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**Regular Meeting:**

The Governing Body of the City of Wamego, Kansas, met in a Regular Session on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Commission Chambers at 430 Lincoln Avenue. Those present were Commissioners: Caleb Ubel, Zac Kreider, Dwight Faulkner, Dale Culbertson, and Mayor Michele Jacobs.

The City Manager, Stacie Eiche, Assistant City Attorney, Grant Huerter, and City Clerk Shanda Jahnke were also present.

The City Clerk presented the minutes of the regular meeting of the Governing Body held on March 03, 2026. After careful reading and discussion thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Faulkner to approve the minutes as presented with one correction. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

The City Clerk submitted Appropriation Ordinance No. 1737 to the Governing Body for their consideration and approval. After careful review and discussion thereof, Commissioner Culbertson moved, seconded by Commissioner Ubel to approve and adopt Appropriation Ordinance Number 1737. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

**Public Comments and Communications:**

The next regular work session will be on April 07, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

Thad Carley was present to explain that his father had paid for a Columbarium and the weekday opening and closing fee. They disagree with the fee of \$400 for a Saturday, if the fee is not going to be changed, he wants a true breakdown of the cost of city staff to open and close the Columbarium. Mayor Jacobs thanked him for his time.

At this time, the City Manager reported that the City of Wamego has been designated as a Tree City USA city.

**Storm Water and Parking Lot Deferment:**

The City Manager reminded the Governing Body that the storm water and parking lot deferment for 1306 1<sup>st</sup> Street had been tabled for more information. After more information was received, the City Manager explained that the street that the parking lot entrances would be on is also gravel. It was the staff recommendation and approved by the Planning Commission to allow the deferment until the street is paved, unless issues arise. Commissioner Culbertson asked the property owner if he would have erosion control in place, the owner advised that he would. Commissioner Culbertson moved, seconded by Commissioner Faulkner to approve the requested deferment. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

**Oztoberfest Resolution:**

Stacie clarified that the common consumption area for the Oztoberfest was requested to go through the car show as well, making the 400, 500, 600 and 700 blocks of Lincoln Avenue a common consumption area for the festival only. Resolution No. 20260317 was presented and read as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WAMEGO, KANSAS, AUTHORIZING A COMMON CONSUMPTION AREA ON THE 400, 500, 600 and 700 BLOCKS OF LINCOLN AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF WAMEGO ON OCTOBER 03, 2026, FROM 10AM-4PM FOR THE ANNUAL OZTOBERFEST. Commissioner Kreider moved, seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve Resolution No. 20260317. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

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**Chamber Park Event Request:**

Jessa Peterson, Chamber Director, was present to request approve to host a symphony in the park on June 12<sup>th</sup> with the proposed time of 5pm-8pm. She reported that the Manhattan Symphony would be playing and they would like to offer common consumption and food trucks during the event only. They would play near the shelter house by the pone and have the food near the pickleball courts. The City Manager advised that a resolution for the common consumption would come to a future meeting. Commissioner Culbertson moved to approve the event, Commissioner Faulkner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

**Rezoning of 1900, 2000 and 2008 Farrell Drive:**

The City Manager advised that the property owner of 1900, 2000 and 2008 Farrell Drive had requested to have the area rezoned and the Planning Commission had approved this request in 2023. Ordinance No. 1835 was presented and read as follows: AN ORDINANCE OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WAMEGO, KANSAS, REZONING PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 1900, 2000, 2008 FARRELL DRIVE, WAMEGO, KANSAS, FROM C-S: HIGHWAY SERVICE DISTRICT, TO R-3: MULTI FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH. Commissioner Culbertson moved to approve Ordinance No. 1835. Commissioner Kreider seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

**Rezoning of 806 Valley Street:**

Stacie advised that the property owner of 806 Valley had made request to the Planning Commission to rezone the area back to heavy industrial which it was before the previous owner had it rezoned, the Planning Commission approved the request. Ordinance No. 1836 was presented and read as follows: AN ORDINANCE OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WAMEGO, KANSAS, REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 806 VALLEY STREET, WAMEGO, KANSAS, FROM C-2: GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, TO I-2: HEAVY INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH. Commissioner Faulkner moved, seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve Ordinance No. 1836. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

**Arbor Day Proclamation:**

Mayor Jacobs proclaimed April 24, 2026 as Arbor Day in the City of Wamego. The City Manager advised that the park crew and the Communications Specialist are working with the library for an event.

**City Employee Safety Policy:**

The City Manager reported that Kansas Municipal Utilities that the city contracts with for safety training had drafted a safety policy for member cities. The city safety officers have reviewed the policy. It was the city staff recommendation to approve the policy. Commissioner Kreider moved to approve the new safety policy, Commissioner Ubel seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

**Cemetery Policy:**

Stacie advised that the cemetery rules and regulations were included in the packet. The fees were last updated in 2021, which came after comparing to other cities that have city ran cemeteries. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kreider moved to table this topic until the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting for more information. Commissioner Culbertson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

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**Prairie Paws Agreement:**

The City Manager advised that the annual agreement with Prairie Paws had lapsed. This new agreement would renew automatically but still allowed both parties to terminate should they choose. This agreement allows the city and residents within the city limits to take animals to T-Russel in Manhattan at no charge to the residents. The city pays \$656 monthly for this service with annual increases. Commissioner Faulkner moved to approve the annual agreement with Prairie Paws. Commissioner Kreider seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

**Liability Insurance Renewal:**

Stacie reported that the annual liability insurance renewal had been received from Copeland. Last year's rate was \$351,281 and the new rate for 2026 is \$384,783. Commissioner Culbertson moved, seconded by Commissioner Ubel to approve the insurance renewal with Copeland. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

**Wamego Aquatic Center Review:**

The City Manager reminded the Governing Body of the petition requesting a Friday morning opening for the Aquatic Center. After visiting with the Aquatic Director, with the current staff, they will be able to start opening on Friday mornings at 6am beginning in April but would like to review the usage in the fall. The City Manager advised that after reviewing several other aquatic facilities, it was the staff recommendation to increase the prices of lessons and programs as listed as follows: Public and Private lessons to \$65, Outdoor Water Aerobics to \$110 for the season or \$75 pass for June 1<sup>st</sup> through July 3<sup>rd</sup> and a \$75 pass for July 6<sup>th</sup> through August 7<sup>th</sup>, leave Water Walking at \$75 but offer a \$40 pass for June 1<sup>st</sup> through July 3<sup>rd</sup> and a \$40 pass for July 6<sup>th</sup> through August 7<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Kreider moved to accept the recommended fees. Commissioner Faulkner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

**Project Updates and Change Orders:**

The City Manager reported that the vibrations being felt downtown were the signs of progress for the old city shop project which will result in a parking lot. The west side of Walnut Street had been paved, the S CCLIP project will close Lincoln to truck traffic next week. On Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, Kaw Valley Road will be closed for Phase 1 of that project.

Change Order No. 7 had been received for the street project in the amount of \$22,638.40, this encompasses several items, including drainage and sidewalks. Commissioner Culbertson moved seconded by Commissioner Faulkner to approve the presented change order. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

**Purchase Request:**

Stacie reported that six of the car computers for the police are nearing the end of life, one is a little bit newer and they will keep it for another year. The estimate for 6 new Dell rugged laptops is \$14304.84 with the police department specific requests. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Culbertson moved to approve seven rugged laptops up to \$17,000 for the police department. Commissioner Ubel seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

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**City Manager and Other Reports:**


Stacie advised that employee appreciation would be at the Columbian Theatre on March 27<sup>th</sup> and Diamonds and Denim will be held on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Brian Howells, Wamego Health Center Director, was present to give a brief presentation on the hospital, noting their awards and future expansion.


At this time, Commissioner Culbertson moved to adjourn into executive session for ten (10) minutes to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, individual proprietorships, the regular meeting would be reconvened at 7:14 P.M. with no further action, Commissioner Faulkner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye:5, Nay:0.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:14 P.M.

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

  
Shanda Jahnke, City Clerk

  
Michele Jacobs, Mayor