

OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CITY OF PITTSBURG, KANSAS
February 24, 2026

A Regular Session of the Board of Commissioners was held at 6:08 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 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 – Reverend Tom Wehrman, on behalf of the St. John Lutheran Church, provided an invocation.

PUBLIC INPUT –

ICE - Bert Patrick, 303 Webster, asked if the City has an official written policy with ICE (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement), and asked under what circumstances law enforcement officers can enter private homes. Deputy Police Chief Ben Henderson stated that there is no formal policy, but if another law enforcement agency were to ask for aid in a criminal enforcement matter, the Pittsburg Police Department would assist them. Deputy Chief Henderson added that officers with the Pittsburg Police Department will only enter your home with your consent, with a warrant, or in the event of an emergency.

SOCCER FIELDS – Byron Lopez, 718 East Jackson, spoke in favor of public soccer fields in Pittsburg.

COMMUNITY PRIDE - Ralph McGeorge, 2301 North Rouse, asked to have the Pittsburg purple dragon logo and the Colgan panther logo painted on the north water tower. He also requested that a printed copy of City employee salaries be published in the newspaper or mailed to all citizens with their utility bills.

CITY LEADERSHIP - Mat Burton, 3838 East Linwood Terrace, Springfield, Missouri, praised City Manager Daron Hall and the administration of the City for their leadership and efforts that have assisted him in bringing projects to the City. He also thanked City Commissioners, Deputy City Manager Jay Byers, Director of Community Development and Housing Kim Froman, and Director of Property and Sanitation Dexter Neisler for their support.

ROAD CONCERNS - Harriett Bachner, 611 North Free King Highway, stated that Free King Highway is narrow and dangerous for pedestrians. She suggested shoulders be installed on the road. She echoed Mr. Patrick's concerns regarding ICE.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – On motion of Hite, seconded by Seglie, the Governing Body approved the February 10th, 2026, City Commission Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

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FARMERS' MARKET ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS – On motion of Hite, seconded by Seglie, the Governing Body appointed Heather Horton (downtown representative) and Katherine Pinto (K-State Research and Extension representative) to first three-year terms as members of the Farmers' Market Advisory Board effective immediately and to conclude on December 31, 2028. Motion carried.

AGREEMENT FOR INSURANCE AGENCY/BROKER SERVICES – On motion of Hite, seconded by Seglie, the Governing Body approved staff recommendation to enter into an Agreement for Insurance Agency/Broker Services with Wilson Risk Partners, Inc., dba Ryan-Dittmann Insurance, of Pittsburg, Kansas, for property and liability insurance brokerage services, for the term beginning April 1st, 2026, and concluding on March 31st, 2027, with two optional one-year extensions available, and authorized, the Mayor to sign the Agreement on behalf of the City. Motion carried.

TAX ABATEMENT RENEWAL – MILLER'S INC. – On motion of Hite, seconded by Seglie, the Governing Body approved the recommendation of the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) to grant a 2026 tax abatement renewal to Miller's, Inc. (Docket #2017-833-EDX). Motion carried.

TAX ABATEMENT RENEWAL – KENDALL PACKAGING CORPORATION – On motion of Hite, seconded by Seglie, the Governing Body approved the recommendation of the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) to grant a 2026 tax abatement renewal to Kendall Packaging Corporation (Docket #2018-334-IRBX). Motion carried.

TAX ABATEMENT RENEWAL – DHARMA PROPERTIES, LLC – On motion of Hite, seconded by Seglie, the Governing Body approved the recommendation of the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) to grant a 2026 tax abatement renewal to Dharma Properties, LLC (Docket #2018-595-IRBX). Motion carried.

TAX ABATEMENT RENEWAL – E & J INVESTMENTS, LLC – On motion of Hite, seconded by Seglie, the Governing Body approved the recommendation of the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) to grant a 2026 tax abatement renewal to E & J Investments, LLC (Docket #2021-1343-EDX). Motion carried.

TAX ABATEMENT RENEWAL – ATKINSON INDUSTRIES, LLC – On motion of Hite, seconded by Seglie, the Governing Body approved the recommendation of the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) to grant a 2026 tax abatement renewal to Atkinson Industries, LLC (Docket #2023-245-EDX). Motion carried.

TAX ABATEMENT RENEWAL – MUTH PROPERTIES, LLC – On motion of Hite, seconded by Seglie, the Governing Body approved the recommendation of the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) to grant a 2026 tax abatement renewal to Muth Properties, LLC (Docket #2025-491-IRBX). Motion carried.

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APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – On motion of Hite, seconded by Seglie, the Governing Body approved the Appropriation Ordinance for the period ending February 24th, 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.

UTILITY TRACTOR PURCHASE – On motion of Hite, seconded by Brooks, the Governing Body waived the formal bid process and authorized staff to purchase a John Deere utility tractor from Heritage Tractor, of Pittsburg, Kansas, in the amount of \$25,400 after trade-in, for use at the Atkinson Municipal Airport, and authorized the Mayor to sign the necessary documents on behalf of the City. Motion carried.

AWARD OF CONTRACT – ENGINEERING AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES – On motion of Hite, seconded by Brooks, the Governing Body awarded the Engineering and Project Management contract for the East 4th Street Restoration Project (CCLIP Project No 019-KA-7889-01) to OWN, Inc. of Pittsburg, Kansas, and authorized the Mayor to sign the contract documents once prepared. Motion carried.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT – On motion of Brooks, seconded by Hite, the Governing Body entered into an agreement with Earles Engineering & Inspection, of Pittsburg, Kansas, to conduct a Water Treatment Plant Preliminary Engineering Report, and authorized the Mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the City. Motion carried.

616 NORTH BROADWAY – On motion of Hite, seconded by Seglie, the Governing Body donated the property located at 616 North Broadway to the Pittsburg Land Bank, and authorized the Mayor to sign the Statutory Warranty Deed on behalf of the City. Motion carried.

NON-AGENDA REPORTS AND REQUESTS:

MOMENT OF SILENCE – A Moment of Silence was observed in remembrance of the two deputies from the Christian County (Missouri) Sheriff's Department that were recently killed in the line of duty.

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 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 7:16 p.m.

The Governing Body reconvened into Regular Session at 7:45 p.m. Absent: Hite and Seglie.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION - On motion of Brooks, seconded by Perry, 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 Letter Agreement and Goals going forward, with the meeting to resume in the City Commission Room in thirty minutes. Motion carried. Absent: Hite and Seglie.

The Governing Body recessed into Executive Session at 7:46 p.m. Absent: Hite and Seglie.

The Governing Body reconvened into Regular Session at 8:17 p.m. Absent: Brooks and Hite.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION - On motion of Seglie, 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 Letter Agreement and Goals, with the meeting to resume in the City Commission Room in thirty minutes. Motion carried. Absent: Brooks and Hite.

The Governing Body recessed into Executive Session at 8:18 p.m. Absent: Brooks and Hite.

The Governing Body reconvened into Regular Session at 8:33 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT - On motion of Perry, seconded by Brooks, the Governing Body adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m. Motion carried.





Chuck Munsell, Mayor



Tammy Nagel, City Clerk