

**CITY OF SEDAN
MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2026**

The Sedan City Council met for the council's regularly scheduled meeting on April 21, 2026, beginning at 5:30 PM. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor Kathy Miller.

Roll Call: present: Angela Evans, Nathan Blankinship, and Wellington Butler. Present via phone Crystal Wade. Absent Adam Clark.

Public present: Douglas Boswell, Tim Hills, Wanda Richardson, Pam Koerner, and Kirk Richardson.

Employees present: City Treasurer Raven Darnall, Public Works Superintendent Caleb Ironsyde, and Police Chief William Tunstall.

Attendees recited the pledge of allegiance and Wellington Butler said a prayer.

Citizen Presentation/Comments-

Douglas Boswell advised the council that he was walking and almost tripped due to the roadway condition on the road he lives on and would like the city to look at his road.

Tim Hills with the Lions Club stated it is getting time to think about the fireworks. They are about \$3,500.00 short and any donations would help. Tim Hills advised the council that they did not receive any donations from the city last year and would like to have that added to the donation for this year.

Mayor Kathy Miller added section e to the agenda for street milling.

Angela Evans made a motion to approve the agenda with Street Milling added. Nathan Blankinship seconded the motion. Motion carried. 0 Nay to 3 Yay votes.

Wellington Butler made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 7th, 2026, meeting. Angela Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried. 0 Nay to 3 Yay votes.

Wellington Butler made a motion to approve the minutes for special meeting April 14th, 2026. Angela Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried. 0 Nay to 3 Yay votes.

Angela Evans made a motion to approve the minutes for special meeting April 15th, 2026. Wellington Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried. 0 Nay to 3 Yay votes.

Angela Evans made a motion to approve the bills and payroll in the amount of \$67,544.14. Wellington Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried. 0 Nay to 3 Yay votes.

Old Business-

- a. Firearm SOP for Retiring Officers or Chief-

SOP regarding the firearm policy for retiring officers or chief was reviewed and the SOP is to establish a procedure for gifting a retiring officer or chief their firearm.

Angela Evans made a motion to approve the Firearm SOP for retiring officers and/or chief. Wellington Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried. 0 Nay to 3 Yay votes.

b. Retired Police Chief Kirk Richardson's Gift-

Mayor Kathy Miller presented retired police chief Kirk Richardson with his firearm as a gift from the city for his ten plus years of service.

c. CD Bid Opening from Banks-

Mayor Kathy Miller opened the closed bids from Elevate Bank and Bank of Sedan for CD rates.

Bank of Sedan gave a bid of 4.25% for 12 months for all 7 maturing city CDs in May.

Elevate Bank gave a bid of 3.79% for 12 months for all 7 maturing city CDs in May.

Angela Evans wanted to put all the CDs in the Bank of Sedan.

Wellington Butler stated the city should support both banks.

Angela Evans made a motion to move the 3 CDs that are at Elevate Bank to Bank of Sedan for the 4.25% interest rate and keep the other CDs at Bank of Sedan. Nathan Blankinship seconded the motion. Motion carried. 0 Nay to 3 Yay votes.

d. Fire Department Use of Fire Hydrants-

Public Works Superintendent Caleb Ironsyde stated the only thing is the backflow preventor in the trucks or need to have a 3-inch gap. If they do not it can cause big issues through KDHE. Public Works Superintendent has no issues with this but would like to inspect the vehicles to make sure they have all appropriate equipment and show the fire personnel how to use it properly.

Nathan Blankinship made a motion to approve the use of the city fire hydrants for use by the Rural Fire Department providing they have the proper equipment. Angela Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried. 0 Nay to 3 Yay votes.

e. Bulk Water Station SOP-

Mayor Kathy Miller made updates to the SOP.

Angela Evans made a motion to approve the revised Bulk Water Station SOP. Wellington Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried. 0 Nay to 3 Yay votes.

f. Lake Feeders-

Public Works Superintendent Caleb Ironsyde stated he would need to pull the fish feeders as the software needs to be updated. Both are down and not much that the city can do without pulling them. He could get the one at the Old City lake to manually dispense but it will not dispense on the timer.

Wellington Butler made a motion to table the fish feeders. Angela Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried. 0 Nay to 3 Yay votes.

New Business-

a. March 2026 Financial Report-

City Treasurer Raven Darnall gave the council the March 2026 Financial Report.

b. Ordinance No. 955 Utilities-

Ordinance No. 955 is for the new rates from September 2025 when the council voted to raise the water rates.

Angela Evans made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 955. Wellington Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried. 0 Nay to 3 Yay votes.

c. MOU with USD 286 and Sedan Recreation Committee-

Mayor Kathy Miller, Izzy Joslin, Public Works Superintendent Caleb Ironsyde, and City Clerk Lana Smith met with USD 286 and Sedan Recreation Committee and came up with the MOU presented to the council. There is a section that the entities agree upon with maintenance at \$3,000.00 which is \$1,000.00 per entity.

Angela Evans made a motion to approve the MOU with USD 286 and Sedan Recreation Committee with a \$1,000.00 limit for the city. Nathan Blankinship seconded the motion. Motion carried. 0 Nay to 3 Yay votes.

d. Assistant Public Works-

Mayor Kathy Miller would like to have a discussion in executive regarding an Assistant Public Works director retaining Public Works Superintendent Caleb Ironsyde.

Angela Evans 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 non-elected personnel; the open meeting shall resume no later than 6:20 PM at city hall in the City of Sedan. To retain Public Works Superintendent Caleb Ironsyde. Nathan Blankinship seconded the motion. Motion carried. 0 Nay to 3 Yay votes.

At 6:20 PM resume regular meeting no decisions were made.

e. Street Milling-

Jeff Hull Paving is in town and will be starting the paving at Pleasant Vally Manor and will be starting the roads after.

A discussion was had between the council and Public Works Superintendent Caleb Ironsyde about the millings that Jeff Hull Paving will be getting rid of. The discussion was about using the milling around the park area.

Department Reports-

Police Chief William Tunstall would like to purchase a ballistic vest that fits him for \$842.00.

City Treasurer Raven Darnall asked the council if there was anything in writing that the city must write door hangers each month for those who do not pay their bills on time. It is becoming more work, and it is normally the same people each month. In the city ordinance it states when the bills are going to be due and when the water gets shut off.

Public Works Superintendent Caleb Ironsyde stated it sometimes takes up to three hours for public works to hang all the hangers.

City Treasurer Raven Darnall would like to place a post on Facebook citing the city ordinance and state there are going to be no hangers longer.

Mayor Kathy Miller would like the league to be contacted to see if it must be done or not.

Public Works Superintendent Caleb Ironsyde got the coin machine and the valve ordered for the bulk water station and should be here 4-6 weeks. Started to work on the pool and there were some leaks inside the building in the wall and has been fixed and getting the pool prepped and ready and patch some concrete around the pool.

Public Works Superintendent Caleb Ironsyde will need to order pool chemicals will need two pails of chemicals which are approximately \$290.00 each and chlorine tablet pails which will be about \$3,038.50 for everything.

Public Works Superintendent Caleb Ironsyde received a letter from Kansas Department of Agriculture, and it is time for another dam inspection on the Old City Lake which is done every three years and has a year to get it done. The dam inspector will be the same one as last time. Public Works Superintendent Caleb Ironsyde will be contacting them and getting a price for the council.

Public Works Superintendent Caleb Ironsyde advised the council that the city has replaced a meter lid/radio at one location three times. The city has been paying for this to happen. It appears it has been mowed over each time. Public Works Superintendent Caleb Ironsyde would like to know if the city will continue to pay for the radios or have the property owner pay for it moving forward. There was a riser put in so that there will be higher in hopes it does not get damaged again.

Angela Evans would like the property owner to be advised of the damage and the second time give them notice that if it happens a third time it will be on the property owner to pay for the replacement.

Public Works Superintendent Caleb Ironsyde would like to lower the uniform bills by changing to T-shirts for public works. The transition will allow city crews for more breathable shirts during the summer. The shirts now are \$.80 cents apiece and the T-shirts are approximately \$.30 cents.

Public Works Superintendent Caleb Ironsyde spoke to the council about getting his certifications and being the first city employee to be denied a pay increase. Public Works Superintendent Caleb Ironsyde stated he was told that he would be getting a pay increase from his previous boss after his certifications. He told the council that he did some calling around and research and found that other municipalities all have a standard to get a raise for certifications. Employees do not want to get certified due to not having an incentive and to take time away from family to study for these tests without an incentive. In order to be certified an employee would need to be certified in Small System in Water distribution, Small System in Wastewater, and Small System Class I in Wastewater which should be a pay increase. He feels that anything above doesn't necessarily require a raise but would like to continue his certifications if the city would allow him to continue his learning and experience.

Mayor Kathy Miller did do some checking with Public Wholesale, and they did give a \$1.00 raise to those who get their certifications.

Council Comments-

Angela Evans welcomed the new Police Chief William Tunstall and thanked him for coming to service the community.

Angela Evans made a motion to purchase a vest with side panels to replace the old ones for \$842.69. Wellington Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried. 0 Nay to 3 Yay votes.

Angela Evans made a motion to purchase pool chemicals in the amount of \$3,038.50. Wellington Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried. 0 Nay to 3 Yay Votes.

Angela Evans made a motion to promote Izzy Joslin as Assistant Public Works Superintendent. Wellington Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried. 0 Nay to 3 Yay votes.

Crystal Wade arrived at the meeting.

Angela Evans asked what Izzy Joslin's wages are and Mayor Kathy Miller advised her current wage is \$15.80.

Public Works Superintendent Caleb Ironsyde stated that the city hired a previous employee at \$18.00 without certification and would like her to get a \$3.00 raise.

Wellington Butler made a motion to raise Izzy Joslin's pay to \$17.80 an hour upon getting her Wastewater Class I certification will raise her to \$18.80. Crystal Wade seconded the motion. Motion carried. 0 Nay to 4 Yay votes.

Mayor Kathy Miller advised it would take effect next pay period. Crystal Wade made a motion to increase Public Works Superintendent Caleb Ironsyde to \$23.80 effective next pay period for his three certifications. Angela Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried. 0 Nay to 4 Yay votes.

Crystal Wade made a motion to advertise for 2 summer help positions. Angela Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried. 0 Nay to 4 Yay votes.

Wellington Butler made a motion to purchase T-shirts for city employees through Unifirst. Angela Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried. 0 Nay to 4 Yay votes.

Crystal Wade had a comment from someone in town that they were happy to see the Police Chief downtown.

Wellington Butler welcomed the Police Chief William Tunstall.

Wellington Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dies too lack of second.

Mayor Kathy Miller addressed Wellington Butler that she is requesting him to go to the Chamber of Commerce and some of the things that he brought up they are looking into.

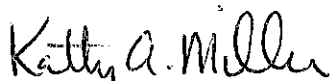
Mayor Kathy Miller was contacted by a citizen about mowing the trails between the lakes. Public Works Superintendent Caleb Ironsyde stated they have not mowed it and have taken care of two downed trees. Mayor Kathy Miller stated the citizens would like to see it mowed again.

Nathan Blankinship asked Public Works Superintendent Caleb Ironsyde about the names on the shirts and they will be getting them.

Crystal Wade 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 non-elected personnel; the open meeting shall resume no later than 7:30 PM at city hall in the City of Sedan. Angela Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried. 0 Nay to 4 Yay votes.

At 7:30 PM resume regular meeting no decisions were made.

At 7:30 PM Angela Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wellington Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried and meeting adjourned.



Kathy Miller, Mayor



Lana Smith, City Clerk