



CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 4, 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

ABSENT:

City staff present: City Attorney Larry Schwartz, City Clerk Tiffany Parsons, Communication Director Shana Adkisson, Environmental Services Superintendent Kyle Blubaugh, EMS Director Jeri Wheatley, Part-time Firefighter-Paramedic Arron Nathan, and Police Chief Jim Halloway.

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

3. Addition or Deletions to the agenda.

City Manager Frazer stated that 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, and Commissioner Tweedy III. Mayor Beeson declared the motion approved.

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 October 7, 2025, amended meeting minutes, and October 21, 2025 regular meeting minutes as written.

Motion made by Commissioner Warren, seconded Vice-Mayor Stover, to approve the Consent Agenda as read.

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

New Business

City Manager Department

1. A Resolution authorizing the City of Arkansas City to approve the Real Estate Sales Contract and Statutory Quit Claim Deed, transferring approximately 0.67 acres of City-owned property to Kenneth W. and Dolores A. Beougher, by way of gift for the purpose of combining with their adjoining property at 725 E Jackson Avenue.

Mr. Beougher approached the city about the possibility of obtaining the vacant property as explained by City Manager Frazer with plans to build a single-family home on the lots once combined.

Motion made by Mayor Beeson, 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. 2025-11-3770**.*

2. A Resolution to authorize the City of Arkansas City to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Tisaleen Uremoch to provide Chuukese language interpretation services for the Arkansas City Municipal Court, at a rate of \$50.00 per hour plus mileage reimbursement at the current IRS rate.

Resident Ken Harrider of 1313 N First Street questioned the need for translation of this language. City Manager Frazer explained that there is a need in Municipal Court as the judges have also asked for this. City Attorney Schwartz noted that this is essential and is used interpretation for District Court as well, further noting that under Due Process, if we have one individual in need of interpretation, they have that constitutional right.

Irma Mesa of 211 E Spruce, who interprets in the school district spoke of the need for this type of language interpretation in the community as the population continues to grow. The Police Department and other city departments are also be able to utilize interpreter services.

Motion made by Commissioner Tweedy III, 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. 2025-11-3771**.*

Environmental Services Department

1. A Resolution Authorizing the City of Arkansas City to enter into an agreement with Cogent Companies, through its Fluid Equipment and Lee Mathews divisions, to provide materials and services to rebuild pumps at the Water Treatment Facility, for an amount not to exceed \$62,966.81.

Environmental Services Superintendent Blubaugh explained that The Water Treatment Facility's High Service Pump #4 failed due to a radial bearing malfunction and excessive wear on the bronze impeller caused by chlorine corrosion in the treated water. To prevent future failures, it is recommended to replace it with a 316 stainless-steel impeller is recommended for its superior chlorine resistance. Staff recommend selecting Lee Mathews Equipment Inc., a branch of Cogent Companies, who specialize in providing fluid pumping and treatment equipment is the company we brought in to diagnose the issue, can complete the rebuild of Pump #4 and supply the additional three impellers for the remaining pumps. Remaining pumps will be rebuilt as needed or on a six-month preventive maintenance schedule.

Motion made by Commissioner Warren, 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. 2025-11-3772**.*

Fire/EMS Department

1. A Resolution authorizing the City of Arkansas City to purchase an AutoPulse NXT Resuscitation System from ZOLL Medical Corporation in the amount of \$23,508.70, excluding shipping. (**Voice Vote**)

EMS Director Wheatley spoke of the need for this resuscitation system which will enhance the quality, consistency, and safety of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) provided by our EMS personnel. Implementing this AutoPulse system will help improve patient outcomes, operational efficiency, and provider safety as manual chest compressions are physically demanding and can vary in depth and rate. The AutoPulse delivers automated, consistent chest compressions that meet current American Heart Association (AHA) guidelines, ensuring optimal circulation during cardiac arrest events.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Stover, seconded by Commissioner Warren, 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. 2025-11-3773**.*

City Manager Updates & Reminders

1. **Fire Station Project:** Staff met with Hutton to review preliminary fire station plans. Three construction firms will submit proposals. All firms understand the City's needs for the station. Request for Proposals due November 10th at 2:00 PM for bid opening, which will provide clearer cost information.
2. **Veterans Day Events & Purple Heart Ceremony:** The Veteran Day Parade will kick off Saturday, November 8th at 11am followed by a special purple heart ceremony at the American Legion, scheduled in honor of a local war hero and veteran Cliff Gottlob who will receive a long-overdue Purple Heart Award.
3. **Pickleball Courts:** Request for Proposals are due November 12th by 2:00 PM for bid opening. Three companies are expected to submit. Local pickleball group has secured or is close to securing matching funds. Project completion timeline depends on contractor scheduling as popular builders are often booked out.
4. **Local Elected Officials Gathering:** November 12th marks the South Central Kansas elected officials meeting at the Wichita Art Museum. Good networking opportunity for city officials, state and federal elected officials may attend as well. Information will be shared with newly elected officials after election results so they may attend.
5. **League of Kansas Municipalities Leaders Academy:** This training event for new and current elected officials is Scheduled for April 17, 2026, in Salina (one-day session this year). More details will be provided closer to the event.
6. **Economic Development Retreat:** Scheduled for November 13th at 9:00 AM in the Cowley County Brown Center. The day-long strategic planning retreat for cities, businesses, and partners to discuss future direction, hosted by the Cowley County Economic Development Group. Input will help determine future direction for economic development.
7. **Soup Bowls & Cinnamon Roll City Lunch:** November 19th is the Annual City Employee Soup Bowls and Cinnamon Rolls lunch. It was noted that the Commission may be entering the soup competition. Commissioners are invited to attend and encouraged judge.
8. **East Pressure Zone Project:** Plan review recently completed, overall, they look good. Still working through Easement issues along Highway 77 with KDOT that need to be resolved; location concerns may require redesign.
9. **Water Tower Zoning:** Current lot is zoned R-1, which doesn't allow the required height. This will need rezoned, staff is thinking possibly directly at the commission level. Full project timeline likely extends into late 2026, due to: easement negotiations with KDOT, KDHE approval process, complexity of storage, pumps, and distribution improvements, then bidding, financing, and other internal steps.

Items for Discussion by City Commissioners

Commissioner Warren expressed strong appreciation for city workers for their hard work during the Arkalalah Festival, especially given the 4.5 inches of rain, further noting that crews were out early each morning picking up trash and managing site conditions.

Mayor Beeson mentioned that the parks department was at Kansas and Summit today working to change out the radar light system. He also noted that the portions of the W Birch Street, between Braums and Wilson Park, is now gone in preparation for the future Splash Pad addition, thanking Curtis and staff for getting that done so quickly.

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.

Lloyd Colston, 1825 N 8th St., thanked the commission, city staff, and the South Central Kansas Agency-Aging Office for their service, sharing that the office helped him save hundreds of dollars by reviewing his medical insurance options. He encouraged the City to promote this State resource to residents and reminded everyone that April 1st marks the start of Volunteer Appreciation Month.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mayor Beeson, seconded by Vice-Mayor Stover 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

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