

# McFarland

## Unapproved McFarland City Council Minutes November 10th, 2025

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Ron Nehring with the following city council members present. Avery Trecek, Joel Green and Spencer Parker. Council member Darrin Dillingham was absent. Council member Lori Senne was available by a zoom if needed. City Officials present were City Clerk Larry Senne, City Superintendent Jeff Osif and City Treasurer Tracy Logan. Public attending the meeting were Ron Nolan, Susan Chapen, Diane Hauer, Beverly Johnson, Janet Wertzberger and Jarred Wertzberger. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

With a quorum present, Mayor Nehring opened the meeting with comments from the public. There were none. In Attorney News there was nothing to report.

Mayor Nehring asked Superintendent Jeff Osif to give his monthly maintenance report;

**Gas:** The gas meter at 304 Main St. was moved to the house from the alley. We had a KCC gas inspection on Oct. 14th, 2025, there was one violation. City of Alma needs to install more anodes to raise the cathodic protection of the gas lines, helping to prevent rust. I had two locate this month, on K-99 and one off of 2nd Street & Main Street.

**Water:** All is good at the water plant. KRWA has rescheduled their assistance with exercising the water valves, this should be completed in the upcoming weeks. Yearly notification for the Lead & Copper survey is going out this week.

**Sewer:** All is good at the sewer lift station. We had some discharge this month. A sample will be taken by the end of this quarter and sent in to Pace Analytical.

**Retention Dam:** Nothing new.  
**Streets:** Half of the streets

were crack sealed, the remainder will be completed in the upcoming weeks. Thanks to Ron Nehring and Bev Johnson for their assistance. Thank you Spencer Parker for modifying the other crack sealing kettle. I have reached out to Sean Flach, he approved of the use of equipment from the fire station, I'll ask Austin DeJean to assist in flushing of the fire hydrants. I'll get that done sometime in the next couple of weeks. I need to get with Austin and work around his schedule when he's not working in the Topeka Fire Station.

**Park:** The concession stand, restrooms and water fountain have been winterized for the year. The permanent Christmas Tree was planted on Saturday. The tree was donated by Zerby Farms. Special thanks to Keith and Jayla Zerbe for donating the tree, and Ron Nehring, Ethan Senne, Beverly Johnson, Joel Green, Ed Dillingham and Lori Senne who all had a hand in getting the tree put in and up.

**Misc.:** The security cameras that are not working have been taken down and I will be reprogramming them and putting them backup this week.

Mayor Nehring asked Superintendent Osif if Carolyn Dillingham's sidewalk is still in the works? Jeff replied that it is, however, I think it would be a lot easier to get your tractor in that tight area and use both tractors to remove the sidewalk.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on October 13th, 2025 were read. Council member Avery Trecek made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Second by Spencer Parker, motion carried with all voting yes. The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Council member Joel Green made a motion to approve the report as presented. Seconded by Avery Trecek, motion carried with all voting yes. The monthly bills were reviewed for payment. Superintendent Jeff Osif commented that the invoice for The Tire Cutters was there, stating that's the cost for getting the tires picked up from the fall cleanup. It cost more than was quoted but

I think that's well worth getting all those tires, (we had close to 50 tires collected), out of town. Council member Spencer Parker made a motion to pay the monthly bills totaling \$ 7,903.79 Seconded by Joel Green, motion carried with all voting yes.

In Old Business; City council heard a short discussion about the timeline for getting the stone transported for the north drainage ditch.

In New Business; Mayor Nehring stated that Janet & Jarred Wertzberger were asked to be on the agenda to talk about annexing Janets' property into the city limits. Jarred presented to the city council a map of her property and showed what she's thinking about doing, and asked if it is a possibility, is to put up another house on her property. We talked to the county, and you must have three acres. Janet stated that she has 5.57 acres, and they won't let us split it in half. So option one would be to section it off and annex that part into the city and let her build a house there, something smaller. Or I also thought about the idea of possibly annexing the whole thing into the city, and then because McFarland doesn't have a lot of lots available, having several lots in there and selling some off and she would build on one of the lots. We're just throwing some ideas out there to see what's available.

City Clerk Larry Senne commented that he and former Mayor Tom Dillingham discussed annexing the water tower property into the city at the same time. Mayor Nehring asked City Clerk about annexing the property and how that works. He reported that the city has annexed property three times in the past 1970, 1971 and in 1992. City Clerk outlined the procedures for annexing the property. We would need city attorney Tim Liesmann to create an ordinance for annexing the property into the city limits, we would need to ask him for all the legal guidelines and current procedures.

The city council heard discussion on keeping the brome field

in city limits and if there were any concerns with that. City Clerk stated that some cities have ordinances amending tall weeds and grass allowing exemptions for farm ground in the city limits. City Council also heard discussion on city utility service connections, lot size and location of lots and services. Mayor Nehring commented that he liked the idea of having some lots to build on because there is none here in town. There are people that would like to build here.

Mayor Nehring went on to ask Wertzberger if she could attend the next work session in December and how soon were they wanting to get started on this project. I'm thinking we'll see if we can take it back up after the holidays and start this after the first of the new year. Jarred shared his concerns of what direction the sewer connection would come from and connect to the property. Superintendent Jeff Osif showed two directions where there could be sewer connections one being from the schoolhouse property and the other from the property to the south Marie Miller's residence. Osif commented that he would talk with Michael Slobodnik superintendent with the City of

Alma and find out exactly where the sewer main ends and report back at the next meeting.

Under Property Concerns; Compliance Officer Lori Senne asked that a mention be made that the city still hasn't heard anything from Royce Nelson, even though he's received a letter two months ago about that scrap iron heap from the under carriage of the mobile home. Its still sitting there. Mayor Nehring replied that he would get ahold of Royce and find out if he wants to donate the scrap iron to the city. City council heard discussion with ongoing work at 509 Main St. Mayor Nehring said he saw crews working on the inside of the house and looks like there is construction supplies in the dumpster, so things are progressing on that property.

City Clerk reported that the city has received its financial statement and independent auditor's report for 2024, it was a favorable report, no issues were found.

At 6:27 pm, council member Joel Green made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Spencer Parker, motion carried with all voting yes.

Larry Senne  
McFarland City Clerk

# Maple Hill

## UNAPPROVED MINUTES MAPLE HILL, KANSAS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – November 10, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Casey Cain called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian Mayer, John Hoffman, Bruce Prater and Thomas McAnerney. Lori Payne was absent. Others present were Deborah Mikoleit, Tom Mayer, Chief Jeremy Bishoff, Doug French, Thomas Patry, Dean Gideon, Kent Johnson, Miquel Diaz, Sabastian Vanderputten, Karen Stuart and City

Clerk Lynn Hoobler. Kent Glasscock and Janna Williams arrived at 7:05. (The meeting was recorded.)

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA: Brian made a motion to approve the agenda. John seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Bruce made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held October 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. with one change made. John seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Flint Hills Regional Council – Presenters will be Kent Glasscock, Exec. Director and Janna Williams, Regional Planner. Ms. Williams introduced herself and began by giving the council some information about the FHRC. They are a non-profit, voluntary service association of local Kansas government to provide services of mutual benefit to the region with the goal of enhancing economic vitality and improving quality of life throughout the Flint Hills. The council serves 23 member jurisdictions and is the administrator of the seven-county Flint Hills Economic Development District with offices on Fort Riley. The FHEDD includes Chase, Geary, Lyon, Morris, Pottawatomie, Riley and Wabaunsee Counties. Current members in Wab. Co. are Alma, Alta Vista, Eskridge and Harveyville. She talked about the different types of grants they write, such as the Economic Development Administration (EDA), EPA Brownfield Grant and the Regional Entrepreneurial Grant. They were successful in writing and were awarded 4 CDBG (Community Development Block Grants) in 2025. She shared the numerous types of grants they can provide and gave more details about each one. She said their Board Meetings will be held every other month beginning in January of 2026 on the 3rd Friday from 9-11 a.m. which are open to the public or on Zoom. The dues are .90 per capita per 2020 census. Mr. Glasscock took over and said he understands the challenges smaller communities face. He said their focus is to bring to their



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