



**EMPORIA PLANNING COMMISSION / BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026 AT 6:00 PM
CITY COMMISSION / MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
518 MECHANIC, EMPORIA, KS**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Kenton Thomas, Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kenton Thomas
Stan Fowler
Lilian Lingenfelter
Joe Reed
Aaron Larson
Denise Gilligan
Kevin Johnson

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Planning Commission: Consider the Minutes of the August 11, 2026 Planning Commission Meeting**
Presented by: Justin Givens, Director of Building & Neighborhood Development
Recommended Action: Approve Minutes
2. **Planning Commission: Consider PC 2026-09, Review of Medical Terminology Within Emporia Zoning Regulations**
Presented by: Justin Givens, Director of Building & Neighborhood Development
Recommended Action: Recieve & File

ADJOURNMENT



**CITY OF EMPORIA
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF AUGUST 11, 2026
REGULAR MEETING**

The Planning Commission met in a special session on Tuesday, June 14, 2026, which was only available to the public via live stream, with Chair Kenton Thomas presiding. Commissioners Fowler, Gilligan, Larson, and Lingenfelter were present. Commissioners Reed and Johnson were absent.

City staff: Justin Givens, Director, Building & Neighborhood Development, was present.

Thomas called the meeting to order.

1. Consider The Minutes of the June 23, 2026, Special Planning Commission Meeting.

Givens presented the commission with the minutes from the May 23, 2026, meeting.

Commissioner Gilligan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Larson seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

2. Consider the Minutes of the June 30, 2026 Special Planning Commission Meeting.

Givens presented the commission with the minutes from the May 30, 2026, meeting.

Commissioner Gilligan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Larson seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

3. Consider the Minutes of the July 14, 2026 Planning Commission Meeting.

Givens presented the commission with the minutes from the July 14, 2026, meeting.

Commissioner Gilligan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Larson seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment: With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Justin Givens, Secretary



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STAFF REPORT

Application #: PC 2026-09

Applicants: City of Emporia

Requested Action: Request from City Commission to Planning Commission to Review Medical Terminology and Use Regulations

Purpose: To Review and Make a Recommendation to the City Commission on Possible Medical Terminology and Use Regulations to the Zoning Code

Background: The Planning Commission was asked to review both Medical Terminology and Uses within the Emporia Zoning Regulations. The current zoning regulations do not address in definition any medical related term.

Within the Use Table (Section 2.5.1) the following medical related uses are listed but not defined:

- Nursing Home
- Ambulance Services, Private
- Hospitals
- Medical / Dental Offices, labs

Staff has provided a spreadsheet that tries to compare various other cities definitions on medical related terminology as a start point for our discussions.

Attachments: Definition Spreadsheet | Individual City Definitions