

City Commission Minutes
Regular Session
November 10, 2025

City Commission Chambers
101 S Lincoln Ave.
Chanute, KS 66720

CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jacob LaRue presided and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Jacob LaRue and Commissioners Kevin Berthot, Tim Egner, Tim Fairchild, and Larry Taylor.

Staff Present: Todd Newman, City Manager; Ryan Follmer, Assistant City Manager; Tina Bailey, City Clerk; David Brake, City Attorney; Cory Kepley, Chief Finance Officer; Chris Pefley, Police Chief; and Justin Franks, Sanitation Supervisor.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Commissioner Larry Taylor.

AGENDA

The Agenda was approved on motion by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Egner. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda is used to approve non-controversial or routine matters by a single motion and vote. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- Minutes – City Commission – October 27, 2025
- Warrant Register dated October 29, 2025
- Warrant Register dated November 5, 2025
- Review Various Board and Committee Minutes and Reports

Motion made by Commissioner Egner, seconded by Commissioner Berthot, to approve the consent agenda. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITION OF CITY'S 911 DISPATCH CENTER – 5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Jacob LaRue, Mayor of the City of Chanute, delivered a speech which recognized and celebrated the Chanute 911 Dispatch Center and the men and women that work at the center.

Chanute 911 Dispatch Center Executive Director Matthea Hendrickson presented years of service pins to the following Chanute 911 Dispatch Center employees:

5-Year Pin: Director Matthea Hendrickson, Chirstine Mendoza Tovar, Ashley Joyce, and Judy Greer.

20-Year Pin: Alicia Myers (20-year pin & 5-year pin) and Kim Wilson (25-year pin & 5-year pin).

Mayor LaRue thanked all our dispatches, past and present for their commitment and ensuring the community's safety.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Doyle Angleton, 717 South Rutter commented on taxes, the 911 Dispatch Center, and the Solar Farm.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by City Manager Todd Newman and City Attorney David Brake.

Amy Jensen, Chanute Chamber of Commerce and Office of Tourism Executive Director distributed a copy of the 2026 Official Travel Guide for Kansas to the Commissioners. She reported that the guide feature's areas located in Southeast Kansas, including Chanute.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Todd Newman gave his report on City activities and operations. Items reported on included an update on the Storm Drain Project located north of the Central Park Pavilion and also upcoming holiday hours for city office.

City Manager Newman provided a brief overview of the Chanute 911 Dispatch Center operations and budget.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by City Manager Newman and Police Chief Chris Pefley.

OLD BUSINESS

REINVESTMENT HOUSING INCENTIVE DISTRICT FOR CHANUTE HOUSING, LLC – REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. S-580

On August 25, 2025, after a public hearing, the Chanute City Commission passed Ordinance S-580 establishing a Reinvestment Housing Incentive District to support the construction of 32 new units of housing in the City of Chanute. On September 23, 2025, the Neosho County Commission passed a Resolution finding that the creation of a reinvestment housing district to support 32 units of new housing, along with a new Development Plan for the district, would have an adverse effect on Neosho County, Kansas.

Because of the action taken by the Neosho County Commission the Chanute City Commission is required pursuant to K.S.A. 19-101 et seq., to repeal Ordinance S-580.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by City Manager Todd Newman, City Attorney David Brake, and Chanute Housing, LLC representative Darrin Lueberring.

Motion made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Egner, to pass AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHANUTE ORDINANCE NO. S-580 ESTABLISHING A REINVESTMENT HOUSING INCENTIVE DISTRICT WITHIN THE CITY OF CHANUTE. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

The Ordinance was assigned: No. S-585

Commission consensus was for the City Manager to work with Chanute Housing, LLC staff and continue discussions to relocate their RHID project to the City's RHID property located in the Osa Martin Heights Subdivision.

NEW BUSINESS

REVISIONS TO GARBAGE AND TRASH ORDINANCES

City staff is presenting changes to the current Garbage and Trash Ordinances. Purchase of new trash trucks and carts have required City staff to make the proposed changes to curbside pickup.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by City Manager Todd Newman, Sanitation Supervisor Justin Franks, and Assistant City Manager Ryan Follmer.

Motion made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Egner, to pass AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND ADDING TO CHANUTE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 8.80 PERTAINING TO REFUSE AND TRASH COLLECTION BY THE CITY OF CHANUTE. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

The Ordinance was assigned: No. 2676

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Taylor reported that he attended the SEK Inc. Housing Conference and provided a brief overview of the conference.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by City Manager Todd Newman.

Mayor LaRue requested that City staff research physical addresses for city parks and recreation areas that could assist out of town visitors when trying to map and locate a specific park or recreation area.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by City Manager Todd Newman and City Attorney David Brake.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Mayor LaRue, to adjourn. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Tina L Bailey, CMC
City Clerk