

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CITY OF SYLVIA, KANSAS
HELD ON March 10th, 2025**

The City Council of the City of Sylvia, Kansas met at City Hall, Sylvia, KS at 7:00pm.
The following Governing Body members were present:

Council members: K. Blaske, Kathi Keesling, C. Conrad.

D. Conrad, and J. Davis.

Absent: Mayor Walker

Also present: City Clerk, Tina Roelfs , Treasurer Andi McMillin and City Maintenance,
Glen McFann.

Public present:

Judy Young, Theresa Krause, Jeff Keesling, Lora Labs, Karen Walker, Todd Walker, Missie Walker, and Ron Hurst

~ Before the regular session meeting was called to order, City Clerk, Tina Roelfs read Mayor Walkers resignation letter to the public. At that point, Carlyn Conrad, Council President took over the meeting as acting Mayor calling it to order at 7:01pm.

*Motion to accept Gary Walker's resignation with regrets by: K. Keesling Second by: J. Davis
Vote Aye:4 Nay:0

*Motion to appoint James Davis as Council President by: K. Blaske Second by: D. Conrad
Vote Aye: 3 Nay: 0 Abstain: 1

Agenda: Motion to approve with amendments by: K. Blaske Second by: D. Conrad
Vote Aye: 4 Nay: 0

Minutes: Motion to approve Minutes from Feb. 10th Regular Meeting by: D. Conrad
Second by: K. Keesling
Vote Aye: 4 Nay: 0

Treasurers Report: Motion to approve by: D. Conrad Seconded by: K. Blaske
Vote Aye: 4 Nay: 0

Bills: Motion to approve by: D. Conrad Seconded by: J. Davis
Vote: Aye: 4 Nay: 0

City Maintenance Report: G. McFann briefed the council on updates from the past month ie:

- Shop work
- Worked on grader hydraulic cylinder
- Grade roads/filled potholes
- Graded streets of snow

- Worked with Black Hills at the regulator station
- Utility disconnects
- More on attached form.
- ~ Informed the council that he will be conducting a gas safety meeting Thurs. 3/13/25 that will include neighboring communities.
- ~ Glen will also be attending the annual Kansas Rural Water Association Conference 3/25 – 3/27.

Code Enforcement Report: Nothing to report

Public Forum: 5 minutes to speak per person.

- ~ Theresa Kraus: Continued work on grants.
 - Received one bid for electrical work/updates at the Sunflower Center
- ~ Jeff Keesling:
 - Thanked Mayor Walker for his service
 - Thanked Glen and Tina for their efforts
 - Was contacted by Blackstone for water testing
 - Said he was approached regarding the cost difference residential gas price and business gas price. With the difference being less than \$.50
 - Ongoing issue with loose dogs as well as untagged vehicles and tires
- ~ Lora Labs: Thanked Glen for helping with the structure fire and quickly getting their gas shut off. She also reached out for anyone's help regarding electrical work.
- ~ Ron Hurst: NRP & housing incentives plus the county's "Make My Move" program. More information to come at the next meeting.

Old Business:

- ~ Railroad tie removal: Millings in place. Removal to happen over Spring Break
- ~ City truck discussion: Will begin looking.
- ~ Ordinance #399 (Livestock) discussion: Discussion started, tabled until next month.
- ~ Strategic plan vs. comprehensive plan discussion – Tabled

New business:

- ~ Farmers Market: decided unneeded with plans to enlarge the city's community garden.
- ~ Water Project update: Time to move forward with purchase of ground where new wells will be located. City clerk will contact property owner.
- ~ CDBG Grant Ceremony: City Clerk attended the ceremony in Topeka and received the "big check" in the amount of \$290,000.
- ~ Seasonal mowing help: With three seasonal employees returning, there will be no need to advertise for help this year.
- ~ Next Council Meeting: April 14th, 2025 @ 7pm

All motions duly made, seconded, and carried; the meeting thereupon adjourned at 8:80pm

Motion to adjourn by: J. Davis Seconded by: K. Blaske

Vote Aye: 4 Nay: 0

Meeting adjourned.

Tina Roelfs

City Clerk