



City of Junction City Five/Fifteen Report

August 30, 2024

Gerry Vernon, Interim City Manager



To improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our regular city commission meetings, I have created a new agenda order that will follow this general guideline:

1. Call to Order
2. Consent Agenda
3. Agenda Item Comment – For those that have an item on the agenda and need to provide critical information to the Commission.
4. New Business
5. Commissioner Comments & Committee Reports
6. Staff Comments
7. Public Comment – For all other issues to bring forth to the Commission.
8. Adjournment



Kirt Nichols, Chief of Police

JCPD Activity Report	08-23-24 to 08-29-24:	Year to Date 2024:
Calls for Service:	563	15710
Traffic Citations:	180	3141
Animal Control Calls for Service:	0* due to position vacant	517
Accidents:	8	460

- **SAVE the Date!** Please join us on September 6th, 2024, from 2pm to 3pm, at the Junction City Police Department to help celebrate K9 Barney into his retirement for the life of rest and relaxation.



- Join us at the Junction City Municipal Building on September 11th, 2024, for our 2nd annual Memorial Ceremony to honor and remember those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. This solemn event provides an opportunity for our community to come together in reflection.
- The ceremony will begin at 5:30 PM, with food being served at 5:00 PM. This offers a chance for attendees to gather and share in fellowship before the formal proceedings. The ceremony will

feature a series of tributes, including speeches, readings, and a moment of silence to pay our respects.

- We encourage all members of the community to attend and participate in this important remembrance. Your presence will help us honor the victims, survivors, and heroes of that tragic day. Together, we can ensure that their legacy lives on and that the spirit of unity and resilience that emerged from that day continues to inspire us all.

SEPTEMBER 11TH
REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

SAVE THE DATE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2024



5:00 PM FOOD SERVED

5:30 PM CEREMONY
BEGINS

700 N. JEFFERSON ST.
JUNCTION CITY KS, 66441

- Tuesday, August 27th, 2024, Chief Nichols, Assistant Chief Odell, Captain Murphy, and Captain Paquette were invited to the Law Enforcement Breakfast hosted by Fort Riley CID at Stacy's

Restaurant. The breakfast was intended to be an open forum for discussion among the local law enforcement regarding crime trends, legislative impacts, and initiatives. Guest speakers were 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley Commanding General Monte Rone, and Department of the Army Special Agent in Charge Ryan O'Connor. Later that afternoon they made their way to Ottawa, Kansas for a KACP Region 1 Conference.

- On Thursday, August 29th, 2024, we held a promotion ceremony for our recently promoted officers here at the Junction City Police Department. Please help us in congratulating the following individuals



Left to Right

- Matt Paquette: Promoted to Captain of Operations
 - Gean Sanchez: Promoted to Patrol Sergeant
 - Kaylynn Diaz-Bliss: Promoted to Detective
 - Mitch Marston: Promoted to Patrol Lieutenant
 - Dustin Murphy: Promoted to Captain of Investigations
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- Officer Kristin Brown attended a Child Passenger Safety Technician Course 08/26/2024-08/28/2024 in Olathe, Kansas. She is now CPS certified and will be able to give community presentations, assist parents/caregivers of proper use of child restraint systems and seat belts.
 - Detective Diaz-Bliss attended a Special Investigations Unit Training on 08/26/2024 in Riley County.



Jason Lankas, Fire Chief

August 30, 2024

Fire/EMS Responses and Activity

The Junction City Fire Department had the following responses for the week of August 22, 2024, through August 28, 2024, by incident type:

1 - Fire	
2 – Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat- No Fire	0
3 - Rescue & Emergency Medical Responses	46
4 - Hazardous Conditions	2
5 - Service Calls	5
6 – Cancelled, Good Intent	2
7 - False Alarms & False Calls	4
8 – Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0
9 – Special Incident Type	0
TOTAL CALLS	59
Diversions to out-of-town 99745 facility	4
Ambulance Transfers	1

No major incidents to report.

Fire Marshal Nelson attended the JC Expo last weekend and had a blast.

SCBA SCOTT Airpacks will soon be function tested as well as the compressor for its yearly maintenance test.

All engines and ladder trucks will soon get their yearly pump test and ladder test.



Chris Srackangast, Community Development

Week of August 23, 2024 through August 29, 2024

The Community Development Department has been busy with several projects over the past few months, and we're excited to share some updates as new initiatives get underway.

One of our key projects is the Early Childhood Center (ECC). With the final plat approved by the Junction City Planning Commission and the City Commission's approval secured, we are pleased to announce that the groundbreaking ceremony will take place on October 11 at 10:30 A.M. at the site of the old high school. This center will provide essential educational services to the youth in our community.

In addition, the South Spring Valley Road sidewalk project is entering its final stages of planning. We are wrapping up the necessary paperwork to begin construction soon, which will ensure a safer route for children walking to school.

We are also happy to welcome two new employees to the department: a code enforcement officer and a building inspector. Please join us in giving them a warm welcome to our team.

As many of you know, the city is currently short-staffed across various departments. If you know someone who is looking for work, we encourage you to check the city website for available positions and apply.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement with our community projects.

Building & Codes

Elizabeth Parker, Permit Technician

Business Licenses

- **3 Contractor**
- 2 Special Event
- 1 Sign Hanger

Grand total business licenses: 6

Grand total License Fees: \$650.00

Building Permits

- **1 Commercial Remodel**
- **1 Commercial Addition**
- **4 Right of Way**
- **5 Residential Remodel**
- **1 Fence**
- **7 Professional Trade**
- **1 Residential Accessory Building**
- **1 New Residential**
- **1 Housing Complaint**
- **18 Roof**

Grand Total Permits: 40

Grand Total Permit Fees: \$11,807.75

Grand Total Permit Valuation: \$1,504,225.95

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Ron Guffey, Dustin Taylor and Mathew Cole, Building Inspector

Inspections

- **5 Electrical**
- **4 Plumbing**
- **2 Mechanical**
- **4 Gas**
- **3 Footing**
- **2 Framing**
- **11 Roof**
- **1 Siding**
- **1 House Finals**
- **2 Posted Stop Work Orders**

Grand Total of Inspections Completed: 35

Code Enforcement

Steve Krajkoski and Brandy Rollins Code Enforcement Officers

- 7 Complaints of possible Ordinance violations. These complaints were investigated.
- 5 Code Violation Notices Sent. This includes Vegetation, Public Nuisance, Vehicle and Tree Violations.
 - 5 certified letters
 - 5 owner letters
 - 4 tenant letters
- 5 Reinspected ordinance violations.
- 0 Posted unclaimed violation notices.
- 0 Removed illegally placed Signs.
- 6 Abated ordinance violations.



Ray Ibarra, Public Works

Public Works 08/30/2024

- The city received five bids on August 21st for tree removal and cleanup on Grant Ave., Rucker Road and 1400 blk. of W. 14th St. and received a low bid of \$52,700. Will bring to the September 3rd Commission meeting for approval.
- Driveway Repairs:
 - ❖ The city received two bids on August 28th for Fire Station #1 & fire Station #2 and the turnaround on Grant Avenue pavement replacement with a low bid of \$243,382. We will bring it for approval at the September 3rd City Commission meeting.
- T&M continues concrete work on the 2024 Street Maintenance finishing curb, ADA ramps, and sidewalk at 6th & Webster and sidewalk and curb from 6th to Garfield replacing curb & gutter, sidewalk and drive entrances. 6th St. is reduced to one lane going westbound during this phase of construction.



➤ **South Washington Roundabout CCLIP:**

- ❖ **KDOT has closed the South Washington Roundabout, and the contractor continues working on placing concrete in the off-ramp lanes. The contractor has finished placing concrete in the roundabout section.**
- ❖ This phase of construction will include closure of the WB Exit 296 on ramp. The project entails reconstructing the South Washington Street roundabout as well as the portion of Washington Street that runs below I-70. Weather permitting, the roundabout and Washington Street are slated to reopen in September 2024. Meanwhile, both WB ramps at Exit 296 will remain closed until all work for the 2024 construction season is completed in late November 2024, weather permitting. Although both EB ramps at Exit 296 will remain open, they will only provide access to Washington Street south of the ramps. No through traffic will be carried on Washington Street under I-70 until completion of this year's work on the roundabout project. Additionally, please note that the WB Exit 298 on ramp reopened on June 26th and will remain open throughout the remainder of this project.
- ❖ City Commission approved the KDOT Agreement for the bid on the roundabout and paying the city's share of the project of \$192,000.00.

The Commission approved the City/State agreement with KDOT for funding the project in the amount of \$700,000.00 and the City's share being 10% of the project.



Phase 2.

The first temporary ramp closure will occur on the WB J-Hill off ramp and is anticipated to start with the start of construction in mid/late March and open in early May. The contractor will then close the Exit 298/Chestnut WB I-70 on-ramp for approximately 45 days.



Once the Chestnut on-ramp is reopened, work will then begin on the Washington Street Roundabout, where all access (EB and WB) will be closed to North Washington from I-70 until the new surface is complete. Access to Washington south of I-70 will be maintained via the EB I70 ramps.

- **2024 Alley Repair Project:**
 - ❖ Held the preconstruction meeting with T&M, Kaw Valley and the City on June 25th with the Notice to Proceed for the project is August 5th.
 - ❖ City Commission approved the 2024 Alley Repair project for \$423,100.68 to T&M Concrete Construction Company at the May 7th meeting.
- **Cost Share Program:**
 - ❖ The City to apply for the Fall 2024 Cost Share Program which is due September 19th. The City will be submitting the 6th & Webster intersection improvements for the project.
- **Blue Jay Way Trail Connector:**
 - ❖ KDOT has accepted the SWPPP for the project and the city will send in the Notice of Termination (NOT) for the project.
 - ❖ KDOT and the City has accepted the trail project will get KDOT the SWPPP reports until the vegetation has 70 % coverage and the Notice of Termination (NOT) when the SWPPP is completed with KDHE.

Other Street Projects:

- **6th St. Bridge Project:**
 - ❖ KDOT continues work under the bridge for storm drain items and the electrical connections for the streetlights.

- ❖ The City Commission approved the streetlights for the bridge at the December 20th meeting for \$212,396.00.
- **TA and Safe Routes to School Sidewalks:**
- ❖ **The city has received information that KDOT is willing to award the McFarland Roundabout through the Carbon Reduction Program we will seek Commission approval.**
 - ❖ **Kaw Valley has completed the final check plans for the Spring Valley Sidewalk Improvements and the City has finally gotten all the easements from the property owners and is sending KDOT the 106 forms for the project.**
 - ❖ City approved the KDOT Agreement for the Spring Valley Sidewalk Improvements at the April 4th meeting.
 - ❖ The City was selected for the Spring Valley Rd Sidewalk Improvements and KDOT share will be (80%) --\$389,000 and the City's local share (20%) --\$97,250.
- Price's Ravine Stream Bank Mediation:**
- ❖ **City has received letter indicating KDOT has processed the \$60,000 reimbursement for the project.**
- **Homer's Pond Dam:**
- ❖ **City Commission approved the low bid of \$893,794.40 from Bayers Construction for the work to be performed on Homer's Pond Dam. Kaw Valley to setup the pre-construction the second week of September.**
 - ❖ On April 16, 2024, applications for FY 2024 the Special High Hazard Potential Dams (HHPD) state cost-share assistance – Rehabilitation - were reviewed and approved. The following application was approved for \$500,000. An agreement between the Division of Conservation (DOC) and the sponsor will be emailed to the sponsor or the consultant for signature, within the next two to three weeks.
 - ❖ Received letter from Division of Water Resources needing to conduct a safety inspection of the dam between May 1, 2023, and April 30, 2024. The inspection report must be submitted within 60 days of the inspection date and must meet the requirements of K.A.R. 5-40-90.
 - ❖ The NOI Permit has been renewed until March of 2024.
- **KDOT CCLIP:**
- ❖ **City received letter from KDOT indicating that the three projects that we have submitted to KDOT for the CCLIP FY 2026 & 2027 were not selected for funding.**
- **East 8th St. Retaining Wall Repair:**
- ❖ **Blueville Nursery will be planting 600 wintercreeper plants for ground cover for the E. 8th St. wall. The wintercreeper is good ground cover with very low maintenance.**



- **2023 Water System Improvements Phase 2:**
 - ❖ **J&K has completed the installation of the new 6-inch water main & valves on Monroe St. and this is the final work to complete the closeout for the 2023 Water System Improvements. There will be a Change Order which will reduce the contract by \$76,894.00 which will be presented at the September 3rd meeting.**
 - ❖ J&K completed the additional work approved by the Commission and now working on looping the water main and installing new valves on Monroe from E. 17th St. to Grant Ave.
 - ❖ Kaw Valley and the City to do a final walk through and punch list for the 2023 Water System Improvements.
 - ❖ Held preconstruction meeting on July 18th with a notice to proceed June 6th and a completion date March 1, 2024.
 - ❖ City Commission awarded the 2023 Water system Improvements to J & K Contracting in the amount of \$994,638.00 at the May 5th Commission meeting.

- **2024 Water System Improvement Phase 3:**
 - ❖ **J & completed work in the 900 blk. of 6th St. installing new section of 6-inch water main under the storm drain box and completed installing the new 6-inch water along W. 5th St. by Playground Park.**
 - ❖ Kaw Valley held preconstruction meeting with J & K Contracting and City on start date. The Notice to Proceed date is 6/13/2024 with a completion date of 4/1/2025.
 - ❖ City Commission approved the 2024 Water System Improvements for \$1,022,515.00 to J & K Contracting for the 2024 Water System Improvements at the May 21st meeting.



- **Phase 2 Water Line Looping:**
 - ❖ The 8-inch water main K-18 from Ray Way to S. Spring Valley Rd. is to be looped and bid opening was held on August 8th and the low bid was \$116,180.00. Public Works to bring to the August 20th City Commission meeting for approval.

- **New Upcoming Projects:**
 - ❖ Goldenbelt Blvd Culvert Repair—Repair the storm drain that runs under Goldenbelt and Jim Clarks.
 - ❖ Sidewalk replacement on Heritage Park, Playground Park with additional parking.
 - ❖ Working on bids for pothole patching on Grant Ave. and crack sealing in Sutterwoods subdivision.

- **Spruce St. Underground Water Tank and Water Plant:**
 - ❖ The contractor has completed the new south underground storage tank and is now performing the tightness testing and backflow on the tank. The contractor to submit all required O&Ms for the Spruce Street Booster Pump Station has not been submitted.



- ❖ Had a conference call with KDHE, HDR, Veolia and the City on the issue of Ground Water under the influence. Waiting on test result with well #15 for further discussion.

➤ **East Wastewater Treatment Plant:**

- ❖ **Lighting replacement for Series 125 RAS/WAS building basement. And Public Works to work on installing a 4-inch bypass and 3 new 2-inch water meters.**
- ❖ Construction of the new sludge holding tank #3 walls is complete and the new sludge unloading station concrete walls have been completed and have completed the pipe penetrations and tied in the piping.



Continuing to place concrete wall sections for the new sludge tank and walls placed for the sludge unloading station.

● **Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant:**

- ❖ **The two new digesters are complete and are performing tightness testing on the tanks. The unloading sludge station walls have been completed and have poured the pipe penetrations. The new blower building footings, floor slab, and door stoops have been placed.**
- ❖ Crossland has completed placing the floor to the two new digesters and has started forming the walls to the digester at the SWWTP.



The 2 digesters tanks have been placed and the walls for the unloading station have been placed and a new control station foundation and piping has been placed between the existing storage tanks.

- **Streets:**
 - Placed 1 CY of concrete for mailbox on Kenneth Drive
 - Placed 3.18 ton of asphalt for a utility at 1069 Cedar Street
 - Hauled total of 37.97 ton of base rock to Fire Station # 2 for parking space
 - Street sweeping at the following locations resulting in 8 ton of debris.
 - 100-1200 S Webster

- **Traffic Group:**
 - Organized and cleaned traffic shop.
 - Weekly traffic signal inspections.
 - Weekly streetlight and walking trail light inspections.
 - Redrilled holes for bases on island for 2 signs then remounted signs at 18th and Jackson Street.
 - Continued replacing faded school zone signs around Lincoln Elementary.
 - Traffic signals at 6th and Garfield Street have been in flash mode after the base was hit by a contractor. Called Dave's Electric and replaced most parts trying to get them operating again.

- Replaced burnt out red LED traffic signal lights at following locations:
 - Golden Belt and Hwy 77
 - 6th and Garfield Street
 - Loaded up temporary stop signs, stands, flags, and electric box on trailer for Monday to prepare to rewire 6th and Garfield Street traffic light with Dave's Electric.
 - Assisted Dave's Electric with rewiring 6th and Garfield Street traffic lights.
 - Replaced burnt out streetlights in Heritage Park and on E Ash Street.
- **Utility Division:**
 - Organized and cleaned the utility shop.
 - Completed 84 locates.
 - Completed sewer inspection at following locations:
 - 1702 Bel Air Dr
 - 521 E Chestnut Street
 - 1020 Meadowbrook Ln
 - Re-tapped water lines on 6th Street to prepare for sidewalk repairs.
 - Responding to the following after-hours calls:
 - 440 W 7th Street – Sewer backup
 - 6th and Eisenhower – Light out
 - 8th/Jackson Street – Water outage in block
 - 9th/Jackson Street – Water leak
 - 12th/Clay Street – Tree in road
 - 1322 Johnson Dr – Sewer backup
 - Meter Reader completed:
 - 24 work orders for information
 - 25 reinstates.
 - 22 cutoffs
 - 32 occupancy changes
 - Performed cleaning / maintenance on 4 lift station(s)
 - Completed 0 grease trap inspection(s) this week.
 - **Sanitation Division:**
 - Continued with the five (5) daily service routes.
 - Collected 178.37 tons of trash.
 - Delivered 4 new poly carts, 0 additional, 0 removed, 9 replaced, and 0 fixed.
 - Completed 13 special pick-ups with a fee.
 - Completed 2 courtesy return trip.
 - Completed 0 return trip with fee.
 - Completed 1 dumpster drop.
 - Completed 1 dumpster pick up.
 - Completed one internal recycle.
 - **Fleet Group:**
 - Continued weekly service work and vehicle maintenance.
 - STREETS:**
 - No work performed in this section.
 - UTILITIES:**
 - No work performed in this section.

SANITATION:

- #580 – Service call to Ponca (Hydraulic leak). Took 30 bags of dry sweep and covered spill, removed pump shaft off front of engine, brought truck back to shop, then had street sweeper clean up dry sweep up off street at location.
- #588 – Removed damaged dumpster kick bar off tailgate.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- #564 – Installed right side exhaust manifold on engine.

BUILDING AND CODES:

- No worked performed in this section.

PARKS

- Bobcat Trailer – Installed cotter pin in transmission shift linkage.

POLICE:

- No worked performed in this section.

AIRPORT:

- #642 – Removed right side head off engine, found #4-cylinder exhaust valve lifter that came apart holding valve open, removed left head and all lifters out of engine, and ordered parts to repair issue.

MISC:

- Picked up electric motor from Water Plant and sent driver to Topeka Electric Motor to drop off motor for repairs.

• **Pub Works:**

- ❖ Public Works has received 2 Pub Works or Online request this week bringing the total number of request for the year to 223 requests.