

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
SOLOMON KS 67480
May 5, 2025 at 6:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Councilmember Shawn Kirby called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Council Present: Shawn Kirby, Jennifer Cross, Kelley Vandecreek, Brian Duryea

Absent: Mayor Brandy Gray, Colten Kohman, Andrea McCook, Aaron Martin, Bill Rogers

Staff Present: Krista Radke, Dan Britt, Randy Paden

Others Present: Sheriff Jerry Davis, Chris Ade, Jill Duryea, Stacey Zerbe, Sonya Thompson, Jerri Richards

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR May 5, 2025 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Motion by Brian Duryea to approve the agenda, seconded by Kelley VanDeCreek, 4 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS

No public comments

3. PRESENTATION/REPORTS

1. Building Inspector- Bill Rogers was unable to attend. Since March permits have really picked up with 1 roof permit, 1 fence permit, and 5 building permits. He has also talked to several people about future projects.

2. Solomon Festival- Jill Duryea stated that the festival will be held July 18-19th this year. Whiskey Wagon is wanting to set up a mobile bar at the park that night. Road closures were discussed. Prices and times were also discussed and the possibility of getting food trucks for the street dance Saturday night.

3. Housing Authority- Jae Ecton reported last month and should be removed this month.

4. Solomon Pool- Stacey Zerbe reported that opening day will be May 24th (Memorial Weekend). Closing will be August 10th with hopes to extend weekend hours to Labor Day. She reported they currently have 9-10 lifeguards that will be on staff for this season. Adult swim times, parties, extra evening hours were all discussed. May 31st Solomon will host their swim meet. Twin Valley will be there to bore internet lines in and set up phone line. No change has been made to prices or staff wages for the 2025 season.

5. Senior Center- Sonya Thompson reported they're serving 30 meals a month. Their board meets the first Tuesday of each month. They have had the building rented out a few times in April and several more for May.

6. Dickinson County Sheriff- Jerry Davis provided a summary of activity for April 2025. 8 traffic stops, 4 suspicious activity, 14 speak with an officer, 3 theft, 3 damage to property, 1 alarm, 1 lost/found property, 3 unknown problems, 1 open door, 2 animal complaints, 1 domestic disturbance, 3 juvenile complaints, 1 outside agency assist, 1 threat, 1 noise, 1 citizen check, 1 traffic accident, 1 traffic complaint, 3 VIN inspection. They had 54 calls with 188 hours.

7. Solomon Fire Department- Chief Paden reported on equipment updates. Chief Paden is going to fire training class in Green Valley, Missouri May 20-21 to become a certified Scott level one technician. There is a new high school student joining the department. He is taking fire science classes at Salina Tech. He has had a couple of girls inquiring as well.

20 calls in April

In The City - 5- Med Calls, 1 trash fire, 5 weather watches, 5 false alarms.

In The County - 3 house calls, 1 grass fire

There was a specific situation with a resident's medical alert pendant that caused multiple call-outs.

8. Public Works Director- Dan Britt gave an update on the Pickleball court. The west side fence is completed and the east side will be finished next. The concrete entrances will be completed after the fencing is complete. Dan reported on a few water leaks they've had this past month. Ohl's property cleanup has been scheduled for June 3-4. The team has completed their utility meter project of evaluating every meter pit in town. They also spent a few days doing a comprehensive assessment and working with Jim on large diameter meters for the automatic reading system. Dan also discussed potential location for Wi-Fi equipment for the pool.

9. Municipal Services Clerk- Krista Radke reported court was not held this month.

Next court date 5/15/25 at 4:00

324 pets have been registered so far this year. Andrea sent out 40 letters to those that haven't registered their pets after be contacted by phone or e-mail. Krista also reported that Sunbelt Solomon Volunteer Day was a success with volunteers painting the Sr. Center shed and picking up trash around town. A Community Resource Fair was also held that day with Neighbor to Neighbor, Hope Center, Catholic Charities, and Commodity Program, and Sunbelt Solomon providing a meal to those in attendance.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Council reviewed consent agenda items including:

(1) Approval of minutes dated April 7, 2025.

(2) April Check Register & Payroll Summary & March Fund Reports.

(3) License approval- FrostBite Shaved Ice & Treats

A motion by Brian Duryea to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Kelley VanDeCreek, 4 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Recognition of Public Service Recognition week

May 4-10 is recognized as Public Service Recognition Week

2. Water Project Update

CES has been working on drawings and collecting all the data for meter replacements and all seems to be coming together as well as they'd hoped. They feel they're still on track to advertise this Fall with construction starting late winter/early spring of 2026.

3. Solomon Housing Authority

There were two applicants and Jerri Richards was nominated by the Solomon Housing Board.

A motion was made by Brian Duryea to appoint Jerri Richards to a 4 year term expiring in May 2029, seconded by Jennifer Cross, 4 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

4. Planning & Zoning

Kyle Bower's term ends this May. Motion by Jennifer Cross to renew his appointment for another 3 year term ending May 2028, seconded by Kelley VanDeCreek, 4 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

5. Donations

Twin Valley has agreed to provide public access to WiFi at the City Park and the Municipal Pool. They would like to place a Twin Valley sign at each location. Motion made by Kelley VanDeCreek to approve the installation of WiFi and Twin Valley signage at the park and pool, seconded by Brian Duryea, 4 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Solomon Community Fund donated \$800 toward the purchase of a stage sound system. The recommended system cost is \$1,400. This system will be shared by the City and Festival.

A motion by Jennifer Cross to accept the grant donation and for the City to pay for ½ of remaining cost not to exceed \$300, seconded by Brian Duryea, 4 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

6. Summer Pool Staff

Ten applications were received for the pool. Motion made by Jennifer Cross to approve all staff under the assumption they will successfully complete the lifeguard certification training, seconded by Brian Duryea, 4 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

6. CITY MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS

There will be a staff luncheon Thursday in recognition of Public Service Week.
Councilmembers are welcome to attend.

7. CALENDAR REMINDERS

Monday, May 19th at 6PM- Council Workshop
Monday, June 2nd at 6PM- City Council Meeting

8. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:10 PM by Kelley VanDeCreek, seconded by Jennifer Cross, 4 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Signed:



Shawn Kirby
Council Chair

Attest:



Krista Radke
Municipal Services Clerk