



RESOLUTION NO. 2025-1124B

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE MAYOR-ELECT AND ANY COUNCIL MEMBERS-ELECT AT THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING IN DECEMBER 2025.

WHEREAS, the general municipal election for the City of Whitewater, Kansas, was held in November 2025, and the results have been duly certified by the Butler County Election Officer; and

WHEREAS, Timothy R. Eldredge, having received a plurality of votes cast for the office of Mayor, has been declared elected as Mayor of the City of Whitewater; and

WHEREAS, Trent Clark and Scott Silknitter, having both been elected to the City Council, are also required to take the oath of office; and

WHEREAS, Kansas law (K.S.A. 54-106 and related statutes) requires all elected city officials to take and subscribe the constitutional oath of office before entering upon the duties of their office; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to formally administer said oath(s) in open session at its next regular meeting, for the benefit of the public and to ensure compliance with state law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WHITEWATER, KANSAS:

Section 1. That at the regular meeting of the City Council to be held on Monday, December 22, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Building, the oath of office shall be administered to the Mayor-Elect and any Council Members-Elect.

Section 2. The oath of office shall be in the following form, as prescribed by Kansas law:

"I, [First and Last Name], do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am duly qualified, according to the constitution of the State of Kansas, to exercise the duties of the office to which I have been elected, and that I will, to the best of my ability, discharge the duties thereof, and preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States and of Kansas.

As [Mayor or Council member] of the City of Whitewater, I pledge to uphold the highest standards of ethical behavior, acting with integrity, transparency, and accountability in all my actions. I will equally, fairly, and impartially, to the best of my ability and skill, exercise the trust reposed in me, and will use my best endeavor to preserve the peace, promote the public good, and carry into effect according to law, the purposes for which I have been elected, So help me God."

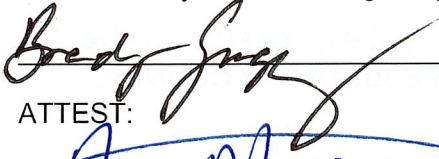
Section 3. The oath shall be administered by the City Clerk, a notary public, or any other person authorized by law to administer oaths.

Section 4. Upon administration of the oath, the newly sworn Mayor and Council Members shall assume their respective offices and duties on January 1, 2026.

Section 5. The City Clerk is directed to file the subscribed oaths with the official records of the City as well as send copies to the County Clerks office of Butler County, Kansas. The city clerk will

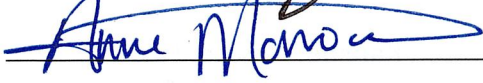
also enter this resolution and the administration of the oaths in the minutes of the December 2025 council meeting.

ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the City of Whitewater, Kansas, this 24th day of November, 2025.



BRADY GRAGG, Mayor

ATTEST:



ANNE MORROW, City Clerk

