



CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 5:30 PM — Commission Room, City Hall — 118 W. Central Ave

Routine Business

1. Roll Call

PRESENT:

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

City staff present: City Attorney Larry Schwartz, City Manager Randy Frazer, City Clerk Tiffany Parsons, Communication Director Shana Adkisson, Environmental Services Superintendent Kyle Blubaugh, Fire/EMS Chief Stuart Cassaboom, EMS Director Jeri Wheatley, Police Chief Jim Holloway, and Police Officer David Treadwell.

2. Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance led by City Attorney Larry Schwartz.

3. Addition or Deletions to the agenda.

City Manager Frazer stated there were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

4. Approval of the Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Spielman, Seconded by Vice Mayor Stover to approve the agenda as written.

Voice Voting Aye: Mayor Beeson, Vice-Mayor Stover, Commissioner Spielman, Commissioner Tweedy III, and Commissioner Warren. Mayor Beeson declared the motion approved.

Recognition of Visitors/Staff

1. Introduce and swear in newly hired Police Officer David Treadwell.

Police Chief Holloway spoke of Treadwell joining the police force on May 21, 2025, as a full-time officer. City Clerk Parsons conducting the swearing in ceremony of Officer Treadwell.

City Clerk Parsons offered the following items for consideration:

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 Section VI: New Business.

1. Approve June 3, 2025, regular meeting minutes as written.

2. A Resolution authorizing the City of Arkansas City to allocate Unpledged Healthcare Sales Tax Funds in the amount of \$53,664.88 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.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Stover, Seconded by Commissioner Warren to approve the consent agenda as written.

*Voice Voting Aye: Mayor Beeson, Vice-Mayor Stover, Commissioner Spielman, Commissioner Tweedy III, and Commissioner Warren. Mayor Beeson declared the motion approved; given **Resolution No. 2025-06-3723.***

New Business

Environmental Services Department

1. A Resolution authorizing the City of Arkansas City to accept a bid from Midco Diving & Marine Services, Inc. to conduct water tank cleaning and inspections, for an amount to exceed \$18,924.00.

This City is required by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to clean and inspect all potable water storage tanks every 3-5 years. Environmental Services Superintendent Blubaugh explained that in order to meet this requirement and avoid draining the tanks, the use of professional diving services is essential for in-service inspections and cleanings. Divers will be dressed in clean wetsuits prior to entering the tanks for cleaning and inspection. Cleaning and inspections base cost is \$18,924.00 with any additional sediment over 3 inches at \$480.00/hr. and any epoxy repairs billed at \$480.00/hr., which will be submitted via change orders.

Motion made by Commissioner Spielman, seconded by Vice Mayor Stover to approve the item as written.

*Voice Voting Aye: Mayor Beeson, Vice-Mayor Stover, Commissioner Spielman, Commissioner Tweedy III, and Commissioner Warren. Mayor Beeson declared the motion approved; given **Resolution No. 2025-06-3724.***

Fire/EMS Department

1. A Resolution authorizing the City of Arkansas City to accept a quote submitted by Stryker, to purchase extended warranties for four (4) ambulance cots and four (4) power load systems, for an amount not to exceed \$16,032.00.

Previously, The City of Arkansas City purchased four (4) ambulance cots and four (4) power load systems to enhance emergency medical services and improve patient and personnel safety. The power load systems were purchased and installed with grant funding received during the COVID-19 pandemic. At the time of original purchase, extended warranties beyond one (1) year were not available from the manufacturer. These current cots are in good shape, EMS Director Wheatley explained, purchasing warranties on each will gain another 10 year out of our current inventory. Each warranty is for a 12-month duration and includes comprehensive coverage for parts, labor, travel, preventative maintenance, and batteries service

Motion made by Vice Mayor Stover, seconded by Commissioner Spielman to approve the item as written.

*Voice Voting Aye: Mayor Beeson, Vice-Mayor Stover, Commissioner Spielman, Commissioner Tweedy III, and Commissioner Warren. Mayor Beeson declared the motion approved; given **Resolution No. 2025-06-3725.***

2. A Resolution authorizing the City of Arkansas City to accept a quote submitted by Delta Fire & Safety to purchase new bunker gear fitted for new hires, for an amount not to exceed \$18,515.09.

Fire/EMS currently does not have properly sized equipment available fitted for new personnel. Fire/EMS Director Cassaboom justified the importance of ensuring the safety and readiness of firefighters, and the need to provide them with appropriately fitted gear, including coats, pants, helmet, gloves and hoods, all compliant NFPA standards.

Motion made by Commissioner Warren, seconded by Commissioner Tweedy III to approve the item as written.

*Voice Voting Aye: Mayor Beeson, Vice-Mayor Stover, Commissioner Spielman, Commissioner Tweedy III, and Commissioner Warren. Mayor Beeson declared the motion approved; given **Resolution No. 2025-06-3726.***

City Manager Updates & Reminders

City Manager Frazer provided the following reminders and updates before the commission:

1. Two emergency well repairs are essential for Well 12 needing mechanical part replacement and Well 3 requiring a pump, new motor and bowl assembly.

2. June 18th, City staff will travel to Topeka, Kansas to meet with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) regarding future planning for the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). Upcoming permit cycles will require the City to treat phosphorus. Staff will explore whether continuing with chemical treatment remains the most cost-effective and efficient option, or if a mechanical process may be more suitable.
3. June 23rd final *13 Way's to Kill Your Community* Webinar at noon in the City Manager's office.
4. Staff met with 3-D House company and learned more about them. More information to follow as we look at landbank fill in properties.
5. Two CDBG grants have been submitted, one for housing & other for parks.
6. Permits from the railroad have been approved and issued to proceed with the sewer line repair and new installation. Working on insurance now. Projects should begin in the last week in June or 1st week in July with an expected 2-month completion time.
7. June 23rd final *13 Way's to Kill Your Community* Webinar at noon in the City Manager's office.
8. City Project Manager's update list provided to commissioners for review.
9. 2025 Median Wage update follow-up discussion from work-session handout.
10. Environmental Services Dept. provided their May 2025 report handout.
11. CC Humane Society May 2025 report handout.
12. PEC project update handout including street and utility info.
13. Financials located in the back of the packet.
14. Northwest Community Center Summer Program Update provided by Cindy Bennett. They have two new programs starting.
15. Budget work session scheduled for July 11th with following meeting to discuss exceeding RNR.
16. The annual LKM Conference is Oct. 9-11 this year.
17. The Commission and staff need to have another meeting before the 11th budget work session to re-review Fire Station renovation plans.
18. Hike-Bike Trail Phase II Project SWPP plans were finally approved. Project set to begin next week starting at the Paris Park area.

Items for Discussion by City Commissioners

Commissioner Spielman inquired about the house that collapsed on 6th street. City Manager Frazer will partner with Neighborhood Services Director Bellis on the status.

Mayor Beeson took a moment to thank all city workers for all they are doing to clean up limbs after all the recent heavy rain and windstorms pulling 12-hour shifts to complete the extra duties on top of regular daily work.

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 five (5) minutes.

Nancy Holman of 1600 W Linden Ave. voiced concerns about possible defunding the library speaking on opposition.

Jerry Straley of 608 N 1st St. inquired about the status of Sleeth Addition property, the privately owned Truck Stop, and the one million dollars reimbursement owed from the SCKHealth to the city taxpayers, after they city loaned them the money.

Cindy Freeland of 801 Highland Dr. also expressed concerns for possible library defunding.

Mickie Schmith of 426 N. C St. spoke of concerns for the Northwest Community.

Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Tweedy III, Seconded by Commissioner Warren 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

(Seal)

Chad D. Beeson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tiffany Parsons, City Clerk

Prepared by:

Tiffany Parsons, City Clerk