

**CITY OF SEDAN  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2025**

The Sedan City Council met for the council's regularly scheduled meeting on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, at the 4-H building, beginning at 5:30 PM, with Mayor Bryan Blankinship presiding. Council members present: Janice Fine, Adam Clark, Kathy Miller, and Pam Koerner. Angela Evans absent. Employees present: Caleb Ironsyde, Lana Robinson, and Police Officer Devin Lumley. Public present: Wellington Butler, Donna Nordell, Melodee Wolfe, Joseph Stewart, Sherry Miller, Becky Smilko, Niki Collier, Shawn Franklin, Nita Jones, Toni Nusz, Tom Oast, and Codi Mitchell.

At 5:30 PM, Mayor Bryan Blankinship called the regular meeting to order.

Adam Clark made a motion to amend the agenda to reflect the bills total amount of \$122,758.27. Janice Fine seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kathy Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Adam Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adam Clark made a motion to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$122,758.27. Pam Koerner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Public Comments-**

- Shawn Franklin wanted to ask a couple of questions regarding Resolution 25-02 that was passed deeming Wellington Butler unfit to sit on the council. He asked what made him unfit to sit on the council. He explained that two votes were cast on this resolution and one of the votes casted was an opponent of Wellington Butler.

Shawn Franklin went on to ask for the resignation of council member Janice Fine with opinions of her trying to undermine the mayor and force him out of office. He further stated Janice Fine interfered with a traffic stop involving her grandson.

- Niki Collier, the county clerk, gave update to the council stating they would not be sending out new mailers on behalf of the city for the meeting date change of the Revenue Neutral Rate.
- Nita Jones advised the council she is there in support of the business owners to ask for quest tax for commercial.

**Staff Comments-**

- none

**Council Comments-**

- Kathy Miller was asked about Jackson Street north of the golf course.

Kathy Miller advised she received an email from the office on Friday and would like the council members to be named in the email so there is no guessing as to what council members are being discussed.

- Janice Fine addressed the questions asked of her by stating she is not trying to replace the mayor. In regard to the traffic stop, she stated that her grandson had just lost his father.

Shawn Franklin interrupted Janice Fine by stating don't start that.

Janice Fine made a motion to add an executive session at the end of the meeting. Kathy Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### Mary Ellen Appleby Memorial-

- Pam Koerner suggested at the last meeting to honor Mary Ellen Appleby for her donation to the city. She provided the council with two quotes.

Pam Koerner made a motion to table the memorial bench till next meeting. Adam Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### Shipping Container at Ball Fields-

- Caleb Ironsyde contacted Shawn Scott who advised the container is his. Caleb Ironsyde will be working with him to get the container moved.

#### Agenda Request Wellington Butler-Resolution 25-02-

- Wellington Butler addressed the council about the meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup> where Kathy Miller stated that he cannot be seated because the council body did not want to be seen as endorsing him or influencing the upcoming election. The Resolution 25-02 is different from what was discussed at the meeting. Wellington Butler advised it was not read at any council meeting and requested the council president read the Resolution.
- Janice Fine read Resolution 25-02 out loud.
- Wellington Butler asked the council what unfit specifies.
- Kathy Miller stated they do not have to give a description for being unfit. Wellington Butler is qualified as a resident and a registered voter.
- Wellington Butler advised the council they put him in jeopardy of his position with South Central Economic Development Board. Wellington Butler asked for Janice Fine's resignation.
- Adam Clark wanted to make note that he abstained from the vote on Resolution 25-02 as he stated he was too close to the issue at hand and was on the ballot. Also, wanted to make it

known that after the meeting passing Resolution 25-02 Mr. Butler was giving Kathy Miller and himself an ultimatum to reverse the council's decision.

Agenda Request Form- Tom Oast-

- Tom Oast wanted to speak with the council about the roadway conditions in town. Tom Oast presented a sample of what the City of Independence does to let citizens report roadway issues.
- Lana Robinson did advise the council and public that Caleb Ironsyde has been working on a list of the roadways that are in most dire need of repair/replacement and what roads of those are more traveled on to set them as priority.
- Caleb Ironsyde stated he has been putting gravel down and has been working on the potholes as they are reported or they come across them.
- Lana Robinson will be looking into the City of Independence reporting system to get costs.

Agenda Request Form- Codi Mitchell-

- Codi Mitchell brought handouts to the council and public regarding the costs for a TV Commercial through Griffin Media/Channel 6 News. She was requesting aid from city council from the tourist guest tax of \$3,600.00. This will go towards the total cost of \$7,235.00.

Janice Fine made a motion to use \$3,600.00 out of the tourist guest tax funds for the commercial. Adam Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Janice Fine made a motion to go into an executive session to discuss matters pertaining to the terms and conditions of employment, K.S.A 75-4319 (b)(1); regarding personnel matters of nonelected personnel; the open meeting shall resume no later than 6:45 PM in the 4-H building in the City of Sedan. Pam Koerner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6:45 PM resume regular meeting no decisions were made.

At 6:45 PM, Kathy Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Adam Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

  
Bryan Blankinship, Mayor

  
Lana Robinson, City Clerk