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The La Cygne City Council met on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at the La Cygne Community Building. Council Members present: Robert Sullivan; Jerome Mitzner; Ed Smith; and Oscar Marino, Kent Wade.

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; Linn County Newspaper, Brian King; Linn County Journal, Roger Sims; Ian Day; and Emil Wilson.

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

Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Debra Wilson

MAYOR COMMENTS:

- a. City Wide Clean-up Day, May 9, 2026.
- b. Budget Workshop on May 13, 2026 at 6:00pm at the La Cygne Community Building
- c. La Cygne Elementary and Prairie View Schools will be out of school on May 14, 2026.
- d. Memorial Day ceremony at Oaklawn Cemetery, Monday, May 25, 2026 at 10am, lunch will follow at the Christian Church.
- e. La Cygne Library Family Block Party on Broadway, May 29, 2026 starting at Noon.
- f. La Cygne Swimming Pool is scheduled to open on Saturday, May 30, 2026.

CONSENT AGENDA:

❖ Motion to approve Consent Agenda:

Council Member Smith motioned to accept the Consent Agenda.

Minutes of the April 15, 2026 Council Meeting;
Check Register up to: May 3, 2026;

Motion seconded by Council Member Mitzner, voted on, passed 5-0

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR:

Ian Day, patron of Osawatomie, Kansas, provided some information regarding the considerations for a data center in Osawatomie. Ian Day discussed the concerns he has regarding the effect a data center would have on the surrounding area and water supply. Ian advised the council to the upcoming meeting to be held on Thursday at 6pm at the Osawatomie City Auditorium. The governing body asked a few questions and thanked Ian for attending the meeting.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS:

POLICE CHIEF ZACHARY MATHIES

Chief Mathies presented his monthly report: Traffic Stops (234), Calls for Service (269), District and Building Checks (1011), Reports (54), Citations (26).

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REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS CONTINUED:

POLICE CHIEF ZACHARY MATHIES

From April 15 – May 6, 2026 : (3) Information Reports; (0) Alcohol Offenses; (1) Traffic Misd. Offenses; (38) Traffic Warnings; (0) Criminal Offense Reports; (61) Calls for Service; (0) Accident Report; (0) Drug Offense; (2) Warrant Arrests; (12) Traffic Citations; (0) Animal Citations; (48 Total)UTV Registration.

The City of Olathe donated 3 sets of Kevlar panels.

The week of May 10 to May 16 is National Police Week. Officers will be wearing mourning bands across their badges.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER ZACHARY MATHIES

Early stages of a new build in the Sweet Prairie Estates, 7th Street Court. Sent information to an Architect regarding rezoning from R-2 to R-3 and the requirements of a R-3.

The large pothole has been filled on 2150 Rd in the Industrial Park by the county.

BALST IN THE PARK BOARD- is to meet tomorrow, we officially have 2-members.

BUILDING PERMITS – 724 E. Market Street

19394 KS Hwy 152 (Market St) – Verbal Stop Work Order on an addition onto the building due to no permit.

CONDEMNATION – 825 N.7th Street Court – Letter for hearing sent pursuant to our code and posted on the property. The property was boarded up by the insurance company, both sides. Both sides remain unoccupied. Insurance had a narrow electrical inspection on 05/05, and then a structural engineer will be on site on Monday, May 11. Owner has been in contact regarding an electrical inspection of side B, but has not occurred yet. IBTS has been contacted for a full inspection by the city. Photos were sent for preliminary review, a physical inspection will be had in the next week or so, prior to the June hearing date.

CODES VIOLATIONS: (20) Violations found; (4) Needs Contact; (4) In Progress; (1) Letter sent; (11) Complete.

Council Member Sullivan inquired about the demolition of 602 E Market and asked the Chief if the contractor could put some orange construction fencing around the open framed building until the remainder of the structure could be removed.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR – DAN NASALROAD

PWD Nasalroad reported on the status of the bathroom facility at the La Cygne Community Park. Some porta potties were brought in until the sewer service line could be replaced. Council Members asked how deep the sewer main was and PWD Nasalroad stated it was 22' down to the main. The crew has been mowing and did a couple street patches. Council Member Wade asked if PWD Nasalroad had reached out to the director at the Schneider Funeral Home regarding the run off in front of the funeral home. PWD Nasalroad stated he would get in touch with the owner and was also still waiting on the pricing/spec feedback from the BG Consultants for repair to the stormwater ditches at the intersection of 4th Street and Walnut.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS CONTINUED:

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR – DAN NASALROAD

PWD Nasalroad provided a video clip and information on the Asphalt Zipper reclaimer/stabilizer and utility trencher. Discussion was held on the cost for the unit and the cost for the product to be put on the finished base. PWD Nasalroad stated he would visit with the Linn County Public Works Department regarding the potential for having the county chip and seal over the base.

FIRE CHIEF – DAN NASALROAD

Fire Chief Nasalroad reported the Storm Sirens were tested today. Upon review of the system, the chief reviewed the length of time the sirens can function since they depend upon battery power. The sirens will sound for 3-minutes and then shut-off, they can be started back up again. This process can happen until there is not battery power remaining. The Storm Sirens were set off today from one of the City of La Cygne Emergency vehicles. Fire Chief Nasalroad is in touch with the Linn County IT department to set up more emergency vehicles with the ability to set off the Storm Sirens.

Fire Chief Nasalroad did some research regarding joint agreements regarding the use of fire hydrants by other entities. His concern was regarding damage which may happen while another department was utilizing the hydrants. Fire Chief Nasalroad was not able to find anything at this point.

Fire Chief Nasalroad suggested some policy be set for setting of the Storm Sirens, the governing body concurred.

CITY CLERK – JODI WADE

CC Wade reported on the update with the financial software. The financial auditor was on site last week. CC Wade stated the first utility bills were produced by the new software program. Information will be sent out in the next two weeks providing information to patrons for on-line billing account information and electronic payment.

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

STORMWATER MASTER PLAN/STREET IMPROVEMENT MASTER PLAN

CC Wade reached out to Raymond James financial to provide an analysis for current bond rates for a \$2.5 million dollar street improvement project.

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

Contract documents signature pages were received and returned to BG Consultants to prepare the final documents.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS:

CC Wade reached out to Raymond James financial to provide information regarding 30-40 year bonds. MW Engineering submitted a preapplication for the Kansas State Revolving Loan program. Estimated price for phase 3 is approximately \$4.5 million.

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

CC Wade asked if the council would consider having the connection between the two buildings performed to provide better flow for meeting access and to establish internet/server connections.

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

Council Member Wade stated he would meet with CC Wade to review the concepts provided and to look at the doors and electrical at the current City Hall building.

CITY OF LINN VALLEY WATER CONNECTION

The City of Linn Valley has requested the contractor make it a priority to get the existing POA customers on-line, which would consist of approximately 123 meters. Council Member Wade inquired if the existing water plant for the POA would be decommissioned. PWD Nasalroad indicated that was the plan according to the engineers.

REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISONS:

- a] **Utilities Liaisons:** PWD Nasalroad asked the council about the repair of the Water Salesman at the Water Plant. Discussion was held on the amount of use. The governing body agreed to have PWD Nasalroad get some pricing to repair the unit.
- b] **Street Liaisons:** Council Member Wade asked about having a ditch dug at 7th Street and Walnut
- c] **City Facility Liaisons:** Discussion was held on the doors at City Hall. CC Wade will reach out to a locksmith.
- d] **Public Safety Committee:** None
- e] **Employee Relations and Training:** None

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: None

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION (PZC): None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

402 S BROADWAY STREET – LOT FOR SALE BY THE CITY

PWD Nasalroad stated an offer had been received in the amount of \$17,000 with it being contingent upon an addendum to the deed restrictions to allow for a duplex, the lot being rezoned to an R-2. The offer was good for 5-days. Council Member Wade inquired about the process for rezoning and clarified a hearing would be held and the recommendation would need to be made by the planning commission, CC Wade confirmed. Discussion was held.

❖ **Motion**

Council Member Smith motioned to accept the offer for 402 S. Broadway in the amount of \$17,000 with \$500 going to the Buyer's Broker and to include the stated contingencies. Motion seconded by Council Member Marino, voted on, passed 5-0.

CAMPING, PARK AND POOL REGULATIONS

The governing body held a discussion on the alcohol policy for public areas. Section 3-104 (No person shall drink or consume alcoholic liquor on city owned public property, except and other than the La Cygne Community Building and the La Cygne Community Park) and 11-204 (It shall be unlawful for any person to have in their possession within any of the public parks of the city any intoxicating beverage. Intoxicating beverage is defined as alcohol, spirits, wine and beer containing more than 3.2 percent of alcohol by weight).

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CAMPING, PARK AND POOL REGULATIONS

City Attorney Deane provided some suggestions for wording which would provide opportunities for alcohol consumption only when a permit has been issued and to define certain areas at the park in which consumption is not permitted (e.g. Swimming Pool, Baseball field)

Further discussion was held on the time the park is open and when it closes. After discussion, the governing body concluded the park will open at 6am and close at 11:00pm.

Chief Mathies brought up the matter of dogs being on a leash at the community park. Upon discussion, the governing body concluded that all dogs must be on a leash when at the La Cygne Community Park.

RECESS:

❖ **Motion**

Council Member Smith motioned for a 5-minute recess and to return to the council table at 9:05pm. Motion seconded by Council Member Mitzner, voted on, passed 5-0.

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

City Attorney Deane and Mayor Wilson met with U.S. Minerals. Mayor Wilson reviewed a list of repairs which had been performed to date and ones which are expected to be performed over the next few months. Mayor Wilson shared some pictures and sample dust bags for the council to see what progress had been made to date. The city will continue to follow up with US Minerals on the progress regarding the lot located at 911 Linnco which is leased by US Minerals.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. PROVIDING FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSING AND BLOCKING OF CERTAIN CITY STREETS TO ACCOMMODATE THE LA CYGNE LIBRARY BLOCK PARTY AND FAMILY ACTIVITIES

❖ **Motion**

Council Member Smith motioned to approve Resolution No. 490 to provide for the temporary closing and blocking of certain city streets to accommodate the La Cygne Library Block Party and Family Activities. Motion seconded by Council Member Marino, voted on, passed 5-0.

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:

NOTES AND COMMUNICATION:

ADJOURNMENT:

❖ ***Motion***

Council Member Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Wade, voted on, passed. 5-0. 9:26p.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 6th day of May 2026.