

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ANDALE CITY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of the Andale City Council is hereby called to be held on **Monday, July 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., Andale City Hall, 326 N. Main.** The purpose of this meeting is to discuss:

The 2026 budget, maintenance report, police chief report, city clerk report, the consent agenda, and old and new business, with an executive session if needed.

Justin Reichenberger

Leonard Rau

Chad Smith

Hollie Martin

Jennifer McGaffin

The special meeting of the Andale City Council is called to order at 6:07 p.m. on Monday, July 14, 2025 by Mayor Martin. Council members Justin Reichenberger and Hollie Martin are absent. Hollie Martin arrives later at 6:48 p.m. City Clerk Patty Hein, Police Chief Scott Harris, and Public Works Director/City Administrator Ben Johnson are also present. The purpose of the meeting is to establish if there is need to exceed the RNR for the 2026 budget, and to discuss other City business.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda is discussed.

Review Minutes from the June 23, 2025 regular meeting
Review Claims Paid Report
Review Monthly Financial Summary
Annual pay increases for employees

Leonard Rau moves to remove the employee pay increases from the consent agenda and consider it separately. Jennifer McGaffin seconds and the motion carries 3-0.

Chad Smith moves to approve the consent agenda and Jennifer McGaffin seconds. The motion carries 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

The Council discusses the next step for the park improvements.

CLERK ITEMS

Clerk Hein has no new items other than the pool revenue spreadsheet.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Scott Harris gives the police report. He would like approval to purchase 4 new tires for the 2022 Ford F-150 police truck from Kansas Land Tire at a cost of \$1,342.00. Chad Smith moves to approve the purchase and Jennifer McGaffin seconds. The motion carries 3-0.

MAINTENANCE/CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Ben Johnson gives the maintenance/city administrator report. The Council discusses quotes for the 1st Street drainage culvert and concrete for the church alley. No action is taken. The equipment for the new gym is also discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:55 p.m. Jennifer McGaffin moves to go the executive session to discuss non-elect personnel matters for 30 minutes and inviting in the City Attorney, City Administrator, and other employees as needed. Chad Smith seconds and the motion carries 4-0.

At 7:25 p.m. Mayor Martin states that no binding action was taken in executive session and the regular session resumes.

At 7:27 p.m. Chad Smith moves to go back to executive session to discuss non-elect personnel matters for 10 minutes and inviting in the City Attorney. Hollie Martin seconds and the motion carries 4-0.

At 7:37 p.m. Mayor Martin states that no binding action was taken in executive session and the regular session resumes.

Leonard Rau moves to start doing annual employee evaluations in November, having them ready for the November meeting, and delivering them in November/December. Chad Smith seconds and the motion carries 4-0.

Chad Smith moves to approve the employee pay raises as presented. Jennifer McGaffin seconds and the motion carries 4-0.

2026 BUDGET

The Council goes over a preliminary 2026 budget presented by Mayor Martin. It is decided that there is no need to exceed the RNR for this budget, so no action is taken. The budget will be discussed further at future meetings.

ADJOURN

At 8:13 p.m. Chad Smith moves to adjourn and Jennifer McGaffin seconds. The motion carries 4-0.