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KINGMAN CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Feb. 12 Meeting

Attendance:

Present: Mayor Winsor, Vice Mayor Kaufman, Commissioners Wollen, McFarland, and Arensdorf were present. City Staff consisted of Interim Manager Deardoff, Clerk Bieghler, Attorney Graffman, Chief Rhodes, Deputy Chief Wegner, Director Kari Goldston, and Director Schrag.

Call to Order: Mayor Winsor called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Consent Agenda: The commission reviewed and considered the consent agenda. Vice Mayor Kaufman asked for the bills payable to be removed for discussion, Mayor Winsor moved 7a — Promotion Announcement to immediately follow bills payable, and Commissioner Wollen asked to add 7c — Kingman Theatre for July 4th Celebration. The following items remained on the consent agenda:

1. Agenda for 2/12/2026
2. Minutes: 1/22/2026
3. Minutes of Special Meeting: 1/28/2026
4. December 2025 Financial Statement

• Motion made by Wollen, seconded by Arensdorf, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Bills Payable (\$441,335.78): The commission considered the bills payable and asked some clarifying questions to its calculations, which Clerk Bieghler addressed.

• Motion made by Arensdorf, seconded by McFarland, to approve the bills payable in the amount of \$441,335.78. Motion carried 5-0.

EMS Promotion — Deputy Chief: Chief Rhodes announced the promotion of Paramedic Jason Wegner to the position of Deputy Chief of EMS with his family in attendance. Chief Rhodes shared that Mr. Wegner has experience in leadership with his past employers and has proven himself invaluable to the department. Mr. Wegner's new position will have him assisting with data reports, the annual budget, and other administrative tasks in addition to regular paramedic duties. The commission thanked Mr. Wegner for his service and offered congratulations.

Public Comment: The following individuals provided public comment to the commission:

• Baja Barajas of 800 N Coronado shared concerns about speeding traffic going through the intersection, particularly drivers traveling east or west. Mr. Barajas shared that he has addressed the commission before about the problem and shared that his next step will be to stand out there with a radar gun and record violators and post them to social media if no action is taken.

• Jack Thimesch of the Kingman County Commission spoke briefly about the December 2025 EMS payment. Mr. Thimesch also requested access to the armory on 2/16/2026 with contractors to assess the facility for a potential future rental agreement for the county to use the facility during a courthouse remodel.

• Leslie Schrag of 1103 S Main spoke about unpaved roads and the funding of future projects to pave dirt roads. Ms. Schrag shared that she pays special assessments currently for her property on Sadie Ln and shared that if there are future projects, those residents should also have to pay for the roads and not the city at large, or else, she and her neighbors should have their assessments forgiven.

Johnson Curb Appeal Program (CAP) Application: Director Schrag shared an application for the Kingman CAP project to assist in the demolition costs of property the City condemned in December 2025 located at 101 W Third. While the program does offer assistance with demolition costs, it states that the funding must be applied for prior to the start of work. Ms. Johnson has already demolished the structure. However, Director Schrag shared that information was shared with Ms. Johnson during her hearing that it could have been misleading regarding the possibility of funding for her project and felt that the commission should consider the application.

• Motion made by Kaufman, seconded by Winsor, to deny the CAP reimbursement request, as the work was completed prior to adoption of the Curb Appeal Program and prior to application and approval, and therefore does not meet the program guidelines approved by the City Commission. Motion carried 4-1 with Wollen abstaining and McFarland voting "nay."

EcoDevo Budget: Director Schrag addressed some budget questions asked by the commission at a previous meeting. No action was taken.

Recess for Land Bank Meeting: • Motion made by Kaufman, seconded by Arensdorf, to recess for the Kingman Land Bank Meeting at 7:37pm. Motion carried 5-0.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:48pm.

Ordinance 2152— Kansas Gas Franchise Fee: AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO KANSAS GAS SERVICE, A DIVISION OF ONE GAS, INC., AND ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, A NATURAL GAS FRANCHISE, PRESCRIBING THE TERMS THEREOF AND RELATING THERETO PROVIDING DEFINITIONS OF TERMS, PRESCRIBING A FRANCHISE FEE

PROVIDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE USE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS-

OF-WAY, REQUIRING ADVANCE NOTICE OF WORK AND DUTY TO REPAIR, PROVIDING FOR INDEMNIFICATION AND A HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR RULES AND REGULATIONS, PRESCRIBING INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS, RESERVING CERTAIN RIGHTS, PROVIDING FOR REVOCATION AND TERMINATION, PROVIDING FOR AN ACCEPTANCE OF THE TERMS OF THE FRANCHISE, PROVIDING FOR A REOPENER PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF ANNEXATIONS PRESCRIBING RELEVANT GOVERNING LAW, PROVIDING FOR TRANSFER AND ASSIGNMENT OF THE FRANCHISE, PROVIDING FOR POINTS OF CONTACT AND NOTIFICATIONS PROVIDING FOR AN AGREEMENT TO RENEGOTIATE, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH OR IN CONFLICT WITH THE TERMS HEREOF was considered.

There was discussion regarding this 20-year ordinance regarding the percentage of 3% vs. 5% and whether to include transport fees. Currently, the franchise fee, which is set to expire in March 2026 is set at 3% and does not include transport fees.

• Motion made by Kaufman, seconded by Arensdorf, to adopt Ordinance 2152 as presented, set at a rate of 3% and to include transport fees. A vote was called with the following results:

o Yea: Kaufman, Arensdorf, Wollen, and Winsor

o Nay: McFarland

Motion declared carried and ordered signed by the mayor, attested by the city clerk, and to be published in the official newspaper.

Ordinance 2153— Demolition of 602 N Coronado: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN UNSAFE AND DANGEROUS STRUCTURES LOCATED AT THE SOUTH SIXTYFIVE FEET (S 65') OF LOTS ELEVEN (11), TWELVE (12), THIRTEEN (13), AND FOURTEEN (14) IN BLOCK FIVE (5), EAST ADDITION TO THE CITY OF KINGMAN, KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS, MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 602 N. CORONADO ST., KINGMAN, KS 67068; AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING OF THE COSTS OF SUCH REMOVAL BY THE SALE OF SALVAGE FROM SUCH STRUCTURE, IF ANY, AND/OR FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE CITY; AND,

THE LEVYING OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AGAINST THE LOTS OR PARCELS OF LAND ON WHICH SUCH STRUCTURES ARE LOCATED was considered.

• Motion made by Arensdorf, seconded by McFarland, to approve Ordinance 2153 as presented. A vote was called with the following results:

o Yea: Kaufman, Arensdorf, McFarland, Wollen, and Winsor.

o Nay: None

Motion declared carried and ordered signed by the mayor, attested by the city clerk, and to be published in the official newspaper.

Kingman Theatre July 4th Celebration: Deena Lampe of the Kingman Historic Theatre shared the theatre's plans to help celebrate the country's 250th anniversary. Plans are in the works to close Main Street in the late afternoon until late in the night to include an outdoor community picnic and concert. Mr. Deardoff will be writing a letter of intent that is required for KDOT. Ms. Lampe was just wanting some feedback and approval from the commission to move forward with plans.

• The consensus of the commission was to support Ms. Lampe and the Theatre's plans for the celebration on July 4, 2026.

Unpaved Roads: Interim Manager Deardoff discussed unpaved roads in the City because it is a topic that keeps coming up. Mr. Deardoff and the Commission discussed funding sources, who would be responsible for funding, and how to prioritize which streets should be considered for paving. There was no action taken, but the commission asked Public Works Director, Kari Goldston, to work on a system to prioritize streets for future planning.

Executive Session — Attorney-Client:

• Motion made by Wollen, seconded by McFarland, to recess the commission meeting into

executive session for seven minutes with the City Manager and the City Attorney for consultation regarding a matter which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship pursuant to the attorney-client privilege exception in K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting recessed at 8:50pm and reconvened at 8:57pm with no action taken during the executive session.

Executive Session — Attorney-Client:

• Motion made by Wollen, seconded by McFarland, to recess the commission meeting into executive session for ten minutes with the City Manager and the City Attorney for consultation regarding

a matter which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship pursuant to the attorney-client privilege exception in K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting recessed at 8:59pm and reconvened at 9:09pm with no action taken during the executive session.

Great Lakes Utility Contract: Attorney Graffman and Interim Manager Deardoff presented a new contract for the Great Lakes Utility Rates, which was previously signed on January 22, 2026. Mr. Graffman shared that the only change was the removal of the Winter Storm Uri repayment provisions and that there will be a side agreement for that in the future. However, the City needs to approve the contract to set the rates by the end of February and Mr. Graffman recommends the approval of this contract.

• Motion made by McFarland, seconded by Arensdorf, to approve the contract with Great Lakes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Tank Refurbishment: Vice Mayor Kaufman updated the commission on his efforts to refurbish the tank at the armory and shared some plans that he has made with various branches of the armed forces to be present at this year's July 4th Celebration. No action was taken.

City Manager's Report: Interim City Manager Deardoff talked about the water rate study and asked for a study session on February 18, 2026, at 5pm to review the rates.

• The consensus was to schedule a study session for February 18, 2026, at 5pm.

Note: As of the writing of these minutes, the above scheduled meeting has been cancelled due to schedule conflicts.

Commissioner Comments: Arensdorf

• Provided an update on the Park Board

Wollen

• No Comments

McFarland

• No Comments

Kaufman

• Shared that he was happy to see

progress on a road plan

• The Rocky Dam needs addressed and a follow-up

• Spoke about budget practices and asked about some of the budget processes

Winsor

• Talked about vacant properties and their registration.

• Talked about the public reporting link for blight and nuisance property reporting

Adjournment

• Motion made by McFarland, seconded by Arensdorf, to adjourn the meeting at 9:40pm. Motion carried 5-0.

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Feb. 23 Meeting

Chairwoman Lyon called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. February 23, 2026, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse.

Julie Lyon, Chairwoman

Jack Thimesch, Commissioner

Jeff Young, Commissioner

Carol Noblit, County Clerk

Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Dale Enyart;

Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier;

Shae Brooks, Kingman Fire Chief

Online Visitors: Caller

01; Lucy; DH; AK; Hans

Gankiewicz, Cloudpermit

Staff: Jamie Smith, County

Treasurer; Sheriff Wood;

Ashley Keimig, Wastewater

Admin; Amanda Stucky,

Zoning Director; Misty

Jacobs, Public Works

Administrative Assistant

Commissioner Young

gave the invocation.

Chairwoman Lyon asked

if there were any additions to

the agenda.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda with the change. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

8:35 a.m. Jamie Smith, County Treasurer was in to discuss that she talked with a company at her Treasurer Annual Meeting to provide credit card payments that would change from Lexis Nexis to PayIt. The Company would be here on March 2, 2026, to meet with Departments.

Ms. Smith let the Commissioners know that they are working on closing out the County Checking account with Peoples Bank & Trust. Ms. Smith let the Commissioners know that they are closing out the last tax sale.

Commissioners asked Ms. Smith if she would see if Chris McElgunn could come and talk with the new County Commissioners about the

tax sale process.

Ms. Smith discussed Senate Bill 404 with the Commissioners and the status of the bill.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Young go into Executive Session with Jamie Smith, County Treasurer and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 8:49 a.m. for non-elected personnel matters pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 8:59 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 8:59 a.m. with no action taken.

Ms. Smith left the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

9:03 a.m. Sheriff Brent

Wood was in with an em-

ployee change of status form for the Commissioners approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the change of employee status for a Sheriff Department Employee. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

Sheriff Wood left the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Young moved to approve a letter to be sent to Kansas Division of Emergency Management letting them know that Jeremy Webb has been appointed as the Kingman County Emergency Manager. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

9:05 a.m. Misty Jacobs, Administrative Assistant was in with a letter that needs signatures on the agreement for the Off System Bridge Program.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to ap-

prove the agreement for the Off System Bridge Program. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

Ms. Jacobs left the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

9:15 a.m. Ashley Keimig, Wastewater Admin & Amanda Stucky, Zoning Director were in to present cloud-permit information on permitting software and Hans Gankiewicz with Cloudpermit was present online to answer questions.

Ms. Stucky let the Commissioners know that there is a Planning/Zoning Meeting tonight at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Stucky, Ms. Keimig and Mr. Gankiewicz left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the Special Meeting minutes of February 16, 2026 and the Regular Meeting minutes of February 17, 2026 for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the Special Meeting minutes

for February 16, 2026. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

MOTION: Commissioner Young moved to approve the regular meeting minutes for February 17, 2026. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

Shae Brooks, Kingman Fire Chief gave the Commissioners an update on the Active911. Ms. Brooks also let them know that they can be notified by this system when there are events like the oil leak if they would like to be notified.

Commissioners signed the following abatement:

ABATEMENT
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MOTION: Commissioner Young moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 9:55 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.