



Olathe Mayor's Children's Fund check presentations - Council Chambers 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Bacon, Schoonover, Felter, Vakas, Creighton, and Deneault
Absent: Essex

Others in attendance were City Manager, Susan Sherman, and City Attorney, Ron Shaver.

2. REGULAR MEETING BEGINS - 7:00 P.M.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. SPECIAL BUSINESS

- A.** Consideration of Resolution No. 26-1020 appointing members to the Citizens Police Advisory Council.

Mayor Bacon introduced Kyle Kneale, Chairman of the Citizens Police Advisory Council. Mr. Kneale introduced the new appointees and Mayor Bacon presented them with a certificate of appointment.

Motion by Vakas, seconded by Felter, to approve Resolution No. 26-1020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bacon, Schoonover, Felter, Vakas, Creighton, and Deneault
Absent: Essex

- B.** Presentation on the Olathe Mayor's Children's Fund 2025 Campaign. Mayor Bacon introduced the Mayor's Children's Fund Board Chair, Kathy Hutchinson and Board Vice Chair Bev Flores. Ms. Hutchinson and Ms. Flores, shared the success of the 2025 campaign and what it means to organizations in the community who directly serve children in Olathe. This year, over \$229,000 was raised and distributed to 16 beneficiaries.
- C.** Presentation of the K-State Olathe annual report.

Mayor Bacon introduced Dr. Ben Wolfe, Dean of the K-State Olathe Campus. Dr. Wolfe provided his annual update to the Council on the activities of the past year and what they anticipate in the coming year.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

The items listed below are considered to be routine by the City Council and may be approved in one motion. These may include items that have been reviewed by the City Council in a prior planning session. There will be no separate discussion unless a council member requests that an item be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion by Vakas, seconded by Felter, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bacon, Schoonover, Felter, Vakas, Creighton, and Deneault

Absent: Essex

- A. Consideration of approval of the City Council meeting minutes of February 3, 2026.
approved.
- B. Consideration of renewal license(s) as recommended by the City Clerk.
approved.
- C. Consideration of renewal of contract with Strategos International LLC, formerly Clarence M. Kelley & Associates of Kansas City, Inc., to provide screening personnel for the security checkpoint at the Municipal Court.
approved.
- D. Consideration of Resolution No. 26-1021 (HL25-0001), for nomination to the Olathe Register of Historic Places for 126 S. Cherry Street, located northeast of E. Loula Street and S. Cherry Street. Planning Commission recommended approval 8 to 0.
approved.
- E. Consideration of Consent Calendar.
approved.
- F. Consideration of Engineer's Estimate, acceptance of bids and award of contract to Redford Construction, Inc. for construction of the Lone Elm Park Sanitary Sewer Extension Project, PN 1-C-008-25.
approved.

- G. Consideration of renewal of contract to Core and Main for the purchase of water meters and associated supplies.
approved.
- H. Consideration of Approval of Contract Amendment for Installation of Mahaffie Pond Park Playground Equipment with PlayCore Wisconsin, Inc. dba GameTime.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration of Ordinance No. 26-09 authorizing issuance of industrial revenue bonds on behalf of Cedar Creek Development VIII, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$15,355,272 (Sales Tax Exemption Only).
Motion by Vakas, seconded by Felter, to approve Ordinance No. 26-09.
The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bacon, Schoonover, Felter, Vakas, Creighton, and Deneault

Absent: Essex

7. GENERAL ISSUES AND CONCERNS OF CITIZENS

Kate Guimbellott, an Olathe resident, complemented the Council on their hard work and expressed her appreciation for the Olathe community.

Charlotte O'Hara, an Olathe business owner, spoke about STAR Bonds.

Andrea Smith, an Olathe resident, spoke about a house in her neighborhood.

8. CONVENE FOR PLANNING SESSION

If report items are present, they have been prepared for informational purposes and will be accepted as presented. There will be no separate discussion unless a Councilmember requests that a report be removed and considered separately.

A. REPORTS

1. Quarterly Procurement Report
Report accepted.
2. Report regarding proposed amendments to Title 10 of the Olathe Municipal Code (the Olathe Traffic Ordinance).
Councilmember Creighton asked for staff to give a presentation.

Assistant City Attorney, Bob Gallimore provided a short presentation to the Council. He said their main focus would be

on educational efforts.

Councilmember Creighton said he had talked to Police Chief, Mike Butaud, and thinks the educational component is very important.

Councilmember Deneault asked what some of the education would be and how it would be enforced. Mr. Gallimore said they would be using many different channels to provide information to the community. He also said there are specific penalties in the code. Chief Butaud said they would do an extensive education campaign and when enforcement starts, it would likely start on a complaint basis.

Councilmember Schoonover asked if insurance is required for these types of vehicles. Mr. Gallimore said the City generally will follow State law in this area, but will look to see what is available.

Mayor Bacon asked if the City has pedestrian only trails and if so, where those are located. He said he believed there could be confusion on signage and asked if e-scooters were considered motorized or not. He also asked if there was a way to condense everything down to a single information sheet that a young person could easily understand.

Mr. Gallimore said he doesn't know if there are any trails that are marked specifically pedestrian only but would check with Parks and let the Council know. He indicated this was included so if there were ever any specific walking trails the code would not have to be updated.

Mayor Bacon expressed some concern and hoped there would not too many trails that would be pedestrian only since it would limit usage. Mr. Gallimore said he believed that was the intent of staff also.

Mayor Bacon asked about e-scooters that are licensed and

asked if they would be required to have a helmet. Mr. Gallimore said if it is licensed scooter, then it would not fall under the City code. He said it would then fall under the state provision. He also said the state motorcycle law for under age 18 riders, requires a helmet.

Mr. Gallimore said they would make changes and provide them to the Council as soon as possible to be able to move forward with adoption soon.

B. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discussion of the 2026 Olathe Outdoor Sculpture Series. Renee Rush, Olathe Public Art Committee staff liaison, introduced Chelsy Walker, Chair of the committee. Ms. Walker provided a presentation, outlining each proposed piece of art.

Mayor Bacon said he was pleased with the proposed pieces.

Councilmember Creighton thanked the staff and the committee. He asked if local artist were prioritized and Ms. Walker said yes, but they are few and far between for sculptures. She said they have gotten several submissions that just are not made to be out in the elements.

Mayor Bacon asked if we are keeping any of the current sculpture and Ms. Rush said not this year.

Mayor Bacon asked what the process would be if a local business wanted to purchase a sculpture. Ms. Rush said they could contact her and also said there is a QR code on each one that provides a map and information map.

9. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Councilmember Deneault thanked staff for the e-scooter code revision. He also relayed concerns from citizens with what is happening in the community. He noted that it is kindness week and encouraged citizens to do something kind for their neighbors.

Councilmember Vakas said he believes the community will come through this stronger.

Councilmember Felter asked for an update on the council item from a few weeks go involving eminent domain for the school district. City Attorney, Ron Shaver said there had been on-going conversations with owner and said if they could not reach an agreement they might be coming back to the Council for additional action. Dr. Felter said she believed this had been a long process and she would like to see the Council take action soon.

Councilmember Felter also recognized National Engineer Week is next week and said she believed the City had some of the best. She also noted that Olathe was name number one as the best places in Kansas and number 80 in the Nation. She also thanked Kate Guimbellot for her kind comments to the Council.

Councilmember Schoonover indicated the last few days had been difficult for neighbors in the community. He said everyone deserves to feel at home in the community and indicated there are resources available to anyone who has questions.

Councilmember Creighton gave a shout out to the Olathe Fire Department and the team members who are in Western Kansas helping fight the fires there.

City Manager, Susan Sherman, shared that Olathe Civic Academy begins next Thursday and it is the largest class ever.

Mayor Bacon announced that the applications for the Property Tax Rebate Program would be available March 2nd. He encouraged citizens to contact the Community Development department with any questions. He also announced that the City of Olathe is partnering with Overland Park for the third annual Neighborhood Leadership Summit March 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Olathe Community Center.

Mayor Bacon congratulated the Olathe Teen Council on a successful Student Government Day earlier this month. He said more than 50 middle and high school students had participated to learn about city government and careers in public service.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

Brenda D. Swearingian

City Clerk