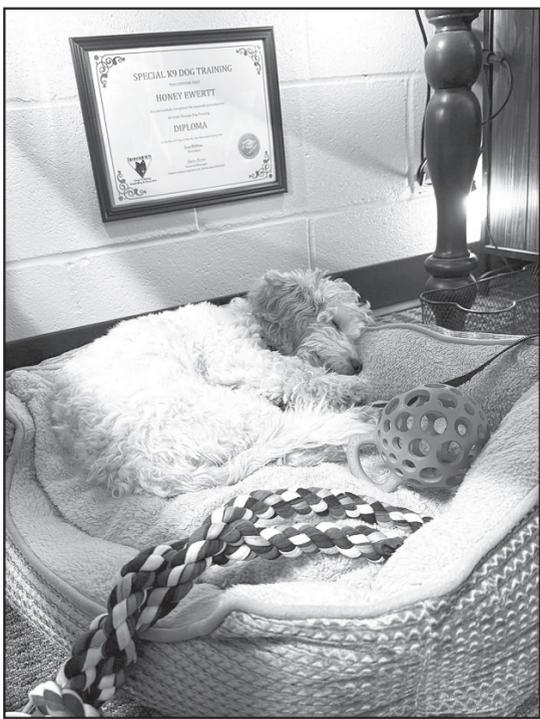


Honey the Therapy Pup



Honey, the Therapy Pup at Windom Elementary is very busy throughout the school day. She has her very own bed for naptime. She also has some toys she sleeps with and her diploma from dog training hangs on the wall above her bed.

Voting Process at MTC Annual Meeting

This article provides information from Mutual Telephone Company's by laws about the voting process at annual meeting. If you have any questions, please contact the business office of MTC at 620-897-6200.

At all meetings of members, voting on all matters shall be by voice vote unless the president of the meeting shall otherwise order, or by vote of a majority of members represented at the meeting; provided however, voting shall be by ballot on all questions relating to the Articles of Incorporation or the by laws, or in a matter which requires a special majority vote in accordance with the by laws. Voting by proxy or by remote communications shall be permitted at all meetings provided notice of appointment of proxy shall have been filed with the MTC office 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

Each member, regardless of number of access lines or CBOL connections, shall be limited to casting one vote in person, or by proxy, on any issue presented at any meeting of members.

If Mutual's records show more than one person as owner of a membership, such owners shall collectively be permitted only one vote at meetings of members.

Multiple owners must designate, in advance of vote, which person shall cast the vote for such membership.

If multiple owners cannot agree on who shall cast the membership vote, then no vote shall be permitted as to such membership.

In case of a tie vote when voting for directors, the winner will be determined by the flip of a coin.

(In the past, some confusion arose as to how a husband and wife could vote. Only one can cast a vote. If one spouse is absent, the spouse that is in attendance must be listed on Mutual's books as a member in order to vote. If you are not sure how you are listed, please call the office and inquire.)

Proxy Voting at MTC Annual Meeting

The by laws of MTC have provisions that allow members to delegate their voting rights to another member. This process is known as voting by proxy. At any meeting of the members, a member may vote by proxy, in writing by the member. Such proxy shall be filed with the MTC office 24 hours prior to the meeting. No proxy shall be valid unless it shall designate the particular meeting at which it is to be voted, and no proxy shall be voted at any meeting other than the one so designated or any adjournment of such meeting. A member may give his or her proxy only to another member, or to an adult relative living in the same house with such member, and no person shall vote as proxy for more than three members. The presence of a member at a meeting of the members shall revoke a proxy, theretofore, executed by him or her and such member shall be entitled to vote at such meeting in the same manner as if he or she had not executed a proxy. In case of joint membership, a proxy may be executed by either the husband or wife, or both. The presence of either the husband or wife, or both, at a meeting of the members shall revoke a proxy theretofore executed by either of them or both, and such joint member or members shall be entitled to vote at such meeting in the same manner and with the same effect as if the proxy had not been executed.

Proxies may be obtained at the MTC front desk.



Legal Notice

(Published in The Monitor Journal April 16 and April 23, 2025.)

The Little River Development Group Annual Meeting will be held May 6, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the MTC Conference Room.

Happy
Easter

LEGAL NOTICE

(First published in The Monitor Journal April 9, 2025. Last published in The Monitor Journal April 16, 2025.)

Notice of Annual Meeting to the Patrons of Mutual Telephone Company

The Mutual Telephone Company Annual Meeting will be held at 7:00 AM on Friday, April 25, 2025 in the conference room at Mutual Telephone Company, 365 Main Street, Little River, Kansas.

Director positions up for election at the Annual Meeting are: Director representing members south of Avenue J outside the city limits of Little River and a Director representing members within the city limits of Little River. Both positions are three-year terms. These positions are currently held by Jon Sauer and Colin January who are seeking re-election. Anyone interested in running for these positions should contact either Jon Paden or David Nelson, members of the Nominating Committee, by April 18, 2025 to have their names placed on the ballot. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

Legal Notice

(Published in the Monitor-Journal April 16, 2025)

ORDINANCE NO. 700

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING AND ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES WITH RESPECT TO UTILITY SERVICE BILLING; DELINQUENT UTILITY SERVICE BILLINGS; ESTABLISHING NOTICE REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR HEARING AND FOR DISCONTINUANCE OF UTILITY SERVICES FOR NON-PAYMENT OF ACCOUNT; PROVIDING FOR DELINQUENCY CHARGES, RECONNECTION CHARGES, SERVICE CONNECT FEES FOR NEW ACCOUNTS AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 636 AND ALL PREVIOUS ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT OF THE CITY OF LITTLE RIVER, KANSAS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LITTLE RIVER, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.

As used in this ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

- (a) "Customer" shall mean the utility service account of record.
- (b) "Person" shall mean natural persons and all corporations, partnerships, associations and all other types and kinds of organizations and entities, without limitation.
- (c) "Owner" shall mean property owner of record.
- (d) "Utility Services" shall mean gas service, water service, sewer service and trash service.

SECTION 2. DISCONTINUANCE OF UTILITY SERVICES.

(a) The city may discontinue or refuse a particular utility service to any customer, without notice or hearing, for any of the following reasons:

- 1. At the customer or property owner requests.
- 2. When it is determined by an employee of the city utility department, fire department or police department that the continuance of a particular utility service constitutes a dangerous condition presenting a likely immediate threat to health or safety of persons or to property on or near the customer or owner's premises.

(b) The city may discontinue or refuse a particular utility service to any customer, following compliance with the notice and hearing requirements of Section 4 of this ordinance, for any of the following reasons:

- 1. Non-payment of utility bills and charges as provided in Section 4 of this ordinance.
- 2. When the customer misrepresents his or her identity or otherwise intentionally provides false information for the purpose of obtaining utility services from the city.

(c) The city may discontinue or refuse a particular service to any customer, following notice to the customer, for any of the reasons set out in this subsection. The customer shall have the right to a hearing with in a reasonable time, not to exceed 10 days, following termination or refusal of service. If after such hearing, the hearing officer finds in favor of the utility customer the hearing officer may order connection or reconnection of the service at no cost to the customer.

- 1. When the customer refuses to grant employees of the city's utility department access to equipment installed upon the premises of the customer for the purpose of inspection, meter reading, maintenance or replacement.
- 2. When the customer violates any rule, regulation or ordinance of the city pertaining to utility services, which violation adversely affects the safety of the customer or other persons, or the integrity of the city's utility services delivery system.
- 3. When the customer attempts, causes or permits unauthorized interference, diversion, theft, tampering, damage or use of utility services or the utility services delivery system situated, or delivered on or about the customers' premises.

SECTION 3. UTILITY BILLING DATES AND DELINQUENCY DATE.

Utility billings shall be mailed on approximately the 7th day of each month for the previous month serviced. All billings for utility services shall be due and payable at the office of the city clerk on the 7th day of the month and must be paid in full by the 24th day of the month. Failure to make payment in full before the 24th day of the month shall result in service discontinuance. No extensions will be granted without approval of at least 3 members of council.

SECTION 4. NON-PAYMENT OF UTILITY BILLS.

(a) An account delinquency and service discontinuance notice shall be issued in writing on approximately the 25th day of the month with respect to any delinquent and unpaid utility service bill. Notice shall be sent by U.S. Mail, first class, to the customer (and a copy also sent by U.S. Mail, first class, to the occupant of the premises served if the occupant is not the customer) at the last known address of the customer as shown on the records of the city. Written notice may also be provided by personal service upon the customer by any employee of the city utility department or by any city law enforcement officer or by such city employee posting the written notice upon a door of a building upon the property serviced.

(b) The notice of account delinquency and service discontinuance shall provide the following information: (1) Name of customer and address where service is being provided. (2) Utility Account Number. (3) Amount past due plus delinquency charges. (4) Notice that utility service shall be terminated upon failure to pay the delinquent charges within 7 days of the date of the mailing, personal served or posting of the notice. (5) Notice that the customer has the right to appear and be heard at a hearing.

(c) The notice of account delinquency and service discontinuance shall be substantially in the following form:

NOTICE OF ACCOUNT DELINQUENCY AND SERVICE DISCONTINUANCE.

TO: _____ your gas and/or water and/or sanitary sewer and/or trash service bill in the amount of \$ _____ which was due _____, 20_____, remains unpaid and is now delinquent. The delinquency charge to be added to your bill is \$ _____. You are hereby notified that the city intends to terminate your utility service(s) for non-payment, unless you pay the full amount due of \$ _____, on or before the 2nd day of _____, 20_____.

You must notify City Hall before the 2nd at 1:00 p.m. to schedule a hearing with at least 3 members of the City Council to show good cause as to why your service should not be terminated for non-payment of charges. Should you fail to attend the hearing, you are hereby notified that immediately following the hearing date such service or services will be discontinued. Date _____, 20_____, City of Little River, Kansas. By: _____.

(d) Extensions of the date of discontinuance may be granted to enable the customer to make arrangements for reasonable installment payments or for other good cause shown. In making a determination of whether discontinuance should be ordered, the hearing officer shall consider, but not limited to, the following factors: Whether discontinuance is dangerous to the health of the customer, the customer's family or any other residents of the premises affected; the weather, unforeseen financial hardship of the customer; and the medical conditions, ages or disabilities of the customer, the customer's family or other residents of the premises.

SECTION 5. DISCONTINUANCE OF UTILITY SERVICES.

City utility departments are hereby authorized to discontinue and disconnect utility services to any customer pursuant to the procedure set out in this ordinance. Customers shall remain responsible for furnishing the city with the correct address for billing purposes.

SECTION 6. LIEN UPON CUSTOMER'S PROPERTY.

In the event any person shall neglect, fail or refuse to pay within 7 days following notice of discontinuance, the utility billings and delinquency charges due the city, such billings and charges shall constitute a lien upon the real property served by the connection to the utility service, and shall be certified by the city clerk to the county clerk of Rice County, Kansas, to be placed on the tax roll for collection, subject to the same penalties and collected in like manner as other taxes are by law collectible.

SECTION 7. LATE PAYMENT CHARGES, RECONNECTION FEES - DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS AND SERVICE CONNECT FEES - NEW ACCOUNTS.

(a) LATE PAYMENT CHARGES:
All bills delinquent after the 24th day of the month of the billing shall be subject to a 10 percent (10%) penalty on the 25th day of the month.

(b) RECONNECTION FEES - DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS:

Prior to reconnecting utility services discontinued due to a delinquency, the following shall be paid to the city: (1) The entire balance due and owing to the city at the time of discontinuance of service. (2) A non-refundable gas reconnection fee of \$40.00 plus sales tax and a non-refundable water reconnection fee of \$80.00

(c) SERVICE CONNECT FEES - NEW ACCOUNTS:

Any person, business or corporation requesting to receive utility services from the city shall be required to complete the following prior to utility service: (1) Fill out an application form for services. (2) Pay a non-refundable gas service connect fee of \$80.00 plus sales tax and a non-refundable water connect fee of \$80.00.

(d) CREDIT FOR SATISFACTORY CREDIT HISTORY:

If a new customer under subsection (c) above presents to the City Council evidence of a satisfactory credit history, the City Council shall allow a credit of \$40.00 on the customer's next gas bill and a credit of \$40.00 on the customer's next water bill. Such evidence shall be in a form designated by the City Council and must be presented at the first regularly scheduled City Council meeting held after two weeks after utility services are first connected.

SECTION 8. GAS, WATER AND SEWER LINES.

The charges for each tap into gas, water and sewer lines for inside and outside the Corporate Limits of the City of Little River, Kansas shall be materials cost plus labor.

The City shall purchase, install and at all times remain the owner of all gas and water meters used to meter gas and water supplied to consumers inside and outside the Corporate Limits of the City of Little River, Kansas.

The maintenance of these gas, water and sewer lines from the building to the meter or main shall be the responsibility of the property owner.

SECTION 9. REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 636.

Ordinance No. 636 and all conflicting ordinances are hereby repealed.

SECTION 10. PASSAGE

This ordinance shall be in full force and take effect on and after its passage and publication one time in the Monitor-Journal, the city's official newspaper.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS 14TH DAY OF APRIL, 2025.

Donald L. Teeters, Mayor

ATTEST:
Brooke Oakley, City Clerk
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