



SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 12, 2025 at 12:00 PM — City Hall Commission Room — 118 W. Central Ave

Routine Business

1. Roll Call

PRESENT:

Mayor Chad Beeson
Vice-Mayor Tad Stover
Commissioner Charles Tweedy III
Commissioner Jay Warren

ABSENT:

Commissioner Diana Spielman

City staff present: City Attorney Larry Schwartz, City Manager Randy Frazer, Communication Director Shana Adkisson, Fire Chief Stuart Cassaboom, Neighborhood Services Director Mike Bellis, and Police Chief Jim Halloway.

New Business

Fire/EMS Department

1. A Resolution authorizing the City of Arkansas City to purchase loose equipment, SCBA units, and radios for the 2025 Ferrara Custom Cinder T-Engine in an amount not to exceed \$154,120.83, exclusive of associated shipping costs.

City Manager Frazer explained that both resolutions are connected to the T-Engine purchase and build previously approved on March 7, 2023, in which the City Commission authorized the purchase of a new T-Engine (Heavy-Duty Engine Tanker) for the Fire Department from Ferrara which has now been custom built and must be picked up by September 17, 2025. He noted that financing arrangements are required to finalize the attainment of the new fire truck. Fire Chief Cassaboom added details, provided background on the need for updated equipment and explained maintenance procedures, truck lifespans, and staffing progress.

Lloyd Colston, 1825 N 8th, expressed concerns about long-term planning and urged the commission to ensure adequate funding for maintenance rather than piecemeal fixes. He also commented on the need for greater citizen engagement.

Motion made by Commission Warren seconded by Vice Mayor Stover to approve the item as written.

*Voice Voting Aye: Mayor Beeson, Vice-Mayor Stover, Commissioner Tweedy III, and Commissioner Warren. Mayor Beeson declared the motion approved; given **Resolution No. 2025-09-3751**.*

2. A Resolution authorizing the City of Arkansas City to enter into a lease-purchase agreement with Union State Bank for the purchase of a 2025 Ferrara Custom Cinder T-Engine and associated loose equipment accessories for a total financed amount of \$1,034,520.83.

City Manager Frazer explained that the City received two bids for financing. Union State Bank (USB) submitted the best terms at 4.25%. Staff recommended accepting USB's 10-year semiannual payment option (two payments per year) at 4.25%. The total financed amount of \$1,034,520.83 which includes \$880,400 for the T-Engine, \$117,949.79 for loose equipment, \$30,279.26 for self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) units with spare bottles, and \$5,891.78 for radios, with the T-Engine and loose equipment accessories having been approved by a previous resolution. It was noted that this project has been budgeted for two and a half years, with funds reserved and utilized as needed during that time.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Stover, Seconded by Mayor Beeson to adjourn the meeting.

*Voice Voting Aye: Mayor Beeson, Vice-Mayor Stover, Commissioner Tweedy III, and Commissioner Warren. Mayor Beeson declared the motion approved; given **Resolution No. 2025-09-3752**.*

Jim Sybrant, 1816 E Chestnut, raised concerns about inadequate fire protection in Crestwood and Parkerfield, citing past house fires and insufficient water infrastructure. He urged the city to follow through on longstanding promises for improvements. Staff and commissioners responded by noting that land has been purchased and plans are currently underway for a new water tower and water line upgrades.

Adjournment

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

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

THE CITY OF ARKANSAS CITY
BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS

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Chad D. Beeson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tiffany Parsons, City Clerk

Prepared by: Tiffany Parsons, City Clerk