

Wellington City Council Meeting – November 18, 2025



By Ally Wysocki

The City Council meeting opened with the call to order and pledge of allegiance. Reverend Isaac Chua of Wellington Methodist Church led the invocation. Mary Lucas was absent with prior notice.

The agenda was amended to add a street closing request to the reports of city officials.

Audience participation included Zach Cooper, Director of Sumner County Cowley College providing a campus update. Spring enrollment is underway, a Golden Tigers class list is coming along with that; the campus will be closed November 26 – November 28 for Thanksgiving; December 16th is the graduation of the paramedic program; the college was named among 200

Aspen Prize eligible community colleges nationwide; The Tiger Eatery is now offering 25% off on Mondays for students that show ID and Thursdays for first responders; greenhouse for spring lab use is to be relocated for visibility; and the Apiary/Pollinator project is targeted for next summer, there was a delay due to all of the moisture this year.

During Reports of Mayor and Council, Councilman Kevin Dodds encouraged the community to attend the upcoming concert at the Memorial Auditorium. Landslide, a Fleetwood Mac tribute band, will perform on Saturday, December 6th. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. They are available via a QR code, the Chamber website, or Facebook.

Councilwoman Cindy Antonich praised the Wellington Sanitation Department for picking up flying trash in the alleyway instead of leaving it there. Antonich also asked about the house in the 1300 block of North B Street. The Court granted the owner until December 3rd to resolve the concerns. Councilman Rick Roitman

noted that the case has lingered since April and believes additional time is unwarranted.

Mayor Joe Soria discussed how heart-felt the Veteran's Program at Wellington High School was and encouraged people to attend next year. Soria also noted ongoing North Washington water-leak repairs and praised the 9th street bridge channel cleaning.

During reports of city officials, City Manager Jeff Porter discussed the Chamber Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 13th from 3:30 – 6pm. This was approved by a voice vote.

An ordinance regarding the 2026 Comprehensive Fee Schedule to consolidate city fees and support transparency and development due diligence was discussed. A citizen of Wellington, Tim Hay, discussed concerns regarding further fees added to buildings that may discourage business owners or more citizens to reside in Wellington. The ordinance was passed with a 5-0 vote.

A resolution regarding the South Central Solid Waste Authority 2025 Annual Update was discussed. Public

Works Director Jeremy Jones explained this is an update to the 5-year plan and is required by KDHE. It needs to have some revisions made before 2026. The resolution was unanimously passed with a 5-0 vote.

A resolution regarding whether the commercial building at 210 South Washington Avenue should be deemed unsafe or dangerous was discussed. The owner, Tom Henning, was present and explained that there is a plan to repair the building, he is waiting for the structural engineer to provide the drawings for the repair. The city would like to see progress and wants safety assurances due to the structure being located downtown where citizens walk. Roitman motioned to table the resolution to the December 16th meeting, but it failed with a 2-3 vote. In a 3-2 vote, council approved the resolution giving the owner 30 days to comply. Roitman and Dodds cast the dissenting votes.

The executive session took no binding action.

The City Council meeting was adjourned.

EV

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Key Programs at Stake
Lawmakers warned against weakening several bipartisan programs established under IIJA, including:
National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program
Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Grant Program
Carbon Reduction Program
Reduction of Truck Emissions at Port Facilities (RTEPF)
Low or No Emission (Low No) Grant Program
These programs, they said, are not mandates but tools that increase consumer choice by improving charging and fueling access for EVs, hydrogen, natural gas, and propane vehicles.

A Call for Continued Partnership
Lawmakers urged committee leaders to uphold prior commitments and protect funding from being rescinded or repurposed.

"Eliminating dedicated investments in EV and alternative fueling technologies would represent a departure from the bipartisan cooperation that has always driven surface transportation legislation," the letter stated. "We remain committed to advancing American transportation innovation, safety, and excellence, and we hope the reauthorization process will maintain that same spirit of partnership."

The surface transportation reauthorization process is expected to continue in the coming months.

Debris Removed at Sellers



Photos submitted

The Street Department removed debris from the 9th Street bridge near Sellers Park last week.



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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SUMNER COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DEPARTMENT

In the Matter of the Adoption of JULIA MARCELINA LOPEZ ROMERO, a minor
CASA DE LA FAMILIA, INC., Petitioner
VS.
The Unknown Father of Julia Marcelina Lopez Romero, and All Parties in Interest:

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Adoption has been filed in the above-captioned matter by Hector Perez Flores, seeking a decree permitting him to adopt Julia Marcelina Lopez Romero, a minor; termination of the parental rights of the natural father and the natural mother, Angelina Lopez Romero (last known residence: Quetzaltenango (Xela), Guatemala); and such other relief as the Court deems just and proper. You are required to file your written defenses on or before Monday, December 1, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., in the District Court of Sumner County, Wellington, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. If you fail to do so, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Dated: October 30, 2025
Hector Perez Flores, Petitioner
By: Michael J. Studtmann, #12562
The Law Offices of Michael J. Studtmann, P.A. 6235 West Kellogg Drive, Wichita, KS 67209 Tel (316) 942-8400 | Fax (316) 942-8498 Attorney for Petitioner

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3. Primary Structure: The property was in a state of dilapidation with the southeast corner brick facade exposed to weather elements with loose bricks and mortar causing a danger to public safety. Broken window panes and roof line shifting indicating structural instability. City Staff erected a safety barrier due to the deterioration of the store front. Photographs of the structure and testimony of the Staff were incorporated by reference at the hearing.

a. The owner of record of the property is: Tom Henning
b. Mortgage Holders: N/A
c. Agent(s): Corcoran Construction Services
d. Interested Parties: N/A

Section 2. The structure on the property was found to be dangerous and unsafe constituting a public nuisance due to the following conditions:

1. The buildings, structures and appurtenances on the parcel have been damaged by fire, earthquake, wind, flood, deterioration, neglect, abandonment, vandalism or by any other cause to such an extent that it is likely to partially or completely collapse, or to become detached or dislodged.

2. Those whose use, equipment or want of good housekeeping constitutes a decided fire or safety hazard to the property itself or its occupants or which presents a decided fire or safety hazard to surrounding property or a menace to the public safety and general welfare.

Section 3. The Governing Body, based on the findings set forth herein orders that the structure is hereby condemned:

1. The owner shall submit sealed drawings prepared by a Kansas-licensed design professional detailing repairs to correct structural defects. The following actions are required to make the structure safe and habitable:
a. Repair the roofing system.
b. Repair or replace damaged masonry and exterior coverings.
c. Repair and make operable all boarded or broken windows and doors.
d. Obtain approval from a licensed structural engineer before commencing work.

2. If these conditions are not met, City staff shall solicit bids for demolition. Section 3. The owner has 30 days from

the date of publication of this Resolution to complete repairs. Failure to complete repairs or diligently pursue them will result in demolition by the City. Costs, less salvage value, will be assessed as a special assessment against the property as provided by law.

Section 4. The City Clerk shall cause this Resolution to be published once in the official City newspaper and a copy shall be mailed by certified mail to the owners, agents, lien holders and occupants within three (3) days after the first publication of the Resolution.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED at Wellington, Kansas, this 18th day of November, 2025

Joe Soria, Mayor (SEAL)
ATTEST:
Heidi Theurer, City Clerk

FORM APPROVED:
Matthew B. Metcalf, City Attorney
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