

The Governing Body of the City of Garnett met in regular session on January 14, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. with the following individuals present, Mayor, Jody Cole, City Commissioner, Nate Wiehl and Mark Locke, City Manager Travis Wilson, City Clerk, Trish Brewer, and City Attorney Terry Solander.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.  
Invocation, Jody Cole

### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD (FIVE-MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER PERSON)**

No citizens present.

### **GOVERNING BODY TRANSITION**

#### **A. Mayor Cole**

Expressed her thankfulness to serve as Mayor, excited for Mark Locke to experience holding an honored office.

#### **B. Commissioner Cole Oath of Office**

City Clerk gave Oath of Office to Jody Cole for Office of Commissioner.

#### **C. Appointment of Mayor**

Commissioner Cole motioned to appoint Mark Locke as Mayor. Seconded by Nate Wiehl.  
Motion passed (3) AYE (0) NAY

#### **D. Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tempore**

Commissioner Cole motioned to appoint Nate Wiehl as Mayor Pro-Tempore.  
Seconded by Mayor Locke. Motion passed (2) AYE (0) NAY

### **GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS**

- *Commissioner Cole*  
Expressed how proud she is to live in a community where individuals do random acts of kindness she has witnessed in the community.
- *Commissioner Wiehl, Mayor Pro-tempore*  
Thanked the city Street and Refuse departments for their endurance in fighting the cold clearing roads.
- *Mayor Locke*  
Thanked Commissioner Cole for her leadership in the last few years. Stated he hopes he can keep the ball rolling in the same direction. Looking forward to serving Garnett.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of minutes from December 23, 2024, Regular City Commission Meeting.
- B. Approval of Semi-Monthly Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$387,824.35.  
Commissioner Wiehl motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.  
Seconded by Commissioner Cole. Motion passed (3) AYE (0) NAY

### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

#### **A. Consideration of appointment of Brandie Cooney and/or Lucinda Hamilton and/or Elizabeth Abrham and/or Leslea Rockers to the Library Advisory Board.**

Each applicant expressed their desire to serve on the board.

Commissioner Wiehl motioned to appoint Brandi Cooney to the Library Advisory Board.  
Seconded by Commissioner Cole. Motion passed (3) AYE (0) NAY

Mayor Locke motioned to appoint Leslea Rockers to the Library Advisory Board.  
Seconded by Commissioner Cole. Motion passed (3) AYE (0) NAY

**B. Consideration of reappointment of Jodie Beets and Krystal Baugher and/or appointment of Radhika Bhakta to the Tourism Advisory Board.**

Commissioner Cole motioned to appoint Radhika Bhakta to the Tourism Advisory Board.

Seconded by Commissioner Wiehl. Motion passed (3) AYE (0) NAY

Commissioner Cole motioned to reappoint Krystal Baugher to the Tourism Advisory Board.

Seconded by Commissioner Wiehl. Motion passed (3) AYE (0) NAY

**C. Proclamation declaring January 16, 2025, as National Religious Freedom Day.**

Mayor Locke read the Proclamation.

**D. Proclamation declaring January 26 – February 1, 2025, as National School Choice Week.**

Mayor Locke read the Proclamation.

**E. Consideration of Cereal Malt Beverage Permit for RPCS/Country Mart.**

Commissioner Wiehl motioned to approve the CMB License for RPCS/Country Mart

Seconded by Commissioner Cole. Motion passed (3) AYE (0) NAY

**F. Consideration of Resolution 2025-1, Designation of Official City Newspaper**

**G. Consideration of Resolution 2025-2, GAAP Waiver K.S.A. 75-1120a(a)**

**H. Consideration of Resolution 2025-3, Drug Tax Stamp and Asset Forfeiture Funds**

**I. Consideration of Resolution 2025-4, Designation of Patriot's Bank for Municipal Court Funds**

**J. Consideration of Resolution 2025-5, Designation of Banks.**

Commissioner Wiehl motioned to approve Resolution 2025-1, 2025-2, 2025-3, 2025-4, 2025-5 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Cole. Motion passed (3) AYE (0) NAY

**K. Consideration of Inclement Weather and Outages policy.**

Commissioner Cole motioned to adopt the Inclement Weather and Outages Policy as presented.

Seconded by Commissioner Wiehl. Motion passed (3) AYE (0) NAY

**STAFF UPDATES**

Darin Wilson, Planning and Zoning Director presented that a Comprehensive Plan Committee has been formed, and RFP's will be posted out for bids. Bids will be presented to the Commission at the end of the bid process.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. GRDA Extension:** City Manager Wilson presented information that the GRDA extension will be coming up.

**B. 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment Webinar – February 11<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am to 12:00 pm**

Commissioners were asked if they would like to attend and requested to let the City Clerk know.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A. The First Annual Artifact Identification Day, hosted by the Kansas Historical Society, will be held at the Anderson County historical Society Farm Room on January 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 4:00pm**

**B. The Annual Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held on January 30<sup>th</sup> at Troyer's Prairie Gold, beginning at 5:30 pm**

**C. Troyer's Prairie Gold Bridal Show and Vendor Showcase, hosted by Troyer's Prairie Gold Event Center, will be held on Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm to 4:00pm**

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD (FIVE-MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER PERSON)**

None

**SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS APPROVED DURING THE COMMISSION MEETING.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Cole made a motion to recess into Executive Session to discuss Attorney Client Privileges pursuant to exception K.S.A 75-43519 (b)(2) for thirty (30) minutes, starting at 6:47 p.m. with the following present: Commissioner Cole, Commissioner Wiehl, Mayor Locke, City Manager Wilson, and City Attorney Solander. Regular session to resume at 7:17 p.m. Commissioner Wiehl seconded the motion. Motion passed (3 Aye – 0 Nay)

7:17 pm Mayor Locke called for an extension to resume at 7:22 pm. Requesting Darin Wilson to join. Seconded by Commissioner Wiehl. Motion passed (3) AYE (0) NAY

7:17pm Mayor Locke called for an extension to resume at 7:27pm. Seconded by Commissioner Cole. Motion passed (3) AYE (0) NAY

7:27pm Mayor Locke called for an extension to resume at 7:32pm. Seconded by Commissioner Cole. Motion passed (3) AYE (0) NAY

7:32pm Mayor Locke called for an extension to resume at 7:37pm. Seconded by Commissioner Cole. Motion passed (3) AYE (0) NAY

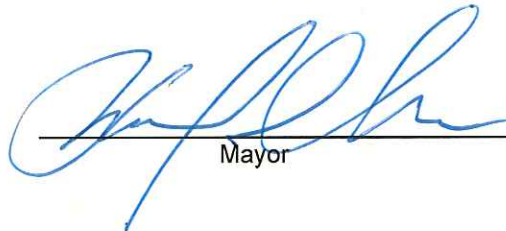
7:37pm Mayor Locke called for an extension to resume at 7:42pm. Seconded by Commissioner Wiehl. Motion passed (3) AYE (0) NAY

At 7:43 p.m. Mayor Locke called the meeting back to order and stated no action was taken within executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before The Governing Body, Commissioner Cole made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wiehl seconded the motion. Motion passed (3) AYE (0) NAY

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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City Clerk



