

The City of Towanda

City Council Workshop

Wednesday, February 4, 2026, 6:30 PM, City Hall, 110 S 3rd, Towanda, KS

Council Workshop – Sales Tax Goals & Priorities

1. CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP – SALES TAX GOALS & PRIORITIES

- Council and key staff members will participate in a facilitated workshop to discuss community priorities and potential priorities for a future sales tax question.

* **“Discussion”** = No expectation of a final decision. The Council cannot discuss City issues as a group outside of a public meeting without violating the Kansas Open Meeting Act.

INTRODUCTION

Under the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA), the public has the right to observe the meetings of the Towanda City Council unless the City Council has recessed into a lawfully conducted executive session. The KOMA does not require public comment; the opportunity is provided at the City Council's discretion, except as required by State law or City ordinance in specific circumstances. This policy outlines the various circumstances under which the City Council meets and elaborates on the City Council's Rules of Procedure by addressing the rules regarding the time, place, and manner of public participation in the City Council meetings from the standpoint of the participating member of the public. This policy is intended to strike a lawful balance between First Amendment protections and the substantial public interests of (1) assuring that meetings of the City Council can occur in an efficient, orderly, and safe manner and (2) promoting productive public discourse regarding the governance and administration of the City while maintaining decorum in an environment free from interference, distraction, or intimidation, whether real or perceived, by any person present in the meeting room toward the Council or members of the public.

STUDY/WORKSHOP SESSION

The City Council may meet in study session on topics determined by the City Administrator or the City Council on a specific date and time. As the name suggests, the study/workshop session is intended to provide a less formal opportunity for the City Council to study, discuss, and provide direction to City staff regarding the subject under study. Study sessions are open to the public; however, the extent of public participation is subject to the discretion of the City Council based upon available time during the study session and the need for public input in order to accomplish the objectives of the City Council in studying the subject of the study session.