

OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CITY OF PITTSBURG, KANSAS
January 13, 2026

A Regular Session of the Board of Commissioners was held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, in the City Commission Room, located in the Law Enforcement Center, 201 North Pine, with Mayor Chuck Munsell presiding and the following members present: Cheryl Brooks, Stu Hite, D.J. Perry, and Ron Seglie.

FLAG SALUTE - Mayor Munsell led the flag salute.

INVOCATION – Pastor Mark Chambers, on behalf of the First United Methodist Church, provided an invocation.

PUBLIC INPUT –

INTRODUCTIONS – City Manager Daron Hall introduced newly appointed Parks and Recreation Director Kris Loy and Fire Chief Jack Spencer.

CITY BUDGET / PROPERTY TAXES – Crawford County Treasurer Joe Grisolano, 612 Villa Drive, provided information on the calculation of assessed valuations and the mill levy. City Manager Daron Hall provided additional information regarding the City's budget, assessed valuations and the mill levy.

PITTSBURG PRIDE - Ralph McGeorge, 2301 North Rouse, requested the Pittsburg dragon logo and the Colgan panther logo be painted on the north water tower, expressed sympathy to City Manager Daron Hall for the recent death of his brother, and suggested the salaries of City employees be publicly released on a yearly basis.

2026 BUDGET - Kristi Bitner, 1508 Bitner Court, spoke regarding the discrepancies in the different versions of the 2026 Budget Book produced by the City.

SOCCER FIELDS – Neira Garcia spoke in support of public soccer fields in Pittsburg.

2026 BUDGET – John Lair, 1608 North Joplin, encouraged the Governing Body to rescind and amend the City's 2026 Budget.

2026 BUDGET – Roger Lomshek, 1147 South 220th, encouraged the Governing Body to re-open and reduce the City's 2026 Budget. City Manager Daron Hall provided information pertaining to the City's budget process and property tax calculations. City Manager Hall stated that his recommendation would be for the City to follow the County's lead regarding the recalculation of property taxes, the re-issuance of property tax statements, and the potential issuance of refunds to taxpayers.

2026 BUDGET - On motion of Hite, seconded by Perry, the Governing Body committed to exploring, with members of the Crawford County Commission, the issue involving the property tax collection overage, and to contact the State of Kansas regarding legalities surrounding possible solutions to the issue. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Yea: Brooks, Hite, Munsell, Perry and Seglie.

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TAX EXEMPTIONS – Ralph McGeorge, 2301 North Rouse, requested the City Manager obtain information from the State regarding the percentage of tax exemptions that can be granted to qualifying entities.

The Governing Body recessed for a break at 7:17 p.m.

The Governing Body reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – On motion of Hite, seconded by Brooks, the Governing Body approved the December 17th, 2025, Special City Commission Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD – On motion of Hite, seconded by Brooks, the Governing Body appointed Bekah Harlan, Eric Muathe, and Megan Stoneberger Johnson to first three-year terms and reappointed Konnie Linder and Kayla Riggs to second three-year terms as members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board effective immediately and to conclude on December 31, 2028. Motion carried.

NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL – On motion of Hite, seconded by Brooks, the Governing Body appointed Shirley Beer, Jamie Lynn Blum, Isaiah Harris and Dacia White to first two-year terms and reappointed Glennis (Peck) Lawson, Rob Murnan, Mark Newbold, Lacy O'Malley, Kristin Thomas, and Ryan Williams to second two-year terms as members of the Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) effective immediately and to conclude on December 31, 2027. Motion carried.

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER – On motion of Hite, seconded by Brooks, the Governing Body designated The Morning Sun as the official City newspaper. Motion carried.

OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES – On motion of Hite, seconded by Brooks, the Governing Body designed BMO Harris Bank, Community National Bank, Commerce Bank, Equity Bank, GNBank, Labette Bank, Landmark Bank, and US Bank as official City depositories. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – On motion of Hite, seconded by Brooks, the Governing Body approved the Appropriation Ordinance for the period ending January 13, 2026, subject to the release of HUD expenditures when funds are received with the following roll call vote: Yea: Brooks, Hite, Munsell, Perry and Seglie. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1298 - On motion of Munsell, seconded by Perry, the Governing Body approved Resolution No. 1298, authorizing the City to enter into a Lease/Purchase Agreement with Clayton Holdings, LLC, for equipment to be used by the Public Works and Public Utilities Departments, in the amount of \$1,326,433.49 (approved by the Governing Body on December 9th, 2025), and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Resolution on behalf of the City. Motion carried.

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AGRICULTURAL LAND LEASE - CAMPBELL FARMS, LLC – On motion of Hite, seconded by Perry, the Governing Body entered into an Agricultural Land Lease between Campbell Farms, LLC, and the City of Pittsburg, in which Campbell Farms, LLC, will lease 90 acres of tillable land and grass land located at 4303 North Free King Highway, in the total amount of \$5,250, for the term beginning on February 22, 2026, and concluding on February 21, 2027, and authorized the Mayor to sign the lease on behalf of the City. Motion carried.

DOWNTOWN ADVISORY BOARD – On motion of Munsell, seconded by Hite, the Governing Body changed the designation of the position on the Downtown Advisory Board vacated by McKayla Crystal from “property owner” to “at-large”, changed the designation of current Downtown Advisory Board member Stephanie Watts from “at-large” to “property owner”, appointed Jeff Brooks (at large) to an unexpired term effective immediately and to conclude on December 31, 2026, appointed Blaise Main (hospitality) to a first two-year term effective immediately and to conclude on December 31, 2027, and reappointed TreAnna Mulkin (at large), Darcie Schultz (downtown resident) and Stephanie Watts (property owner) to second two-year terms effective immediately and to conclude on December 31, 2027. Motion carried.

LAND BANK BOARD OF TRUSTEES – On motion of Hite, seconded by Perry, the Governing Body appointed Anthony Albertini to a first three-year term and reappointed Elizabeth “May” Smith to a second three-year term as members of the Land Bank Board of Trustees effective immediately and to conclude on December 31, 2028. Motion carried.

QUIT CLAIM DEED – On motion of Seglie, seconded by Brooks, the Governing Body approved a Quit Claim Deed between the City of Pittsburg and Debbie Brock, so that Ms. Brock may close the sale of currently undeveloped real estate in the City’s Research and Development Park Addition, and authorized the Mayor to sign the Quit Claim Deed on behalf of the City. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECT 23PF026 TIME EXTENSION REQUEST – On motion of Hite, seconded by Perry, the Governing Body approved staff request to submit a Time Extension Request and Contract Amendment #2 to the Kansas Department of Commerce for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project 23PF026 (Washington School Childcare Project), to explain the delayed closeout date, and to update the completion date, and authorized the Mayor to sign the necessary documents on behalf of the City. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. S-1113 – On motion of Hite, seconded by Brooks, the Governing Body adopted Ordinance No. S-1113, amending Ordinance No. S-1099 fixing the salary and compensation of the officers and employees of the City of Pittsburg, Kansas, with “as authorized by the City Commission” in the second sentence of Section 3 to be amended to read “with consent of the City Commission”, and authorized the Mayor to sign the Ordinance on behalf of the City. Motion carried.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION - On motion of Perry, seconded by Brooks, the Governing Body recessed into Executive Session for thirty minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to discuss the City Manager's 2026 goals and Letter Agreement, with the meeting to resume in the City Commission Room in thirty minutes. Motion carried.

The Governing Body recessed into Executive Session at 8:03 p.m.

The Governing Body reconvened into Regular Session at 8:33 p.m. Absent: Brooks and Seglie.

Mayor Munsell announced that no decisions were made and no votes were taken during the Executive Session. Absent: Brooks and Seglie.


EXECUTIVE SESSION - On motion of Hite, seconded by Perry, the Governing Body recessed into Executive Session for fifteen minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to discuss the City Manager's 2026 goals and Letter Agreement, with the meeting to resume in the City Commission Room in fifteen minutes. Motion carried. Absent: Brooks and Seglie.

The Governing Body recessed into Executive Session at 8:34 p.m. Absent: Brooks and Seglie.

The Governing Body reconvened into Regular Session at 8:48 p.m.

Mayor Munsell announced that no decisions were made and no votes were taken during the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT - On motion of Seglie, seconded by Hite, the Governing Body adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m. Motion carried.



Chuck Munsell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tammy Nagel, City Clerk

