

Kanawha City Council  
Proceedings from June 9, 2026

The Kanawha City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 9, 2026. Council members present were Dana Kraft, Tim Lodin, Chad Lang, Jessica Fowles and Phyllis Jordanger. Absent was Mayor Randolph Yeakel. Also present were City Clerk Barb Baker and Superintendent of Public Works Ryan Oleson. Mayor Pro Tem called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Jordanger made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Seconded by Kraft. All were in favor. Motion carried.

1. Motion to approve the agenda
2. Motion to approve the Minutes
3. Motion to approve the Clerk's Report
4. Motion to approve payment of bills
5. Motion to approve Cigarette Permit Renewal for Yesway
6. Motion to approve Special Class C Retail Alcohol License for Lucky Wife Wine Slushies

The following bills were presented to the Council:

Ag Source	Water Testing	\$96.15
Alliant Energy	Electric	\$3,438.79
Amazon	Printer paper,coffee,battery	\$118.03
ALELM Law	Lawyer Fees	\$1,571.56
Comm 1	Communications	\$618.79
First Citizens	Bonds	\$73,536.25
Garner Leader	Publications	\$358.50
Go Law Enforcement	Advertisement	\$120.00
Gold-Eagle	Fuel	\$520.52
Hancock Co Sheriff	Protective Services	\$10,000.00
Hawkins	Chemicals	\$20.00
IA Dept Public Safety	4 <sup>th</sup> QTR	\$300.00
IA Muni Workers Comp	Premium	\$4,109.00
NAPA	Hose Fittings	\$201.58
Principle	Insurance	\$80.12
The Pavement Doctor	Street Patching	\$3,171.00
R&M	Parts	\$60.50
Swenson's	Misc Supplies	\$219.36
USPS	Box Fee	\$126.00
VISA	Banners, Notary Fee	\$2,172.75
Visual Edge	Printer	\$142.60
Waste Management	Clean-up Day	\$1,610.07
Wells Fargo	Printer	\$127.30
Wright Materials	Road Rock	\$274.47

Other Bills:

Treas of Iowa	W.E.T.	\$562.74
IRS	941	\$3,505.34
IPERS	IPERS	\$1,877.59
Wellmark	Insurance	\$3,309.65
Postmaster	Postage	\$130.54
Amazon	DVD's & Books	\$90.18
Ingram	Books	\$59.53
Transparent Language	Renewal	\$567.00
Layton Sousa	Building Permits	\$75.00
Barb Baker	City Clerk	\$4,584.82
Ryan Oleson	Public Works	\$7,090.89
Justin Walk	Public Works	\$815.00
Christine Guthmiller	Library	\$2,190.00
Randolph Yeakel	Mayor	\$300.00

There were no citizen comments.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 041426-1, an ordinance dealing with water rates, was given. Fowles moved approval for adoption of Ordinance No. 041426-1. The motion was seconded by Kraft. All were in favor. Motion carried. The Ordinance will be in full effect after publication.

The third and final reading of Ordinance No. 041426-2, an ordinance establishing sewer rates, was presented. Jordanger moved to adopt Ordinance No. 041426-2. Lang seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried. The ordinance will become effective upon publication.

After reviewing three quotes for IT support services, Fowles moved to approve TQ Technologies as the City of Kanawha's IT support provider. The motion was seconded by Jordanger. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Council discussed the current truck routes ordinance and determined that amendments are needed. The proposed changes include adding Linden Street from 1st Street to 5th Street and East 2nd Street from Main Street to Linden Street to the designated truck routes. The City Clerk was directed to contact the City Attorney to draft an amended ordinance for Council consideration at a future meeting.

The Council discussed a quote from Swanson Customs for cleaning storm sewer intakes throughout the city. Following discussion, the Council approved up to \$5,500 for the cleaning of as many storm sewer intakes as possible, with the remaining intakes to be cleaned at a later date. Kraft moved to approve the quote from Swanson Customs for storm sewer intake cleaning, with a maximum expenditure of \$5,500. Jordanger seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Council continued its discussion regarding the open Police Chief position and reviewed the applications received. The Council directed staff to schedule interviews with four candidates. At

the time of the meeting, only one candidate had responded, and an interview was scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 2026. The Council will continue discussions following the interview process.

The Council reviewed numerous residential complaints, including concerns regarding speed limits entering town, dogs, overgrown grass, abandoned and dilapidated properties, e-bikes, and illegal parking. Council members will speak directly with residents regarding nuisance concerns and ordinance violations as appropriate. The City Clerk will post e-bike safety reminders on the City's Facebook page. The Clerk will also research costs and potential grant opportunities for solar-powered radar speed signs. In addition, a letter will be sent to residents requesting property clean-up and compliance with city ordinances.

Fowles moved approval of the Sheriff's report. Seconded by Lang. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report: There was no Mayor's Report for this month.

Superintendent of Public Works Report: The Superintendent reported completion of required wastewater permit sampling. Spring drawdown is scheduled to be completed next week. Seventeen trees within the city right-of-way have been identified as needing attention, and four tree removal companies have been contacted to provide sealed bids, which will be opened at a future council meeting. The Iowa DNR was contacted regarding the construction permit for conversion to liquid chlorine; the permit is still under review due to backlog but is expected to be processed soon. The Superintendent will begin repairing large cracks at the tennis court and assemble pickleball nets for the upcoming season. In coordination with Youth Activities, two utility poles will be installed for the sand volleyball net. Approval was granted to seek bids to repair a storm sewer inlet on North Main Street that is tied into the sanitary sewer system. The Superintendent also plans to contact the Iowa Rural Water Association regarding the possibility of additional smoke testing of sewer lines. Lang moved approval of the Superintendent of Public Works Report. Seconded by Fowles. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Council discussed preliminary ideas for celebrating America's 250th birthday in 2026. Suggestions were made regarding potential community involvement and collaboration with local organizations. It was suggested to contact Emma with Pampered Pets to inquire about creating window artwork to help promote the celebration throughout the community. Council and staff will also coordinate with Michael Johnson regarding planned Labor Day celebration activities and determine what assistance or participation the city may be able to provide. This item will be placed on a future agenda for continued discussion and updates as planning progresses.

Council reviewed and discussed goals for 2026–2027, focusing on key community priorities: **Infrastructure:** Prioritize road repairs and ongoing maintenance, with continued focus into 2027. **Housing & Sustainability:** Promote housing standards by distributing informational flyers, identifying properties not meeting code, meeting with property owners to offer assistance, and coordinating with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity as needed. **Tree Removal:** Explore options to expand affordable tree removal services for residents and identify properties with dead or hazardous trees. **Public Safety:** Support hiring a police officer, evaluate traffic

control measures near the pool during operating hours, and address nuisance concerns including abandoned vehicles and unsanitary properties with trash accumulation attracting rodents and skunks.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-9  
SETTING THE COMPENSATION FOR APPOINTED CITY OFFICERS AND  
EMPLOYEES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027**

**Be It Resolved** by the Council for the City of Kanawha, Iowa:

**Section 1.** Effective July 1, 2026, the following positions and persons shall be paid the salaries or wages indicated and the City Clerk is authorized to issue checks, less legally required or authorized deductions from the amounts set out below, and to make such contributions to IPERS and social security or other purposes as required by law or authorization of the Council, all subject to audit and review by the Council:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Superintendent of Public Works	Ryan Oleson	\$35.00
Parks & Recreation	Justin Walk	\$20.00
City Clerk	Barb Baker	\$35.00

Kraft moved approval of Resolution No. 2026-9. The motion was seconded by Fowles. The following vote was had:

Kraft       Aye  
Lang         Aye  
Lodin        Aye  
Fowles      Aye  
Jordanger   Aye  
The motion carried.

With there being no further business, a motion was made by Fowles for adjournment at 8:32pm. The motion was seconded by Kraft. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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Tim Lodin, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

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Barb Baker, City Clerk