



Routine Business

1. Roll Call

PRESENT

Commissioner Kanyon Gingher
Commissioner Charles Jennings
Commissioner Scott Rogers
Commissioner Jay Warren
Mayor Diana Spielman

Also present from staff: City Manager Randy Frazer, City Attorney Larry Schwartz, Human Resources Director Marla McFarland, Environmental Services Superintendent Rod Philo, City Clerk Lesley Shook and Deputy City Clerk Tiffany Parsons.

2. Opening Prayer was led by Commissioner Warren and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Spielman.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.
4. Approval of the Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Gingher, Seconded by Commissioner Rogers to approve the agenda as presented.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Gingher, Commissioner Jennings, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Warren, Mayor Spielman. Mayor Spielman declared motion approved.

Awards and Proclamations

1. Proclamation read by Mayor Spielman, Proclaiming March 2023, as National Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in Arkansas City.
2. Proclamation read by Mayor Spielman, Proclaiming March 6-10, 2023, as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Arkansas City.

Recognition of Visitors/Staff

1. Request from Russell Graves regarding a letter of support from the City Commission to apply for a grant.

Russell Graves requests a letter of support from the city commission to apply for a grant in the amount of \$3 million to aid in the addition of a memorial wall and statue in honor of the Cherokee Strip Rush Centennial. Mr. Graves intends on adding these items to his property located on the strip, in

celebration of the 130th year of the Cherokee Strip Land Rush Run Celebration happening September 16, 2023. Mr. Graves presented the preliminary plans of the sculptures to the commission. The City Commission is in favor of the support letter in consensus.

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.

Motion made by Commissioner Gingher, Seconded by Commissioner Warren to approve the consent agenda as written.

1. Ratify Mayor Diana Spielman's appointments of:
 - Dotty Smith to the Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals
 - Patrick Blatchford to the Planning Commission
2. Approve the February 7, 2023, regular meeting minutes as written.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Gingher, Commissioner Jennings, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Warren, Mayor Spielman. Mayor Spielman declared motion approved.

New Business

City Manager Department

1. City Clerk Shook presented for consideration first reading of an Ordinance adopting the budgeted pay plan to become effective March 11, 2023.

Human Resources Director Marla McFarland gave a further explanation. Staff feels the citizens will be better served by adding back in the position of court clerk, with the upcoming retirement of Shook.

Motion made by Commissioner Jennings, Seconded by Commissioner Warren to adopt the amended budgeted pay plan to include the addition of the Municipal Court Clerk, to become effective March 11, 2023.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Gingher, Commissioner Jennings, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Warren, Mayor Spielman. Mayor Spielman declared motion approved.

2. City Clerk Shook announced the progress update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project agenda item, encompassing construction and budget.

A presentation was given by Joint Venture, Burns & Mac and CAS construction as part of the update. To date, this project is about 75 percent completed.

3. City Manager reminders and updates.
 - February 14th had CBDG housing walk-through
 - February 23rd CBDG Housing Bid Openings at 1:00 pm in City Hall
 - February 23rd CBDG Grant Monitoring on Summit Street Project
 - May 3rd Instant Command System overview for elected officials in Winfield
 - April 14th – 15th LKM Leadership Summit will be held in Hays, KS
 - Financial Summary located at back of the packet

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.

Cliff Gottlob spoke before the commission about concerns for the homeless in community.

Financial Summary

1. January 2023 Financial Summary

Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Warren, Seconded by Commissioner Rogers to adjourn the meeting.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Gingher, Commissioner Jennings, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Warren, Mayor Gingher. Mayor Spielman declared the meeting adjourned.

**THE CITY OF ARKANSAS CITY
BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS**

Diana Spielman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tiffany Parsons, Deputy City Clerk

Prepared by:

Tiffany Parsons, Deputy City Clerk