

MAYOR  
Anthony DaPrato

**CITY OF CARBONDALE, KANSAS**  
OFFICE OF THE  
**CITY COUNCIL**

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Ronald Moeller

COUNCIL  
Chad Moore  
Barbara Martin  
Kevin Seals  
Holly Hinck



ATTORNEY  
Tom Barnes II

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Date: February 17, 2026

EMPLOYEES  
Emily Bessette  
Dustin Bretsnyder  
Chief Seals  
Ashley Madden

Time: 7:00pm

Location: City Council Room, City Hall

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Anthony DaPrato, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes**

K. Seals moved to approve meeting minutes from February 2nd, 2026, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martin, all in favor, motion carried.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Zoning**

None.

**Mercury Fiber**

Moeller moved to approve the Commercial Lease for Mercury Fiber, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hinck, discussion on lease address, all in favor, motion carried.

## **Executive Session**

Motion by K. Seals to go into executive session at 19:06 for five minutes for Maintenance interviews, including maintenance supervisor, city clerk, council, mayor and interviewee, returning in the council room at 19:11, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Moeller, all in favor, motion carried.

The Council was in executive session for five minutes with no decisions made.

K. Seals moved to offer employment to John Hoffman for a Maintenance II position contingent on a drug screen at the rate of \$18.00 an hour, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hinck, all in favor, motion carried, Hoffman accepted.

## **Maintenance**

Two quotes were given for a new backhoe and skid steer. There was discussion on all the equipment and pros and cons to both. The Equipment Share quote gave a lot more detail, was itemized and very well put together. There was a page missing to the other quote which showed the trade in value on one of the machines.

Moore moved for a five-year lease to own on a Backhoe and track loader not to exceed \$222,053.83 over five years, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Moeller, all in favor, motion carried.

K. Seals moved to approve Clark and Bretsnyder to attend the Water Conference in Wichita March 24<sup>th</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup> not to exceed \$1,700, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Moeller, all in favor, motion carried.

Osage County Highway Department offered a share agreement with the City. The City opts out every year, no action taken.

The taillights on the Ford are working; the Chevy has some wiring to figure out. The Ford also had to get a new radiator which was just over \$300.

Bretsnyder will work on getting the office street bid information for Kansas Street.

The water tower inspection will be taking place next week.

The septic is getting pumped at the ball diamonds and water plant.

The bathrooms will be unlocked when it stops freezing, usually around Easter.

There has been discolored water on the northeast side of town from flushing water from the water leak at the Midtown Market.

## **Peddlers 2026-554**

Motion by K. Seals to adopt Peddlers Ordinance 2026-554, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martin, all in favor, motion carried.

## **Executive Session**

Motion by K. Seals to go into executive session for nonelective personnel for 15 minutes at 20:00 to include the Chief of police, Police Sergeant, council, and the mayor, to resume in the council room at 20:15, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Moeller, motion carried.

The council was in executive session for 15 minutes with no decisions made. Martin, K. Seals, Hinck and Mayor DaPrato returned to the table.

Motion by K. Seals to go into executive session for nonelective personnel for 15 minutes at 20:18 to include the Chief of police, Police Sergeant, council, and the mayor, to resume in the council room at 20:33, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martin, Moeller and Moore absent, motion carried.

The council was in executive session for 15 minutes with no decisions made.

## **Police**

Chief Seals discussed KHP and KDOT buying Sototoxa. Carbondale PD will receive them free of charge and will be trained on them at the end of March. The Council confirmed there would be no cost for the device or for training.

Chief Seals would like to purchase equipment for two of the cruisers using the \$1,000 they won from the pipeline training. It does require software which she reported was within her budget and will include barcode scanners. KHP has a similar device as well as Osage City and Lyndon. It can also be used for code enforcement. The printers are portable and can be moved from car to car. There will be no more than two officers on at one time so only two printers are needed. The council had to pass around information and Mayor DaPrato asked Chief to have the information in the council packets in the future to save time. Besette stated council information is due the Wednesday before a meeting so that it can be compiled for the packet and line items can be added to the agenda. The software to run it is called Z-site and allows one to four users and is \$390 with a one-time fee of \$75. Moeller moved to approve the Z-site software for \$390 a year plus the one time \$75 set up fee for the Police Department, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martin, all in favor, motion carried.

Chief Seals was asked about getting cages for the cruisers and she stated that they were \$1,000-\$1,500 each. Currently if they detain somebody they ride in the front seat. Some felt this was a safety concern with weapons and equipment stating that county could be busy on another call and not be able to respond. It was suggested to have a transport vehicle available for officers.

Chief Seals wanted to bring her inventory to council but didn't have it ready so she will be bringing it to the next council meeting.

Chief Seals and Officer Driscoll will attend training next week. Chief is also doing Train the Trainer defensive tactic.

Officer Lock graduates on February 27, 2026 and all are welcome to attend.

### **Employment Applications**

The council was at a consensus to update the employment application.

### **Reimbursement**

The council discussed the reimbursement for Bessette and Officer Coyle going to graduation. Moeller moved to reimburse Bessette \$233.45 for milage, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martin, all in favor, motion carried.

### **Extension Request**

Motion by K. Seals to approve extension request, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Moeller, all in favor, motion carried.

### **Off Agenda**

K. Seals presented a new PC and TVs for the council and court to use. The IT budget was discussed. Hink inquired about municipal court and if there was a judge who attended. The new PC is a must as the current system is being run off the Smartboard which has gone out. There was discussion on whether two monitors or just one monitor was needed. Since installing the Smartboard, it has been asked to get a second screen so that the audience and the council could both see what was happening. Motion by K. Seals to purchase a PC, two monitors, and equipment not to exceed \$1,500, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Moore, four in favor, Hink was against, motion carried.

Hinck asked about bringing a community gathering or jam to Carbondale. Something like that is typically put on by a person or organization and then it is brought to the council for approval. There is no dancing or singing allowed at Carbondale South Park. Outside of council, council members are citizens and may organize events.

Moore would like to see sidewalks on West Hill. There was a grant for sidewalks in Carbondale but it has been at a standstill. The council was in consensus to gather information on new grants to try and get sidewalks going up and down West Hill.

### **Notes and FYI**

Water test results were in the FYI folder.

### **Bills**

Motion by Moore that the council reviewed the bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Seals, all in favor, motion carried.

### **Adjourn**

Motion by K. Seals to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Moore, all in favor, motion carried at 9:24pm.