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The Palace Theatre Marquee Shines Bright Again Thanks to Community Support

The E-Team/Palace Theatre Association is excited to announce the successful refurbishment of the iconic Palace Theatre marquee—a project made possible through an incredible combination of grants, private donations, local businesses, and community volunteers.

Funding for the project came together through several generous sources, including:

A \$6,000 Pitch Your Porch Grant from the Edwards County Economic Development Corporation.

\$3,000 in private donations from community supporters.

A \$5,000 Kansas Community Empowerment Kickstart Grant, secured by Kinsley PRIDE on behalf of the E-Team.

More than 20 years ago, when longtime volunteer Thyra requested an estimate to repair the marquee's signature

chaser lights, the cost exceeded \$20,000, placing the project out of reach. Fortunately, these grants and donations aligned at just the right time, allowing the E-Team to partner with Mark's Custom Signs to completely renovate the marquee at a considerable savings.

Then came even more exciting news.

Naborhood Electric generously donated all of the labor and materials needed for the electrical portion of the project. Their contribution eliminated one of the remaining project expenses and ensured the beautifully restored marquee could be safely installed and illuminated.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Kent and Josh of Naborhood Electric for their generosity, expertise, and commitment to preserving one of Kinsley's most recognizable landmarks. If you see them around town,

please take a moment to thank them for helping make this project possible.

The new marquee lights have also been wired to a remote control that is securely mounted and clearly labeled inside the theatre's ticket booth, making operation simple and convenient.

A very special thank you goes to Bonita Werner, whose leadership and dedication guided this project from inception to completion. From pursuing funding opportunities and coordinating details to seeing the final vision come to life, Bonita's commitment was instrumental in making this marquee renovation a reality.

This project is a shining example of what can be accomplished when community organizations, businesses, grant programs, donors, and volunteers work together. The Palace Theatre has been a treasured part of downtown Kinsley for generations, and its beautifully restored marquee will continue welcoming moviegoers and visitors

to Main Street for years to come.

The E-Team/Palace Theatre Association extends its sincere appreciation to the Edwards County Economic Development Corporation, Kinsley PRIDE, Mark's Custom Signs, Naborhood Electric, our private donors, Bonita Werner, and everyone who helped make this project a reality.

From a dream that once carried a \$20,000 price tag to a community-driven success story, this project proves what



The workers at Mark's Custom Signs prepping the marquee for the new sign and lights

can happen when people agree... the Palace Theatre comes together. And the marquee has never looked better!



THINGS TO REMEMBER

Editor's Note

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Word of God

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

~ Ephesians 15:7

City of Offerle Meeting Minutes August 11, 2026

Present: C. McAvoy, M. Poindexter, B. Crosswhite, C. Jones, J. Arnold, L. Pickering, J. Heinz, A. Chamberlain, J. Roane

Meeting was called to order by Mayor McAvoy at 6:34 p.m.

Minutes from July 13 were read by clerk, motion to approve as amended made by A. Chamberlain, seconded

by J. Heinz, motion carried.

Financials were reviewed. A. Chamberlain motioned to pay bills as presented. B. Crosswhite seconded. Motion carried.

Public comments shared with council members included a request for alley repairs and more sand to be put

down on Front Street. A. Chamberlain motioned to send Blight situation was discussed. A. Chamberlain motioned to send

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