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The La Cygne City Council met on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at the La Cygne Community Building. Council Members present: Jerome Mitzner; Robert Sullivan; Kent Wade; and Oscar Marino. ABSENT: Ed Smith

Others in attendance included but not limited to: City Clerk (CC) Jodi Wade; Police Chief Zachary Mathies; Public Works Director (PWD) Dan Nasalroad; City Attorney Jeff Deane (via Zoom); Linn County Newspaper, Brian King (via Zoom); and Linn County Journal, Roger Sims; and Emil Wilson.

CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER (7:00 P.M.)

Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Debra Wilson

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Debra Wilson noted the weather was really nice outside and to be aware of people out walking and kids playing.

CONSENT AGENDA:

❖ Motion to approve Consent Agenda:

Council Member Mitzner motioned to accept the Consent Agenda.

Minutes of the February 4, 2026 Council Meeting;
Minutes of the February 9, 2026 Special Council Meeting;
Minutes of the February 12, 2026 Special Council Meeting;
Minutes of the February 13, 2026 Special Council Meeting.
Check Register: February 2, 2026 – February 13, 2026;

Motion seconded by Council Member Marino, voted on, passed 4-0

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR:

NONE

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS:

POLICE CHIEF ZACHARY MATHIES

Chief Mathies presented his monthly report: Traffic Stops (115), Calls for Service (73), District and Building Checks (325), Reports (26), Citations (14).

From January 21 – February 3, 2026 : (2) Information Reports; (0) Alcohol Offenses; (0) Traffic Misd. Offenses; (32) Traffic Warnings; (3) Criminal Offense Reports; (25) Calls for Service; (0) Accident Report; (0) Drug Offense; (1) Warrant Arrests; (3) Traffic Citations; (1) Animal Citations; (47) UTV Registration.

2019 Tahoe has been purchased, received positive feedback on social media. Waiting on the radio to arrive to complete outfit.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS:

POLICE CHIEF ZACHARY MATHIES

The 2016 Ram 1500 (Unit 302) had diagnostics performed resulting in rusty metal flakes in the oil pan, also lifter 5 failed. Currently has 124,000 miles on it. Discussion was held regarding the installation of a refurbished engine for \$10,643 by the dealer, getting quotes to have a local mechanic install a refurb engine, sell as-is, or keep it until it dies. The current cost to have the diagnostics performed was \$900. After continued discussion, the council concurred to bring the truck home and get some quotes from local mechanics to repair the front end and install a refurbished engine.

Chief Mathies will be performing interviews on Friday and Monday for the full-time police officer position. A couple of applications have been received and one of the part-time officers showed interest as well.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR – DAN NASALROAD

PWD Nasalroad presented his report and Public Works Superintendent Rockers report. No questions were asked.

PWD Nasalroad requested a pay increase for the seasonal cemetery caretaker position. He reminded the council this position was not included in the employee payscale and that department heads are supposed to establish the pay rate increases for seasonal employees as budget allows.

❖ **Motion**

Council Member Mitzner motioned to approve to increase the pay for the Seasonal Cemetery Caretaker to \$15 per hour effective January 1, 2026. Motion seconded by Council Member Marino, voted on, passed 4-0.

FIRE CHIEF – DAN NASALROAD

Fire Chief Nasalroad reported 4 fire calls in the month of January. Two cancelled, one structure fire, and one hazard stand-by. Working on getting the SCBA bottles hydro tested. Completed the 2025 Financial Statement report and filed with the state. Getting equipment ready for the grass season.

CITY CLERK – JODI WADE

CC Wade shared information from the recent meeting with KMGa regarding the artic spike in January. She explained how the artic spike took place in the last week of January which affected the 1st of the month pricing for February. Prices hiked up to \$65/mcf range during that period. Customers are going to see an increase in gas price on their March 1, 2026 bill.

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT – SEWER LIFT STATION BIDS (BG CONSULTANTS)

Advertisement for bid was released on February 9, 2026. Pre-bid meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 10:00am. Sealed bids will be received and publicly opened on March 11, 2026 at 2:00pm.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS:

No updates at this time.

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SPECIAL PROJECTS CONTINUED:

STORMWATER MASTER PLAN/STREET IMPROVEMENT MASTER PLAN

CC Wade sent an email to Kevin Cowan at Gillmore and Bell. Have not heard back regarding the submission date for the 2026 ballot. Will begin the preparations for the Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 5:00pm – 7:00pm to address the public regarding the upcoming 1% sales tax question.

CITY FACILITY IMPROVEMENT (CITY HALL, POLICE DEPARTMENT, COMMUNITY BUILDING)

No updates at this time.

CITY OF LINN VALLEY WATER CONNECTION

The City of Linn Valley tower has been disinfected and the City of La Cygne has been filling the tower in preparation for the overflow test and SCADA set-up. PWD Nasalroad reported the tower had been filled and water samples were sent in to be tested. Council Member Mitzner inquired on the size of the tower. PWD Nasalroad reported the tower held 250,000 gallons.

REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISONS:

- a] **Utilities Liaisons:** Council Member Mitzner inquired about the construction of Data Centers. He has been monitoring what has been going in Osawatomie regarding the construction of a data center. CC Wade stated discussions have been held at the MRWAD meetings regarding the operations of data centers in regards to the amount of water needed to cool their facilities. Legal representation for MRWAD can provided guidance along with the Water Office to produce a model which would show the costs associated with the addition of a large user to the La Cygne Water plant. The council asked CC Wade to proceed with getting a model developed to inform the council in case any future conversations should arise.
- b] **Street Liaisons:** None
- c] **City Facility Liaisons:** Tammy Weitman, community member, inquired about a volunteer clean-up day at the Oaklawn cemetery. Tammy asked if a group of volunteers wanted to cut some of the saplings and brush, pick up sticks, and re-stain the crosses what necessary steps would be required by the city. CC Wade indicated a work comp exemption form would have to be signed by all volunteers. She also indicated a form could be established for the event coordinator to complete which would include items the group was not to perform, such as, cutting trees down or moving headstones. PWD Nasalroad state he could set-up a walk thru with the cemetery caretaker to establish a plan and location to pile branches/limbs.
- d] **Public Safety Committee:** None
- e] **Employee Relations and Training:** None

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: None

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION (PZC): None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

MOBILE FOOD TRUCK REGULATIONS

City Attorney Deane has reviewed. Will be put in to Ordinance form for the next meeting.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONTINUED:

CAMPING REGULATIONS

Tabled until the next council meeting.

U.S. MINERALS DUST CONCERNS MEETING WITH COUNCIL AND CITY ATTORNEY

No response to the letter sent. City Attorney Deane will reach out.

PARK AND POOL REGULATION DRAFT

Tabled until the next council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

402 S. BROADWAY STREET PROPERTY FOR SALE BY THE CITY OF LA CYGNE

An offer was received from Land Real estate on Tuesday afternoon and was only valid until Wednesday at 4pm. It was not ample time to get the council together to review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

❖ Motion

Council Member Mitzner motioned for an executive discussion for 5-minutes for the preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property and to return to the council table at 7:55pm. Motion seconded by Council Member Marino, voted on, passed 4-0. 7:50pm

Others in attendance: Public Works Director Dan Nasalroad, CC Wade, and City Attorney Deane.

OPEN SESSION RESUMED AT 7:55pm:

❖ Motion

Council Member Mitzner motioned to approve for the City of La Cygne to purchase the property located at 116 N. 1st Street in the amount of \$47,000. Motion seconded by Council Member Marino, voted on, passed 4-0.

UNFINISHED POLICY REVIEW

DRAFT COMPANY VEHICLE USE POLICY

CHAPTER 5. BUSINESS REGULATIONS, ARTICLE 1. SOLICITORS, CANVASSERS, PEDDLERS

CHAPTER 3. BEVERAGES, ARTICLE 2 CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE AND ARTICLE 3. ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR

RENTAL READY PROGRAM (LANDLORD REGISTRATION)

ARTICLE 22: OFF STREET PARKING

NEW POLICY REVIEW:

ARTICLE 5. PARKING

SOCIAL-MEDIA POLICY

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GOVERNING BODY REMARKS: None

NOTES AND COMMUNICATION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

❖ ***Motion***

Council Member Mitzner motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Marino, voted on, passed. 4-0. 8:02p.m.

I, _____ La Cygne City Clerk, do hereby declare
(Jodi Wade) the above to be true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, and do hereby subscribe my name on this 18th day of February 2026.