Minutes of October 6, 2026 Wakarusa Town Council Meeting

PRESENT: Carl Gilbert, Randall Mitschelen, Phil Klotz, Annette Brown, Rocco Rigsby–Town Council, Rob Slagle-Town Manager, Katie Fromer-Clerk-Treasurer, Charlie Zercher-Town Attorney

Council President Gilbert called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilman Mitschelen made a motion to approve meeting minutes of the September 1, 16, & 29, 2026, Wakarusa Town Council and Special meetings. Councilwoman Brown seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Council President Gilbert welcomed any visitors who wished to address the Council. Taylor Futterkencht 111 W Harrison spoke in favor of Flock cameras. Jackie Gerber 318 S Elkhart spoke in favor of Flock cameras. Jeff Ziegler 108 Parkfield spoke in favor of SRO in schools and in favor of Flock cameras. Judy Briganti 316 Sunset requested information on how to find Town Ordinances, Minutes, and Public Records. Janice Davidhizer 29393 County Road 38 voiced that she supports the Town of Wakarusa.

Councilman Klotz made a motion to suspend the rules and approve Ordinance 2026-5 Salary Ordinance Amending Salary Ordinance 2025-9, Ordinance 2026-1, & Ordinance 2026-3 on the first reading. Councilman Mitschelen seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Councilman Klotz made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-5 Salary Ordinance Amending Salary Ordinance 2025-9, Ordinance 2026-1, and Ordinance 2026-3. Councilman Mitschelen seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Councilman Mitschelen made a motion to approve the 2027 Budget Ordinance 2026-6. Councilman Klotz seconded. Councilwoman Brown and Councilman Rigsby opposed. Motion approved.

Councilman Risby made a motion to suspend rules and pass the 2027 Salary Ordinance 2026-7 on the first reading. Councilman Klotz seconded. Councilwoman Brown opposed. Motion not approved.

Councilman Risby made a motion to approve Pay Application #25 to DLZ in the amount of $27,160.25 for the Water Treatment Plant. Councilman Klotz seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Councilman Rigsby made a motion to approve DLZ change Order #2 with a credit amount of $239,953.40. Councilman Mitschelen seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Councilman Rigsby made a motion to approve Pay Application #23 to R. Yoder Construction in the amount of $37,995.46 for the Water Treatment Plant. Councilwoman Brown seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Councilman Rigsby made a motion to approve the continuation of the Flock camera contract. Councilman Klotz seconds. Motion approved unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown made a motion to allow Officer Hershberger to move forward with the purchase of a 2026 Tahoe in the amount of $55,552 minus the trade in of a current police vehicle. Councilman Mitschelen seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Councilman made a motion to appoint Public Works Director Mikel to sign the Monthly Report of Operations for the wastewater. Councilman Mitschelen seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown made a motion to approve Change Order #3 to StoneRidge Landscaping in the credit amount of $1,456. Councilman Rigsby seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Councilman Klotz made a motion to approve the final invoice to StoneRidge Landscaping for the Quilt Garden Patio project in the amount of $121,790.29. Councilman Mitschelen seconds. Motion approved unanimously.

Councilman Rigsby made a motion to approve the claims and adjourn the meeting. Councilman Klotz seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Next Work Session: November 2nd, 2026
Next Council Meeting: November 3rd, 2026

Carl Gilbo
President of Council

Katie Kramer
Clerk-Treasurer