

**CITY OF SEDAN  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 6, 2026**

The Sedan City Council met for the council's regularly scheduled meeting on January 6, 2026, beginning at 5:30 PM, with Mayor Bryan Blankinship presiding. Council members present: Angela Evans, Kathy Miller, Adam Clark, Wellington Butler, and Crystal Wade. Employees present: Caleb Ironsyde, Lana Smith, and Raven Darnall. Public present Pam Butler, Nathan Blankinship, Miranda Bruening, Pam Koerner, and Richard McCoy.

At 5:30PM, The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Bryan Blankinship.

Adam Clark, Crystal Wade, and Wellington Butler took their Oath of Office.

Adam Clark stepped down from the council president position.

Adam Clark made a motion to appoint Kathy Miller as the new council president. Angela Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried with 0 Nay to 6 Yay votes.

Adam Clark made a motion to amend the agenda by adding CDBG Grand Bid openings after the agenda request form. Angela Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried with 0 Nay to 6 Yay votes.

Kathy Miller made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Adam Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried 0 Nay to 6 Yay votes.

Angela Evans made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on December 16, 2025. Kathy Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 0 Nay to 6 Yay votes.

Wellington Butler made a motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting held on December 30, 2025. Adam Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried 0 Nay to 6 Yay votes.

Adam Clark made a motion to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$107,709.63. Kathy Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 0 Nay to 6 Yay votes

Public Comments-

- o None

Staff Comments-

- o City Clerk Lana Smith gave the council the cash carry-over report and Revenue/Expense report.

City Clerk Lana Smith presented the bids for the roof and is waiting for the companies to get the registration certificate through the AG office, proof of insurance for general liability and work compensation, and surety bond information.

## Council Comments-

- Angela Evans wanted to welcome Crystal Wade, Adam Clark, and Wellington Butler onto the council.
- Kathy Miller asked Public Works Superintendent Caleb Ironsyde if there has been any progress on the docks. Public Works Superintendent Caleb Ironsyde gave the council an update on the dock progress.
- Adam Clark was approached by the Mayor of Caney Josh Elliot who was asking the City of Caney could use the City of Sedan's bucket truck and in exchange Mr. Elliot will fix the water pump on the buck truck for free. No objections from the council.

Adam Clark was approached by a business that wants to move into town. This business is in need of temporary storage of the size of a semi-truck load. Adam Clark was thinking the fair building would be a good place for this and the rental money would be split between the fair board and the city. A discussion between the council and they will be making contact with the fair board to see if they have anything scheduled and would like to see a contract with the business.

- Mayor Bryan Blankinship thanked Caney Valley Electric for their help in putting up the Christmas lights downtown.
- Crystal Wade would like the meeting minutes to reflect the votes of each motion made.
- Wellington Butler read the following statement:

Mr. Mayor, fellow council members, I would be remiss if I did not mention how blessed and honored, I am to occupy this council body with you! I thank all my constituents who made this possible.

Having been rejected and deemed unfit to serve as the mayor's appointment to a vacant seat here six months ago, I felt it necessary to bring some clarity to you on my understanding of the role of a fit council member. In the interest of time, I will note just four very important councilmember responsibilities.

1. A council members' primary role is to set policy and direction for the city such as budget and strategic planning, while the role of city manager or clerk is to manage the day-to-day operations of the city.
2. We are to respect the clear division between policymaking (council's role) and operation, (staff's role).
3. We are to prevent confusion and ensure we are not undermining the chain of command while ensuring all council members receive the same information by clearly communicating with and through the city clerk/manager.
4. Every councilmember's fiduciary duty is summed up in these three duties... Duty of Care, Duty of Loyalty, Duty of Obedience.

I am challenging every council member to help create an environment where every member contributes uniquely to a greater whole, as is often encapsulated by the phrase, "Together Everyone Achieves More" (TEAM).

I, Wellington Butler, do hereby commit myself to the TEAM effort and am requesting that my fellow council members voice their commitment to the same for the benefit of our great community.

As a newly seated council member, I am requesting copies of Sedan's Strategic Plan, Sedan's Code of Ethics for Council Members, Sedan's standard Operating Procedures and the Memorandum of Understanding with all entities operating on Sedan owned property for which Sedan is liable.

By Virtue of me being the junior council member, help me understand why a city council in today's world does not have the one document that is crucial for building public trust, prevents conflicts of interest, ensures high standards of service, guides fair, respectful conduct among officials, fosters effective local governance by setting clear expectations for integrity, transparency and accountability.

A code of conduct for council members is a crucial code that promotes a positive culture by defining acceptable behavior, clarifying roles, and ensuring officials focus on the common good rather than personal gain.

I respectfully request that these comments be added to the official meeting minutes.

#### Agenda Request Form- Richard McCoy-

- Richard McCoy asked the council if he could remove curbing to place in a driveway at his residence on W Cherokee. The council and Public Works Superintendent Caleb Ironsyde had a discussion and approved him to remove curbing. Mr. McCoy and Public Works Superintendent Caleb Ironsyde will be working together on this.

#### Bid Opening for CDBG Library Grant-

- Miranda Bruning with Echelon Arch & Design opened and read the bids for the CDBG Library grant. Miranda Bruning will take the bids and go over them and present the best bid to the council for recommendation.

#### Updated Agenda Discussion-

- City Clerk Lana Smith presented a new format for the city meeting agendas. The council had a discussion pertaining to the agenda. City will try the new format at the next meeting.

#### Waste Tire Grant Program for Benches and Picnic Tables-

- City Clerk Lana Smith presented a grant to get 6 3 foot benches for main street, 2 8 foot WCA picnic tables for the park and 4 8 foot picnic tables for the park.

Crystal Wade made a motion to apply for the Waste Tire Grant Program. Adam Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried with 0 Nay to 6 Yay votes.

Adam Clark 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 City Hall in the City of Sedan. Retain City Clerk Lana Smith. Angela Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried. 0 Nay to 6 Yay votes

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

Adam Clark 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 6:55 PM in City Hall in the City of Sedan. Retain Public Works Superintendent Caleb Ironsyde. Crystal Wade seconded the motion. Motion carried. 0 Nay to 6 Yay votes

6:55 PM resume regular meeting no decisions were made.

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 nonelected personnel; the open meeting shall resume no later than 7:10 PM in City Hall in the City of Sedan. Angela Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried. 0 Nay to 6 Yay votes

7:10 PM resume regular meeting no decisions were made.

At 7:10 PM Angela Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Crystal Wade seconded the motion. Motion carried and meeting adjourned.

  
Bryan Blankinship, Mayor

  
Lana Smith, City Clerk