



CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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

Routine Business

1. Roll Call

PRESENT:

Mayor Tad Stover
Vice-Mayor Steve Lungren
Commissioner Chad Beeson
Commissioner David Colquhoun
Commissioner Charles Tweedy III

ABSENT:

City staff present: City Manager Randy Frazer, City Clerk Tiffany Parsons, Environmental Services Superintendent Kyle Blubaugh, IT Manager Matt Metzinger, and Public Services Parks & Facilities Supervisor Connie Moore.

- Opening Prayer led by Pastor Roger White of Church of God In Christ and Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Tad Stover.
- There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.
- Approval of the Agenda.

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

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

Awards and Proclamations

- Mayor Stover proclaimed May 3-9, 2026 as Public Service Recognition Week in Arkansas City.
- Mayor Stover proclaimed May 17-23, 2026 as National EMS Week in Arkansas City.

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.

- Approve the April 7, 2026, regular meeting minutes as written.
- A Resolution scheduling a public hearing for June 16, 2026, at 5:30 PM in the Commission Chambers at City Hall to determine if structures located at **413 N 1st ST, 701 N B ST, 836 S C ST, and 219 N Summit ST** are unsafe and dangerous.
- Ratify Mayor Tad Stover's appointment of Jennifer Jennings to the Northwest Community Center Advisory Board.

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

*Voice Voting Aye: Mayor Stover, Vice-Mayor Lungren, Commissioner Beeson, Commissioner Colquhoun, and Commissioner Tweedy III. Mayor Stover declared the motion approved; given **Resolution No. 2026-04-3828**.*

City Manager Updates & Reminders

1. **April 22 – Splash Pad Testing & Opening Timeline** - Staff will test and train on splash pad operations, with the facility expected to open to the public around Memorial Day, pending grass establishment.
2. **April 24 – Cowley County Economic Development Meeting** - A countywide economic development planning discussion will be held at Southwestern College, 100 College St., Winfield, KS in Deets Library at 1 p.m., facilitated by KU's Public Management Center.
3. **April 30 – Fire Station Project Kickoff** - C The City will hold a kickoff meeting with Crossland Construction to begin design planning and refine cost estimates for a new fire station.
4. **May 1 – ETZANOA VIP Grand Opening** - Commissioners were reminded of the ETZANOA VIP Grand Opening event.
5. **May 4 – Cox Communications Meeting** - City staff will meet with Cox representatives to discuss telecommunications services and infrastructure needs.
6. **May 12 – Madison Street Overlay Project** - Bids will be opened for the Madison Street mill and overlay project, funded primarily through a state CCLIP grant with local matching funds.
7. **May 22 – External Agencies Budget Work Session** - The first budget work session will focus on external agencies, with invitations extended to local legislators to observe the budgeting process.
8. **Pickleball Court Project Update** - Construction is progressing, pad pouring happened today and light poles went up. Completion is anticipated by May 18, including painting and final improvements.
9. **F Street Bridge Project** - Engineering is nearly complete, with bidding expected soon and construction anticipated to begin in September. This is another state grant the city received to replace the bridge.
10. **Sleigh Addition Street Improvements** - Ongoing street and infrastructure improvements, including asphalt work and a railroad crossing upgrade, will enhance transportation in the area.

Items for Discussion by City Commissioners

Commissioner Beeson reported positive feedback on the ongoing Sleigh Addition street work, noting high-quality results, strong community appreciation, and cost-effective savings. City Manager Frazer attested to a successful partnership approach between the contractor and city staff.

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.

- Roger White, 1301 W Chestnut Ave. – expressed ongoing concerns about severe drainage issues and flooding near 12th Street and Chestnut Avenue, noting repeated temporary fixes have not resolved the problem, and requested a permanent solution as the conditions impact property access and nearby homes. Commissioner Beeson mentioned that stormwater, lack of curb and gutter, and grade made be at hand, City Manager Frazer will send city stormwater staff out to assess elevations and follow-up.

Financial Summary

1. March 2026 Financial Summary provided for review.

Adjournment

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

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

THE CITY OF ARKANSAS CITY
BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS

(Seal)

Tad Stover, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tiffany Parsons, City Clerk

Prepared by: Tiffany Parsons, City Clerk

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