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CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 5:30 PM — Commission Room, City Hall — 118 W. Central Ave

Routine Business

1. **Roll Call**

PRESENT:
Vice-Mayor Steve Lungren
Commissioner Chad Beeson
Commissioner David Colquhoun
Commissioner Charles Tweedy III

ABSENT:
Mayor Tad Stover

City staff present: City Attorney Larry Schwartz, City Manager Randy Frazer, City Clerk Tiffany Parsons, IT Manager Matt Metzinger, Finance Director/City Treasurer Jennifer Waggoner, HR Director Marla McFarland, and Police Chief Jim Holloway.

2. Opening Prayer led by Pastor Jake Giger of Bible Christian Church and Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice-Mayor Steve Lungren.

3. There was one addition and no deletions to the agenda.

- **Addition:** Recess into executive session for a period of ____ minutes to discuss a matter regarding certain issues with employee compensation, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), personnel matters of nonelected personnel. The open meeting will resume in the commission Chambers at ___ : ____ p.m., to include _____ . ***(Voice Vote)***

Motion made by Commissioner Tweedy III, seconded by Commissioner Beeson, to approve the addition to the agenda.

Voice Voting Aye: Vice-Mayor Lungren, Commissioner Colquhoun, Commissioner Beeson, and Commissioner Tweedy III. Vice-Mayor Lungren declared the motion approved.

4. Approval of the Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Colquhoun, seconded by Commissioner Tweedy III, to approve the agenda as amended.

Voice Voting Aye: Vice-Mayor Lungren, Commissioner Colquhoun, Commissioner Beeson, and Commissioner Tweedy III. Vice-Mayor Lungren declared the motion approved.

Awards and Proclamations

1. Proclaim July 26, 2026, as National Disability Independence Day in Arkansas City, as read by Vice Mayor Lungren.

Consent Agenda

Note: All matters listed below on the Consent Agenda are considered under one motion and enacted by one motion. There should be no separate discussion. If such discussion is desired, any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and then considered separately under New Business.

1. Approve the July 7, 2026 regular meeting, and July 15, 2026 special meeting minutes meeting minutes as written.

2. A Resolution authorizing the City of Arkansas City to allocate Unpledged Healthcare Sales Tax Funds in the amount of $43,917.25 to SCK Health for uncompensated care provided to the community, consistent with Ordinance No. 2019-02-4481 and the City's intent to annually appropriate available revenues for health care purposes.

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Motion made by Commissioner Beeson, seconded by Commissioner Tweedy III, to approve the Consent Agenda as written.

Voice Voting Aye: Vice-Mayor Lungren, Commissioner Beeson, Commissioner Colquhoun, and Commissioner Tweedy III. Vice-Mayor Lungren declared the motion approved; and given ***Resolution No. 2026-07-3851****.*

New Business

City Manager Department

1. A Resolution authorizing the City of Arkansas City to enter into a Construction Agreement with Pearson Construction, LLC, in an amount not to exceed $273,070.20, for the W. Madison Ave. (US-166) Mill and Overlay Project from the Arkansas River Bridge to 8th Street; accepting the required Performance Bond, Statutory Bond, and Certificate of Insurance; and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement and related contract documents.

Motion made by Commissioner Beeson, seconded by Commissioner Colquhoun, to approve the item as written.

Voice Voting Aye: Vice-Mayor Lungren, Commissioner Beeson, Commissioner Colquhoun, and Commissioner Tweedy III. Vice-Mayor Lungren declared the motion approved; given ***Resolution No. 2026-07-3852****.*

2. A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Deed conveying certain real property owned by the City of Winfield, Kansas, and the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, as the owners of Strother Field Airport-Industrial Park, to the Kansas Department of Transportation for the U.S. Highway 77 Corridor Improvement Project.

Motion made by Commissioner Colquhoun, seconded by Commissioner Beeson, to approve the item as written.

Voice Voting Aye: Vice-Mayor Lungren, Commissioner Beeson, Commissioner Colquhoun, and Commissioner Tweedy III. Vice-Mayor Lungren declared the motion approved; given ***Resolution No. 2026-07-3853****.*

3. An Ordinance exempting the application of K.S.A. 41-719(d), to allow the sale and consumption of alcoholic liquor at a designated area of Wilson Park, from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM, during a community event on August 7, 2026.

Motion made by Commissioner Colquhoun, seconded by Commissioner Beeson, to approve the item as written.

Roll Call Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor Lungren, Commissioner Beeson, Commissioner Colquhoun, and Commissioner Tweedy III. Vice-Mayor Lungren declared the motion approved; given ***Ordinance No. 2026-07-4657****.*

City Manager Updates & Reminders

1. **July 9 – Fire Station Design Meeting:** the Fire Station project continues to progress through the design phase. The 50% design and budget review are underway, with current cost estimates being refined. The next design meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2026.

2. **July 22 – Skyland 3-D Meeting:** Reports regarding the Skyland 3-D housing project, including consideration of potential **HUD grant funding** for housing initiatives.

3. **June 23 – Burns & McDonnell Meeting:** update on ongoing coordination with Burns & McDonnell regarding Pfaus when putting the Well online.

4. **Aug. 10 – Evergy Buffalo Flats Transmission Line Open House:** Evergy is hosting a community open house Monday, August 10, 2026, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Cowley County Community College Brown Center in Arkansas City, KS, regarding potential transmission line routes through the Buffalo Flats area, which passes through parts of Arkansas City.

5. **June 21 – League of Kansas Municipalities (LKM) Social Media Webinar.** Commission and staff welcome register to attend.

6. **Oct. 8-10 – League of Kansas Municipalities (LKM):** Registration is open for the annual LKM conference being held in Wichita, KS, October 8-10. Commission will need to select voting delegates soon.

7. **Aug. 27 – Kansas Water Conference: The** Kansas Water Environment Association (KWEA) and the Kansas Section of the American Water Works Association (KsAWWA) will host their Annual Joint Water & Wastewater Conference in Wichita, KS, on August 27, 2026.

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8. Cowley County Economic Development update handout distributed to commissioners.

9. Final Northwest Community Center (NWCC) Outreach Program report was received from Wichita State University's Public Management Center outreach facilitation and strategic planning efforts. City staff and the NWCC Advisory Board and steering committee, and volunteer committee will meet to review the findings and discuss next steps during their regular scheduled meeting August 20th at 4:00p.m.

Items for Discussion by City Commissioners

Commissioner Beeson announced that a few of the local liquor store owners are scheduled to attend the next City Commission Work Session to discuss the City's ordinance provisions governing holiday alcoholic liquor sales.

Comments from the Audience for Items not on the Agenda

The public will be allowed to speak on issues or items that are not scheduled for discussion on the agenda. Individuals should address all comments and questions to the Commission. Comments should be limited to issues and items relevant to the business of the Governing Body. The Commission will not discuss or debate these items, nor will the Commission make decisions on items presented during this time. Each person will be limited to three (3) minutes.

Dotty Smith, 408 S B St. - addressed the Commission regarding the Museum budget. She expressed concern about a newspaper article referencing full-time versus part-time employment, further stating that City funding, together with community fundraising efforts, is essential to keeping the Museum operational.

Financial Summary

June 2026 Financial Summary.

Executive Session

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Motion made by Commissioner Beeson, seconded by Commissioner Tweedy III, to recess into executive session for a period of 10 minutes to discuss a matter regarding certain issues with employee compensation, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), personnel matters of nonelected personnel. The open meeting will resume in the commission Chambers at 6:04 p.m., to include the City Manager, City Attorney, City Finance Director/Treasurer, and HR Director.

Voice Voting Aye: Vice-Mayor Lungren, Commissioner Beeson, Commissioner Colquhoun, and Commissioner Tweedy III. Vice-Mayor Lungren declared the motion approved.

Vice-Mayor Lungren called the meeting back to order at 6:04 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Beeson, seconded by Commissioner Tweedy III, to recess back into executive session for a period of 4 minutes to discuss a matter regarding certain issues with employee compensation, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), personnel matters of nonelected personnel. The open meeting will resume in the commission Chambers at 6:09 p.m., to include the City Manager, City Attorney, City Finance Director/Treasurer, and HR Director.

Voice Voting Aye: Vice-Mayor Lungren, Commissioner Beeson, Commissioner Colquhoun, and Commissioner Tweedy III. Vice-Mayor Lungren declared the motion approved.

Vice-Mayor Lungren called the meeting back to order at 6:09 p.m.

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Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Beeson, seconded by Commissioner Tweedy III to adjourn the meeting.

Voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vice-Mayor Lungren declared the motion approved and meeting adjourned.

THE CITY OF ARKANSAS CITY
BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS

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Steve Lungren, Vice-Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tiffany Parsons, City Clerk

Prepared by: Tiffany Parsons, City Clerk

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