



Routine Business

1. Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Warren.
2. Roll Call

PRESENT

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

Also present from staff: City Attorney Larry Schwartz, City Manager Randy Frazer, Communications Director Shana Adkisson, Assistant Environmental Services Superintendent Kyle Blubaugh, Distribution & Collection Maintenance Worker III Luis Salcedo, EMS Director Jeri Wheatly, Interim Assistant Fire/EMS Chief Patrick Ramirez, Firefighter-AEMT Will Hankins, Firefighter-EMT David Kruse, Fire/EMS Training Officer Ken Corcran, Municipal Project Manager Nick Rizzio, and Police Chief Jim Holloway.

3. There was one addition and no deletions.

Addition: New Business, City Manager Dept. Item No. 2. A Resolution authorizing the City of Arkansas City to accept a bid submitted by Schaefer Architecture to provide a Master Plan and Design Services for an Indoor Recreation Facility and Outdoor Aquatic Center (RecPlex), for a City portion amount not to exceed \$24,500.00. **(Voice Vote)**

Motion made by Commissioner Tweedy, Seconded by Commissioner Beeson to approve the amendments to the agenda as presented.

Voice Voting Yea: Commissioner Beeson, Commissioner Stover, Commissioner Spielman, Commissioner Tweedy, and Mayor Warren. Mayor Warren declared the motion approved.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Spielman, Seconded by Commissioner Beeson to approve the agenda as amended.

Voice Voting Yea: Commissioner Beeson, Commissioner Stover, Commissioner Spielman, Commissioner Tweedy, and Mayor Warren. Mayor Warren declared the motion approved.

Awards and Proclamations

1. Proclaim May 19-25, 2024, as National EMS Week in Arkansas City as offered by Interim Assistant Fire/EMS Chief Patrick Ramirez.

Recognition of Visitors/Staff

1. Recognize Luis Salcedo for his recent Pipeline Assessment Certification Program (PACP) Accreditation and promotion to Maintenance Worker Level III.

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 the May 7, 2024, regular meeting minutes as written.

Motion made by Commissioner Tweedy, Seconded by Commissioner Stover to approve the consent agenda as written.

Voice Voting Yea: Commissioner Beeson, Commissioner Spielman, Commissioner Stover, Commissioner Tweedy, and Mayor Warren. Mayor Warren declared the motion approved.

New Business

City Clerk Parsons offered the following items for consideration:

City Manager Department

1. A Resolution authorizing the City of Arkansas City to enter into a contract with Professional Engineering Consultants, P.A. to perform strategic street assessments using GIS technology platforms and formulate prioritized action plans, for an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00.

Motion made by Mayor Warren, Seconded by Commissioner Stover to approve the item as written.

*Voice Call Voting Yea: Commissioner Beeson, Commissioner Stover, Commissioner Spielman, Commissioner Tweedy, and Mayor Warren. Mayor Warren declared the motion approved; given **Resolution No. 2024-05-3616**.*

2. A Resolution authorizing the City of Arkansas City to accept a bid submitted by Schaefer Architecture to provide a Master Plan and Design Services for an Indoor Recreation Facility and Outdoor Aquatic Center (RecPlex), for a City portion amount not to exceed \$24,500.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Spielman, Seconded by Commissioner Stover to approve the item as written.

*Voice Voting Yea: Commissioner Beeson, Commissioner Stover, Commissioner Spielman, Commissioner Tweedy, and Mayor Warren. Mayor Warren declared the motion approved; given **Resolution No. 2024-05-3617**.*

City Manager Updates & Reminders

City Manager Frazer provided reminders and updates before the commission.

1. PEC and internal city project updates, commissioners received handouts for both.
2. Kansas MainStreet will visit, and tour of Arkansas City on May 22nd, Principal Planner White and City Manager Frazer will participate from city staff.
3. City Hall will be closed Monday, May 27th for in observance of Memorial Day.
4. May 30th, at 10:00 a.m. the City will host Chamber Coffee at City Hall to discuss Common Consumption and announce the Purple Heart Celebration set for July 12th.
5. 1st Budget Retreat is at 11:00 am, Friday May 31st at the Water Treatment Facility and will coincide with work session.

6. Purple Heart Celebration is Friday, July 12th at 11:00 a.m., work session to follow.
7. Harassment training July 18th at 10:00 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the Cowley College Wright Room. It is mandatory that all city staff attend one session.

Comments from the Audience for Items not on the Agenda

Robert Hicks at 33407 Water Rd. Arkansas City, KS spoke of his experience inquiring about signs being removed from public government owned property, specifically located at the Arkansas City Public Library. The building and its parcel are owned by the City of Arkansas City therefore making it a public government owned property. Municipal Code Sections 50-227 and 50-228 prohibit signs on public property and support the removal of such signs by the City Code Enforcement Officer or other appropriate city staff members. City Attorney Schwartz will be reviewing the current ordinances for possible revision of verbiage.

Robin Henderson of 1424 N 9th St. Arkansas City, KS has concerns about not being able to use signs as a means for advertising for community events, providing communication and information about what is happening in our community. Robin is a member of the upcoming Juneteenth Event and was called last week about removing her signs advertising the event from Wilson Park.

Tammy Henderson of 1114 N 10th St. Arkansas City, KS I read an email that talked about if an event is not at City Event or brought on by the City than these signs can not be in the City. Henderson believes that events such as Tacolalah, Juneteenth, Arkalalah, the Art and Farmers Market are city events put on by community members who live here and pay taxes there.

Jill Hunter of 1521 N 3rd Arkansas City, KS Believes that the signs out there do grab attention and Creekstone spent lots of money, over \$300,000.00 on the pavilion at Wilson Park and they hate to move the Farmers Market Event somewhere else. Hunter asked if it was possible to consider a temporary exception.

Adjournment

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

The voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Warren declared the meeting adjourned.

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

Jay Warren, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tiffany Parsons, City Clerk

Prepared by:

Tiffany Parsons, City Clerk