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City of Clearwater Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday February 24, 2026, at 6:30pm
129 E Ross Clearwater, KS 67026

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1. **Call to Order/ Invocation and Flag Salute**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
4. **Public Forum** - Members of the public can address the Mayor and City Council limited to not more than five minutes.
5. **Consent Agenda** - Items on the Consent Agenda are considered by staff to be routine business items. Approval of the items may be made by a single motion, seconded, and a majority vote with no separate discussion of any item listed.
 - a. [Previous Council Meeting Minutes](#)
 - b. [Claims and Warrants](#)
 - c. [Annexation – Lot 13 Block 2 Prairie Meadows Estates Additon](#)
 - d. [Mayoral Appointment](#)
 - e. [SLWA Agreement Amendment](#)
6. **Staff Reports**
7. **Business**
 - a. **Action:** [Financing for 2027 Tender](#)
8. **Governing Body Comments**
9. **Executive Session**
10. **Adjournment**

Next Assignment Numbers

Charter Ordinance: 25

Ordinance: 1126

Resolution: 3-2026

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It is possible that sometime between 6:00 and 6:30 pm immediately prior to this meeting, during breaks, and directly after the meeting, a majority of the Governing Body may be present in the council chambers or lobby of City Hall. No one is excluded from these areas during those times.

City of Clearwater, Kansas
Sedgwick County
City Council Meeting - **MINUTES**
February 10, 2026
Clearwater City Hall – Council Chambers
129 E. Ross Avenue Clearwater, KS 67026

1. Call to Order/ Invocation and Flag Salute

Mayor Burt Ussery called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed the invocation and flag salute.

2. Roll Call

The City Clerk called the roll to confirm the presence of a quorum. The following members were present: Mayor Burt Ussery, Councilmembers; Justin Shore, Jason Gordon, Samantha Warkins, Shirley Palmer-Witt and Dalton Chambers.

The following staff members were present:

City Administrator Zollinger, City Clerk Poe, Kirk Ives, Amber Ives, Jared Dinwiddie, Cole Hollis and City Attorney Scott Ufford.

3. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Ussery asked if there were any modifications to the agenda, there were none.

Motion: *Palmer-Witt* moved; *Warkins* seconded to approve the agenda as submitted. Voted and passed unanimously.

4. Public Forum

None.

5. Consent Agenda

Mayor Ussery asked if there was any question on the consent agenda and if not asked for a motion to approve.

Previous Council Meeting Minutes
Claims and Warrants

Motion: *Chambers* moved; *Gordon* seconded to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Voted and passed unanimously.

6. Staff Reports:

- Administration Office – Courtney Zollinger – Council inquired about the recent closure of Pizza Hut. Zollinger stated that no official information had been received, other than that a staff member had gone in the day before the closure and was informed of the decision at that time. Council also asked if there had been any word regarding what would happen to the building. Zollinger stated that no information had been received. Council asked if there had been any inquiries about the property on 135th, Zollinger said there had not been.
- Fire Department – Jared Dinwiddie – None.
- Police Department – Kirk Ives – None.
- Public Works/Parks – Cole Hollis – Council asked if the bridgework was still estimated to be completed mid-March, Hollis stated he hasn't heard anything new and believes they are still on track for completion at that time.
- Senior Center – Amber Ives – Mayor Ussery thought the lunch with Commissioner Blubaugh went well, Ives added there were around 60 attendees for this event.

7. Business

a. Field Usage Agreement – Kansas Curve

At the last Council meeting, Council considered a 3-year field usage agreement for Jacob Baca, Kansas Curve Baseball. Council asked for added language that included a termination clause. Scott Ufford has provided the agreement to include revised language for the Kansas Curve Agreement. The term and termination language is all contained in Section 4.2. The

updated language would give either party some wiggle room to terminate if circumstances change in the future. He included that written notice of termination should be provided by April 1 of the current term. The City Council set a fee of \$150/game for each year. Mr. Baca has reviewed and approved the agreement on his end.

Motion: Palmer-Witt moved; **Warkins** seconded to approve the multi-year Field Usage Agreement with Kansas Curve with the added termination language. Voted and passed unanimously.

b. 2025 Equipment Reserve Balance Transfer

City Auditor suggested the Governing Body consider transferring funds that finished the year under budgeted expenditures to the equipment reserve to help offset future purchases that otherwise may have an impact on future mill levies. After wrapping up the 2025 budget year some departments were under their budgeted expenditures, and staff is suggesting the following transfer schedule to the Equipment Reserve Fund:

GENERAL							
	2025 Budgeted Expenditures	Starting Cash Needed for 2026	2025 Actuals	% of Budget	Over/ Under Budgeted	EQ RES XFER	Notes
CASH		\$ 831,162.00	\$ 1,330,050.59		\$ 498,888.59		
Admin	\$ 825,410.00		\$ 810,213.41	98%	\$ 15,196.59	\$ 15,000.00	Road Project
PD	\$ 1,026,445.00		\$ 911,782.60	89%	\$ 114,662.40	\$ 114,000.00	Car Replacment
Court	\$ 86,000.00		\$ 71,654.70	83%	\$ 14,345.30	\$ 13,000.00	PD Car Replacement
PW	\$ 196,625.00		\$ 183,868.13	94%	\$ 12,756.87	\$ 12,000.00	Truck Replacement
Fire	\$ 294,830.00		\$ 285,660.39	97%	\$ 9,169.61	\$ 9,000.00	Fire Truck
Park	\$ 260,921.71		\$ 236,662.64	91%	\$ 24,259.07	\$ 23,000.00	Park Improvements
Museum	\$ 13,997.00		\$ 12,139.00	87%	\$ 1,858.00	\$ 1,800.00	Building Repairs
Special Projects	\$ 585,928.00		\$ 507,760.25	87%	\$ 78,167.75	\$ 78,000.00	Road Project
1% Sales Tax	\$ 369,055.31		\$ 214,203.10	58%	\$ 154,852.21	\$ 154,852.21	Road Project
TOTAL	\$ 4,302,450.71		\$ 4,031,851.56		\$ 270,599.15	\$ 420,652.21	\$ (150,053.06)
GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE AFTER TRANSFER INTO EQ RESERVE						\$ 909,398.38	
Ending Cash Above/Below Budgeted 2025						\$ 78,236.38	

This was due to the open position in the police department, budgeting for staff health insurance that was taken advantage of, and under budgeted estimate for the annual road project. The 7th position for the Police Department was removed for the 2026 budget. By moving these funds into Equipment Reserve, it has allowed the City to pay for the police vehicles with cash, police vehicles are around \$65,000. Public Works usually purchases used vehicles. The money for the 1% sales tax was what was not put into a CD at the beginning of the year. The cash needed to start the 2025 budget year is \$831,162. The ending cash in 2025 was \$1,130,050.59. The General Fund is \$498,888.59 over budget for the needed cash carryover. It is staffs recommendation to place the carryover in equipment reserve to support department needs in the future that will help or alleviate mill levy increase for large purchases. With the suggested equipment reserve transfers the starting cash for 2026 will be \$908,398.38, which is a greater balance than what is needed for the 2026 budget.

DEBT SERVICE						
	2025 Budgeted Expenditures	Starting Cash Needed for 2026	2025 Actuals	% of Budget	Over/ Under Budgeted	EQ RES XFER
CASH		\$ 99,107.00	\$ 117,539.85		\$ 18,432.85	
Expenditures	\$ 345,186.00		\$ 345,186.00	100%	\$ -	\$ -
DEBT SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE AFTER TRANSFER INTO EQ RESERVE						\$ 117,539.85
Ending Cash Above/Below Budgeted 2025						\$ 18,432.85

SPECIAL HIGHWAY						
	2025 Budgeted Expenditures	Starting Cash Needed for 2026	2025 Actuals	% of Budget	Over/ Under Budgeted	EQ RES XFER
CASH		\$ 80,505.00	\$ 85,966.58		\$ 5,461.58	
Expenditures	\$ 150,000.00		\$ 150,000.00	100%	\$ -	\$ -
SPECIAL HIGHWAY FUND CASH BALANCE AFTER TRANSFER INTO EQ RESERVE						\$ 85,966.58
Ending Cash Above/Below Budgeted 2025						\$ 5,461.58

SPECIAL PARKS							
	2025 Budgeted Expenditures	Starting Cash Needed for 2026	2025 Actuals	% of Budget	Over/ Under Budgeted	EQ RES XFER	Notes
CASH		\$ 5,173.00	\$ 16,315.56		\$ 11,142.56		
Expenditures	\$ 11,000.00			0%	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	Park Improvements
SPECIAL PARKS FUND CASH BALANCE AFTER TRANSFER INTO EQ RESERVE						\$ 5,315.56	
Ending Cash Above/Below Budgeted 2025						\$ 142.56	

Special Highway and Special Parks are not Mil Levy. For Special Highway 100% of the spending authority was used. While there is \$5,400 cash than budgeted as a carryover, since the spending authority has been met (\$150,000), any further transfers would be a budget violation. Special Parks fund has a large carryover balance because there was not a set plan to utilize the funds. There is only an \$11,000 spending authority in the 2025 Budget for Special Parks. By moving the funds to equipment reserve the Council will have more flexibility to use the cash on hand for any park projects that might come up in 2026. Debt Service Fund is at 100% of it's spending authority and no other transfers can take place.

WATER OPERATING							
	2025 Budgeted Expenditures	Starting Cash Needed for 2026	2025 Actuals	% of Budget	Remaining	EQ RES XFER	Notes
CASH		\$ 142,158.00	\$ 170,842.80		\$ 28,684.80		
Expenditures	\$ 458,035.00		\$ 452,218.73	99%	\$ 5,816.27	\$ 5,000.00	Water Improvements
WATER FUND CASH BALANCE AFTER TRANSFER INTO EQ RESERVE						\$ 165,842.80	
Ending Cash Above/Below Budgeted 2025						\$ 23,684.80	
SEWER OPERATING							
	2025 Budgeted Expenditures	Starting Cash Needed for 2026	2025 Actuals	% of Budget	Over/ Under Budgeted	EQ RES XFER	Notes
CASH		\$ 246,298.00	\$ 291,752.13		\$ 45,454.13		
Expenditures	\$ 504,207.00		\$ 489,648.53	97%	\$ 14,558.47	\$ 13,000.00	Sewer Improvements
SEWER FUND CASH BALANCE AFTER TRANSFER INTO EQ RESERVE						\$ 278,752.13	
Ending Cash Above/Below Budgeted 2025						\$ 32,454.13	

Water and Sewer were under budget with a surplus in cash than what is needed for the 2026 adopted budget. It is recommended to transfer the remaining budget authority into equipment reserve for emergency or large project needs for both departments. All the funds would be transferred into equipment reserve fund for future use. This has no impact on the mill levy as they are both enterprise funds. Palmer-Witt asked about the Court funds remaining, Zollinger stated most of it was from not having as many court costs probably due to less citations issued. Warkins asked about the \$23,000 from parks, Zollinger stated there were some items that didn't happen that were budgeted for and were under budget on some that did.

Motion: Shore moved; **Gordon** seconded to approve the transfer schedule. Voted and passed unanimously.

c. Noise Ordinance

The Clearwater Police Department became aware of statute changes to noise violation that now does not give guidance or authority to fine or enforce noise "pollution". Clearwater City Code only referred to car noises as potential noise nuisance and did not address other types of noises. The ordinance presented remove the portion of city code that refers to car noise as a nuisance and replaced it with Unreasonable Noise. The City's current city code regulates only loud sound amplification systems originating from motor vehicles using a "plainly audible at 50 feet" standard. Over time, noise complaints within the City have increasingly involved repetitive disturbances from properties or amplified sound devices outside of vehicles. The proposed amendment repeals the existing motor-vehicle-only provision and replaces it with a comprehensive "Unreasonable Noise". The updated ordinance: Establishes a general prohibition on unreasonable noise, provides contextual factors for determining violations (time, duration, character of area, etc.), authorizes law enforcement to order abatement prior to citation, clarifies property owner responsibility, consolidates exemptions (construction hours, lawn care, emergency work, etc.) and provides one clear, consistent penalty provision. The city attorney's office has reviewed the proposed ordinance and does not have any recommended changes. Palmer-Witt asked if there was a citation for this before, Zollinger stated that she believes there was a Statute that got repealed or changed and the City was not made aware. There was an incident that brought this to the attention of the Police Department. Without it being in the Statute or UPOC, it cannot be governed unless it is in city code. Warkins asked who determines what is considered too loud, Zollinger stated it would be personal preference and officer discretion. Shore inquired if this would affect the jake brakes, Ives mentioned there is an Ordinance for engine brake.

Motion: Warkins moved, **Palmer-Witt** seconded to adopt Ordinance 1125 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 11 Of The

Clearwater Municipal Code By Repealing And Replacing Section 11-401 Regarding Noise. Voted and passed unanimously.

d. Clearwater Fire Apparatus Purchase

The ISO Rating for rural areas only (locations outside the City without hydrants) is scheduled to go from an 6/10 to an 8b/10 where the 8b is worse. The City was offered to mitigate the retrogression and given 1 year to complete it. The City must purchase an apparatus to haul water with the minimums of a 2,000-gallon tank, 2.5" intake valve and a 10" Newton Dump Valve. On top of purchasing an apparatus, the apparatus must be tested to verify the water intake and out meet the needs. This will only be tested after Clearwater has possession. The apparatus must also be put into service and have gone out on calls. Zollinger, Dinwiddie and Patrick have met and narrowed it down to 2 companies for tenders and tankers. The companies are Emergency Fire, out of Mayfield, KS, and the other is OSCO Tank out of Orion, Illinois. Mayor Ussery went over the current fleet in detail and the requirements needed for the new apparatus for the ISO rating.

Equipment	Engines (2)	Brush Trucks (2)	Tender (1)	Tanker (Currently 0)
Purpose	Fight Fires	Fight Fires	Fight Fires & Haul Water	Haul Water
Capacity	1 @ 1,000 gals 1 @ 1,500 gals	1 @ 300 gals 1 @ 700 gals	2, 500 gals	1984 Tanker – Had for 15 years 2,000 gals 2 ½ "intake valve 10" newton dump valve
Back up	Have 2	Have 2	Engines (have now been the plan since early 2025)	Replace with Tender or Tanker
Requirement to satisfy ISO mitigation	Good	Good	Good	Need replacement w/minimum: 2,000 gals 2½" intake valve 10" newton dump valve

Mayor Ussery wanted to clarify to meet the requirements for ISO, a tanker with minimum of 2,000-gallon capacity, 2 ½" intake valve and a 10" newton dump valve is what is needed anything above those minimums, Council will have to decided to spend more money for more capabilities if they choose. There is currently \$276,272 cash available that includes the \$60,000 from the 2026 budget and the \$9,000 that was just approved to be transferred. All options apparatuses being presented are:

EMERGENCY FIRE - Tender Options				
YEAR	Gallons	Stock Pricing no Changes	Options	Total with Options
2027	2000	\$353,751.00	\$ 29,028.00	\$382,779.00
2027	2500	\$392,910.00	\$32,740.00	\$425,650.00
2027	3000	\$399,930.00	\$32,740.00	\$432,670.00
Cost	Option	Description		
\$1,428.00	Air Horn	Amplify sound from truck (Sirens)		
\$10,500.00	Mechanical Tank Rack	Safety for fireman - prevent strain and possible injury) Current Tender and old Tank don't have a mechanical		
\$5,500.00	Hard Suction Trough	Storage for hard suction hoses (Not on Tender or old tanker)		
\$3,712.00	Side Dump Valves	Able to discharge water on side instead just rear (Not on Tender or old tanker)		
\$1,800.00	2 1/2" Additional Dump Valve on passenger side	Fill tank from either side (not on tender or old tanker)		
\$9,800.00	Manual Deck Gun	Large defenses operations and for shooting water into un accessible terrain (Tender DOES have this the old Tanker didn't)		
OSCO - Tanker Options				
YEAR	Gallons	As Is	Delivery Price	Total with Delivery
2014	3000	\$226,500.00	\$1,937	\$228,437.00
2018	3000	\$248,300.00	\$1,937	\$250,237.00
2027	3000	\$336,600.00	\$1,937	\$338,537.00
	Available Funds in Equipment Reserve			\$216,272.70
	Available Funds for EQ Transfer 2026			\$60,000.00
				\$276,272.70

Dinwiddie is recommending the purchase of a 3,000-gallon tender with pumping and water shuttle capabilities to replace

the 1984 tanker that was taken out of service. This recommendation is based off what they have now and would be used as a backup for the primary tender. Dinwiddie reached out to Cheney and Reno County to get their input on the Osco trucks they have experience with. They didn't have much input, Travis with Reno County did say their Osco truck has performed for the minimum requirements of what they need for a 3,000-gallon tank and has had some issues with resources on scene. Reno County has the Osco Dominator and Commander. The Dominator is like the current tender Clearwater has and similar to one of the Emergency Fire truck quotes. There is a bigger pump, more capacity and can haul more equipment than the Commander. Dinwiddie stated that Clearwater Fire is more familiar with Emergency Fire than Osco since they purchased vehicles from them before. He recommends purchasing from Emergency Fire the 2027, 3,000 gallons with the options. Mayor Ussery asked if the previous tanker's lack of these options ever hindered the outcome of fighting fires. Dinwiddie could not recall any situation in where that caused a problem, the dual purpose of that vehicle was mainly for wildland operations and vegetation fires but was also used for structural fires in rural areas. Mayor Ussery asked if there had been issues not having that additional water capacity since the tanker was taken out of service in early 2025, Dinwiddie said there had not been locally since they had mutual or auto aid in any event where a second tender may have been needed, they have been able to sustain and maintain the scenes with the current in-house fleet. Shore asked if the cabs would have the capacity to transport the people and equipment, Dinwiddie confirmed it would and they would be just regular chassis and if it had a bench, it would be able to transport 3 people. Zollinger spoke with Cindy, the retrogression leader, and the deadline is November 1st for everything to be implemented, tested, on-site and going on runs. Emergency Fire has stated they would have the apparatus ready in 200 days whereas Osco is around 9 months since they would need to build it. With Osco having to build it, they are unable to guarantee delivery by 9 months. Zollinger asked Verisk, ISO team, clarification of what would happen if the November 1st deadline was unable to be met and provided them with the details of both timeframes provided by Emergency Fire and Osco. If the City kept in communication with Verisk, they may provide another 30 days. Zollinger then asked Verisk what would happen if the deadlines were missed completely, they informed her the ratings would then be set for the rural areas, and the City could ask them to reevaluate and change the ratings in 6 months to a year. Council discussed insurance going up for the rural area, Zollinger stated that it would depend on the insurance companies and their running certain information to determine increases or decreases in rates. Dinwiddie mentioned that the Osco truck would be unable to draft or relay pump to the fire apparatus given a certain scenario on structure fires in rural areas. He then showed Council a drawing of rural operations with how each apparatus would work in pumping or transferring water to the other apparatuses, which is why they would like the apparatus from Emergency Fire since it would give them the capability to draft and pump at the same time if needed. Mayor Ussery asked if the 1984 tanker had those capabilities, Dinwiddie answered no. Warkins asked if the added options were necessary since they weren't on the old tanker. Dinwiddie said the mechanical tank rack would help with safety and the manual deck gun would be for large volume of water going long distances. She asked if it was necessary since the primary vehicle already has those capabilities, he believes it would be wise and the primary, Engine 71, would go to secondary if Council approved the purchase of this pumper/tender and then Tender 71 would be used for mutual and auto aid so the primary could be kept in town. Shore thinks going with Emergency Fire would be better due to the time frame of getting the apparatus. Warkins asked what option was not included in the 2,000-gallon tanker, Dinwiddie said it was the side dump valve which is not necessary but is a luxury. It would help not to have to maneuver the vehicle to a certain spot to release the water. Mayor Ussery stated if they went with the Osco, 9-month wait, there would be some leeway on time and to satisfy it being out on a call it would be as simple as responding to a, even if the call gets cancelled. The risk is a 6-12-month reevaluation period and the insurance rates aren't guaranteed to go up. Mayor Ussery would like to see the new apparatus instead of used due to possible maintenance issues, but from a taxpayer's view, with the little amount the apparatus is used, doesn't see why the tanker wouldn't satisfy the request. Council asked how the difference would be paid if they picked any of the apparatuses that cost more than what cash there is available. Zollinger said she has reached out to Volunteer financing, who financed the Pierce truck or Emprise and is waiting for their response. Emprise would have higher interest rates. Mayor Ussery thinks the ISO deadline is important but should not be the driving factor on the decision. Warkins asked if using these funds would put the Fire Department in jeopardy if any other emergency spending was needed, Zollinger stated that amount is only for replacement fire trucks and would not hurt anything other than when the Brush truck will need to be replaced in about 3 years and cost around \$100,000. Council has budgeted to put \$60,000 in that line, so by 2028 there will be \$120,000 in there. Gordon asked if there was any chance the ISO ratings would change making the used apparatuses obsolete, Zollinger stated not with the apparatus only a possible change for houses certain distances from fire stations. Council asked about the used Osco apparatuses, Zollinger said the chassis are the used part and the tanks are new, he builds and manufactures the tanks, which is why the delivery is not guaranteed to be before 9 months. Chambers asked what problems Reno County had with the Osco truck, Dinwiddie stated it was maintenance, he believe it was leaking transmission fluid and loose bolts on the housing of the pump and eventually Osco brought in some of their people to fix

it after they had taken it to a local shop. Shore asked if the City has reached out to Townships to see if they would help absorb some of the cost, Zollinger said they had not but Mayor Ussery doesn't see that being an issue since it is their ISO ratings that the City is trying to protect with City funds. He pointed out that a tanker would meet the obligations of having the water on site and asked what is fair to ask of the taxpayers. Mayor Ussery believes the 2027 Cosco with the new tank would be a good option that would last 15-20 years especially with the upkeep and maintenance the Fire Department does on the vehicles. He asked Council for their recommendations. Shore would like to see the Emergency Fire 2027 with 3,000 gallons and the options at \$432,670, Warkins recommended the Emergency Fire 2027 with 2,000 gallons. Palmer-Witt asked if the City had to submit information to the insurance companies, Zollinger stated no and ISO does not notify them either, they just put the information out. Palmer-Witt does not want to see the ISO deadline determine the decision, but the finances to which Mayor Ussery agreed. Palmer-Witt doesn't want to see the City take out a loan and is leaning towards the 2018 Osco so there are still funds in the reserves as well as try to recoup some of the funds from the Townships. Council then briefly discussed other ISO ratings in the County, Zollinger mentioned that County has excellent ISO ratings but the rural areas being away from stations are usually a 10. Mayor then mentioned the meeting regarding Fire District 1 still on the schedule for March. Gordon would not like to see a used vehicle and is leaning toward Samantha's recommendation based on the taxpayer. Chambers is leaning towards Samantha's recommendation or the 2027 Osco. Mayor Ussery asked if there were any other costs that may incur that haven't been thought of Dinwiddie said no, they have surplus hose, tools and radios for the truck the only thing he could think of is possibly the hard suction but could be covered from the regular budget or donations. Dinwiddie mentioned the SOPs for rural responses, structure fires would be Engine 71 first out, then Tender 71 (as of now), then if a Tender is approved it would be third out and Engine 72 would be the fourth unit out. For wildland brush fire, both brushes go out first, then the tender, and approved tender and fifth unit out would be Engine 72. Dinwiddie mentioned the 194 tank did not go out much, Zollinger explained it went out 3 times in 2021, 4 times in 2022, 3 times in 2023 and was out of service in 2024. Mayor Ussery reminded Council that the budget process will be starting soon, Zollinger then mentioned that there were options that they could take off to reduce the cost of the presented apparatuses. Dinwiddie said his major requests would be to keep the manual deck gun and the 2nd inlet (2 ½" dump valve for \$1,800). Council discussed the costs of each recommend truck with the deck gun and the 2 ½" dump valve. Mayor Ussery stated all recommendations besides the 2018 Osco would be a deficit, but all 3 would satisfy the ISO requirement.

Motion: *Warkins* moved, *Gordon* seconded to approve the purchase of the 2027, 2,000-gallon capacity Tender from Emergency Fire with the 2 options of the 2 ½" dump valve and manual deck gun at \$365,351. Voted and passed. Palmer-Witt voted no.

9. Governing Body

Gordon – None.

Shore – Attended Local Government day and will get notes out to the governing body. There were many Bills in discussion that could affect Clearwater. One being no more appointments would be allowed, only elections and sales and property tax eliminations. Mayor Ussery stated there was discussion on Right-of-ways and electric fence exemptions, he also notated that the League is a great advocate for these issues.

Warkins – There is a Fall Festival meeting on Monday at 6 pm. There were only 5 people who attended last month and is getting concerned with the lack of volunteers. There will also be a pre-bid meeting at the Senior Center tomorrow.

Warkins spoke at the Senior Center about the possible expansion with 10-12 people in attendance.

Palmer-Witt – None.

Chambers – None.

Ussery – Thanked Jared and Courtney for the research and discussion on the apparatus. He mentioned the budget and how this will affect decision making.

10. Executive Session

None.

11. Adjournment

Motion: *Shore* moved; *Palmer-Witt* seconded to adjourn the meeting. Voted and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

CERTIFICATE

State of Kansas }
County of Sedgwick }
City of Clearwater }

I, Jaye Poe, City Clerk of the City of Clearwater, Sedgwick County, Kansas, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the approved minutes of the February 10th, 2026, City Council meeting.

Given under my hand and official seal of the City of Clearwater, Kansas, this 24th day of February 2026.

Jaye Poe, City Clerk



Clearwater, KS

Check Report

By Check Number

Date Range: 01/20/2026 - 02/11/2026

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
Bank Code: AP Bank-AP Bank						
0356	FREEDOM CLAIMS	01/20/2026	Regular	0.00	2,211.45	31
0356	FREEDOM CLAIMS	01/21/2026	Regular	0.00	2,761.56	32
0036	AMAZON BUSINESS	01/28/2026	Regular	0.00	926.53	52328
0524	KANSAS MAYORS ASSOCIATION	01/28/2026	Regular	0.00	50.00	52329
0563	KS DEPT OF HEALTH & ENVIRON.	01/28/2026	Regular	0.00	924.00	52330
0670	NATIONAL SIGN COMPANY INC	01/28/2026	Regular	0.00	575.71	52331
0737	PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CONS	01/28/2026	Regular	0.00	11,062.50	52332
0808	SEDGWICK COUNTY DEPT OF FINANCE	01/28/2026	Regular	0.00	14.25	52333
0528	KANSAS MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION	01/27/2026	Regular	0.00	40.00	52334
0001	1ST DUE DIVISION, BANNER FIRE EQUIPMENT	01/28/2026	Regular	0.00	2,247.70	52335
0028	ALL SEASONS SPORTSWEAR, INC	01/28/2026	Regular	0.00	276.68	52336
0036	AMAZON BUSINESS	01/28/2026	Regular	0.00	115.83	52337
0114	BRENNTAG SOUTHWEST, INC.	01/28/2026	Regular	0.00	973.50	52338
1001	BRIAN RICHEY	01/28/2026	Regular	0.00	511.17	52339
0178	CITYCODE FINANCIAL LLC	01/28/2026	Regular	0.00	1,500.00	52340
0193	CLEARWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY	01/28/2026	Regular	0.00	84,482.74	52341
0194	CLEARWATER WELLNESS CENTER	01/28/2026	Regular	0.00	90.00	52342
0296	EMERGENCY FIRE EQUIPMENT	01/28/2026	Regular	0.00	6,165.50	52343
0364	GALL'S INC.	01/28/2026	Regular	0.00	46.58	52344
0369	GARVER, LLC	01/28/2026	Regular	0.00	4,793.70	52345
0398	HACH COMPANY	01/28/2026	Regular	0.00	817.46	52346
0441	J & H STORAGE	01/28/2026	Regular	0.00	65.00	52347
0445	J. MARTIN CO.	01/28/2026	Regular	0.00	45,000.00	52348
0521	KANSAS JUDICIAL COUNCIL	01/28/2026	Regular	0.00	45.00	52349
0568	KYLE BERGER	01/28/2026	Regular	0.00	21.67	52350
0583	LEASE FINANCE PARTNERS	01/28/2026	Regular	0.00	568.94	52351
0619	MCDONALD TINKER PA	01/28/2026	Regular	0.00	500.87	52352
0712	PEARSON CONSTRUCTION LLC	01/28/2026	Regular	0.00	168,453.00	52353
0725	POSTALOCITY	01/28/2026	Regular	0.00	900.00	52354
0751	REAP CENTER FOR URBAN STUDIES	01/28/2026	Regular	0.00	811.00	52355
0769	ROASTER JOE'S	01/28/2026	Regular	0.00	41.50	52356
0909	TRUE2U AUTOMOTIVE, LLP	01/28/2026	Regular	0.00	25.00	52357
0258	DELTA DENTAL	02/02/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	1,160.93	DFT0000002
0142	CASEY'S	02/11/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	1,746.19	DFT0000003
0590	LIBERTY NATIONAL	01/26/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	554.52	DFT0000004
0018	AFLAC	02/11/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	734.06	DFT0000007
0518	KANSAS GAS SERVICE	02/11/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	362.19	DFT0000009
0518	KANSAS GAS SERVICE	02/11/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	427.12	DFT0000011
0518	KANSAS GAS SERVICE	02/11/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	385.63	DFT0000012
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0518	KANSAS GAS SERVICE	02/11/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	59.69	DFT0000014
0518	KANSAS GAS SERVICE	02/11/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	538.83	DFT0000015
0537	KANSAS TURNPIKE AUTHORITY	02/11/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	1.32	DFT0000016
1027	KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	02/11/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	371.86	DFT0000017
0627	MERCHANT SERVICES	02/11/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	778.34	DFT0000018
0912	TWIN VALLEY TELEPHONE	02/11/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	3.00	DFT0000019
0912	TWIN VALLEY TELEPHONE	02/11/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	59.40	DFT0000020
0912	TWIN VALLEY TELEPHONE	02/11/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	183.35	DFT0000021
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0912	TWIN VALLEY TELEPHONE	02/11/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	107.99	DFT0000023
0912	TWIN VALLEY TELEPHONE	02/11/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	91.92	DFT0000024
0912	TWIN VALLEY TELEPHONE	02/11/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	230.60	DFT0000025
1005	VERIZON WIRELESS	02/11/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	40.01	DFT0000026
0356	FREEDOM CLAIMS	02/11/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	6,707.50	DFT0000027

Check Report

Date Range: 01/20/2026 - 02/11/2026

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
0205	COLONIAL LIFE INSURANCE CO.	02/11/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	87.30	DFT0000028
0789	SAM'S CLUB	02/11/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	337.53	DFT0000029
1005	VERIZON WIRELESS	02/11/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	518.49	DFT0000030
0134	CARDMEMBER SERVICES	02/11/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	3,785.25	DFT0000031

Bank Code AP Bank Summary

Payment Type	Payable Count	Payment Count	Discount	Payment
Regular Checks	39	32	0.00	337,018.84
Manual Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Voided Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Bank Drafts	26	26	0.00	20,566.94
EFT's	0	0	0.00	0.00
	65	58	0.00	357,585.78

All Bank Codes Check Summary

Payment Type	Payable Count	Payment Count	Discount	Payment
Regular Checks	39	32	0.00	337,018.84
Manual Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Voided Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Bank Drafts	26	26	0.00	20,566.94
EFT's	0	0	0.00	0.00
	65	58	0.00	357,585.78

Fund Summary

Fund	Name	Period	Amount
999	POOLED CASH	1/2026	332,600.35
999	POOLED CASH	2/2026	20,012.42
			352,612.77



Clearwater, KS

Check Register

Packet: APPKT00038 - 2026 02 Fire Truck Tender

By Check Number

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
0296	EMERGENCY FIRE EQUIPMENT	02/12/2026	Regular	0.00	182,489.50	52399

Bank Code AP Bank Summary

Payment Type	Payable Count	Payment Count	Discount	Payment
Regular Checks	1	1	0.00	182,489.50
Manual Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Voided Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Bank Drafts	0	0	0.00	0.00
EFT's	0	0	0.00	0.00
	1	1	0.00	182,489.50

Fund Summary

Fund	Name	Period	Amount
999	POOLED CASH	2/2026	182,489.50
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			182,489.50

**City of Clearwater
City Council Meeting
February 18, 2025**

Consent for Annexation – Lot 13 Block 2 Prairie Meadows Estates Additon

Context: A consent for annexation and request to connect to city water was received on February 17, 2026, for the property legal description: Lot 13 Block 2 Prairie Meadows Estates Additon Sedgwick County, Kansas.

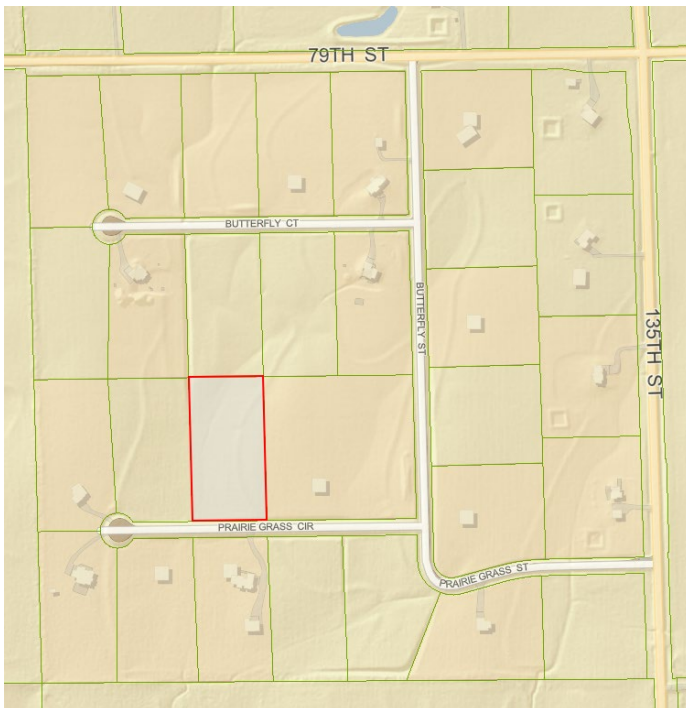
At this time, Council will need to adopt a resolution requesting Sedgwick County release the property for annexation.

Once the County has the consent and the resolution and the Board of County Commissioners approves releasing the property, the Governing Body will need to vote on an ordinance annexing the property into the City.

Financial: There are no financial considerations for this item. However, the property owner is required to pay a water tap fee for a water meter.

Legal Considerations: Review and Comment as Necessary

Recommendations/Actions: Adopt a resolution requesting Sedgwick County release Lot 13 Block 2 Prairie Meadows Estates Additon for annexation into Clearwater City Limits.



THE CITY OF CLEARWATER, KANSAS

RESOLUTION NO. 03-2026

A RESOLUTION FINDING IT ADVISABLE, DESIRABLE, BENEFICIAL AND IN THE INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC TO ISLAND ANNEX CERTAIN LAND AND REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO FIND AND DETERMINE THAT THIS ANNEXATION WILL NOT HINDER OR PREVENT THE PROPER GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA OR THAT OF ANY OTHER INCORPORATED CITY LOCATED WITHIN SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 12-520c.

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2026, a written Consent to and Petition for Annexation was filed with the City Clerk of the City of Clearwater, Kansas, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the land described in said written Consent to and Petition for Annexation is legally described as Lot 13, Block 2 of the Prairie Meadow Estates Addition to Sedgwick County, Kansas, and is located between 79th Street South on the north, 135th Street West on the east, 87th Street South on the south and 151st Street West on the west; and

WHEREAS, said tract does not currently adjoin the boundaries of the City of Clearwater, Kansas but is proximate to and within the natural growth area of the City of Clearwater, Kansas and may be served with potable water from an existing adjacent City of Clearwater, Kansas water main; and

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 12-520c (c) requires that the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, by a 2/3 vote of the members thereof, find and determine that the annexation of such land will not hinder or prevent the proper growth and development of the area or that of any other incorporated city located within Sedgwick County, Kansas before the City of Clearwater, Kansas may annex such land.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER, KANSAS:

Section 1. Findings

The Governing Body of the City of Clearwater, Kansas finds it advisable, desirable, beneficial and in the interests of the public to annex into the corporate boundaries of the City of Clearwater, Kansas the following real property, to-wit:

Lot 13, Block 2 of the Prairie Meadow Estates Addition to Sedgwick County, Kansas, Clearwater, Kansas 67026.

Section 2. Request

The City of Clearwater, Kansas hereby respectfully requests that the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, by a 2/3 vote of the members thereof, find and

determine that the annexation of said tract will not hinder or prevent the proper growth and development of the area or any other incorporated city located within Sedgwick County, as required under K.S.A. 12-520c (a)(3).

Section 3. Filing

The City Clerk of the City of Clearwater, Kansas, is hereby authorized to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas.

Adopted by the City Council this 24th day of February 2026.

Approved by the Mayor this 24th day of February 2026.

MAYOR, Burt Ussery

SEAL

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK, Jaye Poe

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF KANSAS)
) ss:
COUNTY OF SEDGWICK)

On this 24th day of February 2026, I, Jaye Poe, City Clerk of the City of Clearwater, Kansas, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of City of Clearwater, Kansas Resolution No. 03-2026, as adopted by the Clearwater City Council on the 24th day of February 2026 and approved by Mayor Burt Ussery on the 24th day of February 2026.

SEAL

CITY CLERK, Jaye Poe

CONSENT FOR ANNEXATION

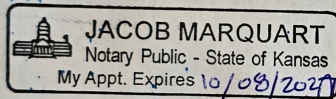
TO: The Governing Body of the City of Clearwater, Kansas

The undersigned owners of record of the following described land hereby petition the Governing Body of the City of Clearwater, Kansas, to annex such land to the City. The land to be annexed is described as follows:

Legal Description: Lot 13 Block 2 Prairie Meadow Estates Add

And commonly known as: _____

The undersigned further warrant and guarantee that they are the only owners of record of the land.



[Handwritten signature of Notary Public]

David McDanel & Amanda McDanel

Owner or Officer Name and Title (Print)

~~David McDanel~~ ~~Amanda McDanel~~

Owner or Officer Signature

[Handwritten signature]

**City of Clearwater
City Council Meeting
February 19, 2026**

Mayoral Appointment

Context: Per City Code all volunteers are to be appointed by the Mayor upon approval of the City Council.

Chief Dinwiddie is requesting the following individuals to be appointed to the volunteer fire service:

Bill Kenney - FF

Financial: There is no financial obligation for the City.

Legal Considerations: Review and comment as necessary.

Recommendations/Actions: Approve the mayor's appointment.

**City of Clearwater
City Council Meeting
February 20, 2026**

SLWA Amendment

Background: In 2022 the Governing Body partnered with Service Line Warranties of America that offers a warranty program to homeowners for service water and sewer lines. The warranty is voluntary only and not required for homeowners to have.

There is an amendment to the original agreement to update and reflect the no-data-sharing construct for Kansas.

Paragraph 2B was deleted

*B. Property Owner Data. If City elects to do so, City may provide Company with Property Owner Data for use by Company in furtherance of the advertisement, marketing, and sale of the Products. Any name, service address, postal address, and any other appropriate or necessary data for Property Owners in City is defined as "**Property Owner Data**". Property Owners Data shall be and remain City's property. For any Property Owner Data provided by City to Company, City warrants that Property Owner Data has been and will be collected in compliance with all laws, statutes, treaties, rules, codes, ordinances, regulations, permits, official guidelines, judgments, orders and interpretations ("**Applicable Laws**"); and City is permitted by Applicable Laws and by any applicable privacy policy to provide Property Owner Data to Company and to permit Company to use Property Owner Data for the purposes of this Agreement. A Property Owner who has purchased a Product is a member ("**Member**") and, following such purchase, all data in Company's control or possession relating to Members is Company's property.*

Switched out with this paragraph:

B. Data. Any name, service address, postal address, and any other appropriate or necessary data for Property Owners in City is defined as "**Property Owner Data**". Company may obtain Property Owner Data from a third-party, for use by Company in furtherance of the advertisement, marketing, and sale of the Products and such information shall be the property and Confidential Information under Section 5 of this Agreement of Company. Company warrants that all Property Owner Data purchased from a third-party has and will be collected in compliance with all laws, statutes, treaties, rules, codes, ordinances, regulations, permits, official guidelines, judgments, orders and interpretations ("**Applicable Laws**"); A Property Owner who has purchased a Product is a member ("**Member**") and all data in Company's control or possession relating to Members is Company's property.

Financial: No financial consideration

Legal Consideration: The city attorney's office has reviewed the amendment and has approved the language.

Actions: Approve the amendment and authorize the mayor to sign.

AMENDMENT NO. ONE TO MARKETING AGREEMENT

EFFECTIVE DATE OF AMENDMENT: _____

This **AMENDMENT NO. ONE** (this “**Amendment**”) to **MARKETING AGREEMENT**, dated April 29, 2022 (the “**Agreement**”), is entered into by and between Utility Service Partners Private Label, Inc. d/b/a Service Line Warranties of America (“**Company**”) and the City of Clearwater, Kansas (“**City**”). Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined in this Amendment have the meanings set forth in the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Section 2.B of the Agreement is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“B. Data. Any name, service address, postal address, and any other appropriate or necessary data for Property Owners in City is defined as “**Property Owner Data**”. Company may obtain Property Owner Data from a third-party, for use by Company in furtherance of the advertisement, marketing, and sale of the Products and such information shall be the property and Confidential Information under Section 5 of this Agreement of Company. Company warrants that all Property Owner Data purchased from a third-party has and will be collected in compliance with all laws, statutes, treaties, rules, codes, ordinances, regulations, permits, official guidelines, judgments, orders and interpretations (“**Applicable Laws**”); A Property Owner who has purchased a Product is a member (“**Member**”) and all data in Company’s control or possession relating to Members is Company’s property.

2. The notice information for Company set forth in Section 8 of the Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“**To:** Company:
Utility Service Partners Private Label, Inc.
c/o HomeServe USA Corp.
45 Glover Avenue, 6th Floor
Norwalk, CT 06850
Attention: Michael Backus, Chief Revenue Officer
email: michael.backus@homeserveusa.com

With a copy to:
Legal Department
email: legal@homeserveusa.com”

Except as otherwise modified or amended by this Amendment, all other provisions, terms and conditions of the Agreement remain unchanged and in full force and effect

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Amendment as of the Effective Date set forth above.

CITY OF CLEARWATER

UTILITY SERVICE PARTNERS PRIVATE LABEL, INC.

By: _____
Name:
Title:

By: _____
Name:
Title:

To: Mayor and City Council
 From: Courtney Zollinger, City Administrator
 Date: February 24, 2026
 Re: Administration Report

- There will be a **joint meeting** with the Rec and School Board on **Wednesday, February 25th**.
- We had the Pre-Bid meeting for the Senior Center on Wednesday, February 11th. The bid opening will be at City Hall on Friday, February 27th.
- Sedgwick County Manager, Tom Stolz, has scheduled a meeting to meet with staff regarding fire agreements on March 30th.
- Sedgwick County Commissioners called a meeting for Friday February 20th to follow up on a discussion they have started on the county sales tax distribution formula. The mayor and I will be attending the meeting.
- The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on March 3rd for a request to put an accessory structure (fence) on a lot that does not have a house.
- The registration for the City Leaders Academy in Salina is now open. This event will be on Friday, April 17. **Please let Jaye know if you would like her to register you for this event.** She has not had anyone reach out asking her to get them registered.
- The new Court Software (Municipal Justice 10) went live the week of February 17th. Next will be Payroll on March 9th. Staff is still working on learning the system and data conversion.
- Year to Date (January 2026): 1% Sales Tax Collected: **\$28,511.15**
- Total Sales Tax Collected since January 2024: **\$756,987.77**

Dates to Remember

- February 25th – Joint Meeting City – School – Rec Commission
- February 27th – Bid Opening for Senior Center
- March 31st – Council Workshop
- April 17th – City Leaders Academy in Salina
- April 18th – City Wide Clean Up
- April 24th – Art Walk 6p-9p
- May 25th – City Offices Closed
- June 30th – Council Workshop
- September 29th – Council Workshop
- October 16th-18th – Fall Festival
- October 31st – Downtown Trick or Treat

Active Nuisances/ Code Violations

148 Lee	115 N Gorin	116 S Gorin	205 Tracy	130 Tracy	427 N 1 st Ave Ct
132 N Lee	123 S Tracy	211 S Lee	150 N Tracy		

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Jared Dinwiddie
Clearwater Fire Chief

Date: February 19, 2026

Re: Fire Department Staff Report

- Clearwater Fire responded to **12** medical calls and **0** fire calls since our last report.
- Average response time for SGCO EMS on medical calls has been around **18** minutes. Sedgwick County EMS Community Response Vehicle (CRV81) response time has averaged about 3 minutes.
- To Date: The department has been unable to respond to **0** emergency calls.
- To Date: The CRV has been unstaffed **1** time.
- The department conducted a joint training course with Viola Fire at our last fire meeting on the 17th. Personnel from both departments went over each department's apparatus and discussed response practices.
- Lt. Kyle Berger and FF Austin Baumann deployed with the Sedgwick County Wildland Task Force to Southwestern Kansas to assist with the wildfires earlier in the week. Departments deployed included Wichita Fire, Colwich Fire, Clearwater Fire, and Marion County Fire District. Their primary functions were structural protection, fire line monitoring, and relief for local agencies.
- The department has signed the contract and submitted the down payment to Emergency Fire Equipment for the purchase of the new Tender.
- Chief Dinwiddie and CMO both participated in a Pipeline Safety Class provided by the Kansas Pipeline Association. One class was held in Derby, and another was held in Wellington.

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Kirk Ives, Chief of Police

Date: February 19, 2026

Re: Police Department Staff Report

Officers:

All officers are doing well.

Sgt. Jacks completed FBI leadership training this past week. Lt. Gearhardt will be taking the same course before the end of the year.

Sgt Pickens and Chief Ives completed the same class last year.

Police Clerk:

SPV permits have started over and Tricia has been busy. The count is now 43.

Building:

The ceiling in the lobby had a leak in this past snowstorm...It has dried out and looks to be fine as of this report.

The camera system is back up and working.

Vehicles:

Regular maintenance.

The scheduled replacement of the new patrol car is completed.

The Durango has had all the components removed. It will be put on Purple Wave to be auctioned off.

Matters of interest since the last meeting on Police Activity:

We have had 48 dispatched/reported calls with 14 arrests and 17 citations issued since my last report. (Does not always include self-initiated calls).

To: Mayor and City Council Members

From: Cole Hollis, Public Works Director

Date: February 24, 2026

Subject: Public Works Summary

1. Replaced starter on Badboy Mower
2. Cut trees out of fence lines at the ponds
3. Graded dirt roads
4. Mirrors and paper towel dispensers installed
5. Replace electric motor shaft key on channel mitt
6. Repair water service at 826 Streamside Ct
7. Picked up and delivered commodities
8. Break down old meters for recycling brass
9. Clean out 2-inch meter pits to find lay lengths for future meter changes
10. Replace meter pit box at 301 S 3rd
11. Water meter valve box hit by dozer at diagonal bridge, box replaced with 6-inch c900
12. Changed out meters. This was the last big push for regular (3/4" & 1") meters. We have a rough count of 15 1-inch meters left to change and less than 5 3/4-inch meters. We now plan to move forward with changing 1.5" & 2" meters. Changing one of these meters is equivalent in scope to repairing a water leak. Once we are prepared. We will be attempting to schedule one of these a week.



Clearwater Senior Center

Staff Report

February 19, 2026

To: Mayor & City Council

From: Amber Ives, Coordinator

We continue to have a great time at the Center. February is the shortest month, but I think we have managed to be the busiest this month! The educational opportunities we have hosted have been well attended along with many other fun activities.

We have had the high school and middle school in for a visit and had a great turnout of seniors attending both events.

Monday, February 16, we joined with the Clearwater Recreation Commission for a puzzle challenge including all ages and it has already been suggested that we plan another event soon!

We will be starting a Walk With Ease class hosted by Sedgwick County Health Department starting the 9th of March. This class will run through April 17. This is an evidence-based program, and we hope to have a good turnout for this class.

Respectfully,

Amber Ives

Senior Center Coordinator

**City of Clearwater
City Council Meeting
February 20, 2026**

Fire Department 2027 Tender

Context: At the February 10, 2026 meeting the city council approved the purchase of a 2000 gallon tender from Emergency Fire.

Financial: The purchase price for the tender is \$364,979.00. 50% was required to put down for the tender and that amount was paid using equipment reserve funds. There is \$275,000 in equipment reserve fire for trucks. \$182,489.50 has been used for the down payment.

The city will need to finance \$90,000 for the balance of the truck. We have received quotes from Volunteer Financing and Emprise Bank

	TERM	Interest	Annual	Total Amount
Emprise Bank	36 months	4.5%	\$32,127	\$96,380
Emprise Bank	60 months	4.5%	\$20,135	\$100,672
Volunteer Financing	60 months	5.71%	\$21,198	\$105,987

Emprise Bank also has a \$350 origination fee.

Legal Considerations: review and comment as necessary.

Recommendations/Actions: Accept the Emprise Bank 4.5% rate and choose either a 3 year or 5 year note.