

City Commission of Arkansas City – Regular Meeting Minutes

The Arkansas City Board of City Commissioners met in regular session at **5:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 5, 2021**, in the Commission Room at City Hall, located at 118 W. Central Ave. in Ark City.

Mayor **Scott Rogers** called the meeting to order. Commissioners also present at roll call were Commissioner **Kanyon Gingham**, Commissioner **Duane L. Oestmann** and Commissioner **Karen Welch**. Commissioner **Jay Warren** was absent.

City employees present were City Manager **Randy Frazer**, City Attorney **Larry Schwartz**, City Clerk **Lesley Shook**, Public Information Officer **Andrew Lawson**, Management Assistant **Mike Crandall**, Building Official **Mike Bellis** and Principal Planner **Josh White**.

Citizens attending in person were **Joni Curl**, **Charles Jennings** and **Harrison Taylor**.

Commissioner Oestmann offered the opening prayer. Mayor Rogers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Gingham made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Oestmann seconded the motion. A voice vote was **unanimous** in favor of the motion.

Mayor Rogers declared the agenda **approved** as presented.

Awards and Proclamations

Mayor Rogers issued a proclamation that **October 2021** is **Community Planning Month** in Arkansas City. Principal Planner White, Vice President Charles Jennings and growth area member Joni Curl all received the proclamation on behalf of the **Arkansas City Planning Commission**.

Mayor Rogers also issued a proclamation that **October 11, 2021**, is **“Home Rule Day”** in Arkansas City. City Manager Frazer received the proclamation on behalf of the **City of Arkansas City**.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Oestmann made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended, consisting of:

1. Approving the **September 21, 2021**, regular meeting minutes as written.

Mayor Rogers seconded the motion. A voice vote was **unanimous** in favor of the motion. Mayor Rogers declared the consent agenda **approved** as presented.

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New Business

Mowing Special Assessments Ordinance No. 2021-10-4543

City Clerk Shook presented for discussion a first reading of an ordinance levying special assessments for code enforcement activities related to unpaid **weed mowing** charges.

Building Official Bellis said this ordinance and the next one provide for the assessment on property taxes of certain costs incurred by the City for various parcels of property around the community for the 2020-2021 billing period. Each ordinance will require a separate roll call vote.

Commissioner Oestmann made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Commissioner Welch seconded the motion. A roll call vote was **unanimous** in favor of the motion.

Mayor Rogers declared the motion **approved** and given **Ordinance No. 2021-10-4543**.

Refuse Special Assessments Ordinance No. 2021-10-4544

City Clerk Shook presented for discussion a first reading of an ordinance levying special assessments for code enforcement activities related to unpaid **refuse abatement** charges.

Building Official Bellis said the mowing and abatement charges are down a bit, compared to **2020**.

Commissioner Welch made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Commissioner Oestmann seconded the motion. A roll call vote was **unanimous** in favor of the motion.

Mayor Rogers declared the motion **approved** and given **Ordinance No. 2021-10-4544**.

Certificate of Special Assessment

City Clerk Shook presented for discussion possible approval of a **Certificate of Special Assessment** for the demolition of dangerous structures previously declared unsafe and dangerous.

Building Official Bellis said the certificate will assess five properties with dangerous structures — **415 E. Tyler Ave., 609 S. Fifth St., 427 S. Sixth St., 1313 W. Oklahoma Ave. and 1321 South B St.**

Mayor Rogers made a motion to approve the Certificate of Special Assessment as presented.

Commissioner Oestmann seconded the motion. A voice vote was **unanimous** in favor of the motion. Mayor Rogers declared the Certificate of Special Assessment **approved**.

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City Manager's Report on Upcoming Activities

City Manager Frazer provided the commissioners with the following reminders and updates:

- Frazer said staff will try to end this **City Commission** meeting by **6 p.m.** so that the commissioners can attend some of the National Night Out block parties from **6 to 8:30 p.m.**
- The City-Cowley County Health Department will offer a **free drive-through flu shot clinic** from **10 a.m. to 6 p.m. October 6** at the Agri-Business Building, 712 W. Washington Ave.
- The **League of Kansas Municipalities** annual conference is set for **October 8-11** in Topeka. The business meeting is from **11:45 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. October 11.**
- **Fall Cleanup Day** is set for **8 a.m. to noon October 9.** 31st Century Techsupport will offer e-waste recycling services from **8 a.m. to noon** on the north side of Wilson Park. **Citywide Pickup Week** is scheduled for **October 11-15**, coinciding with regular trash pickup.
- The next monthly **Cowley County Legislative Committee** meeting will be at **noon October 12.** (NOTE: This meeting was later canceled.)
- The monthly **Cowley Indoor Market** will have its next event from **5 to 8 p.m. October 13** at Burford Theatre Arts, located at 118 S. Summit St. (NOTE: This event was later canceled.)
- The next **Paris Park Pool committee** meeting is at **12:30 p.m. October 14** at the Water Treatment Facility, located at 400 W. Madison Ave. They will discuss financing options.
- The next quarterly **Traffic Safety Committee** meeting will be at **10 a.m. October 15** in the conference room at the Water Treatment Facility, located at 400 W. Madison Ave.
- The next **City Commission** study session will be at **noon October 15** in Frazer's office.
- The next **RISE Cowley steering committee** meeting will be at **10 a.m. October 19.**

Other Business

Commissioner Oestmann reminded everyone about the **Fall Cleanup Day** opportunity **October 9.**

Public Information Officer Lawson provided a report on the Kansas Department of Transportation **local consult meeting** he, Management Assistant Crandall and Principal Planner White attended virtually **October 4.** Staff is optimistic the Southwest Bypass Extension will enter the IKE pipeline.

Adjournment

Commissioner Oestmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Rogers seconded the motion. A voice vote was **unanimous** in favor of the motion. Mayor Rogers declared the meeting adjourned at **5:51 p.m.**

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THE CITY OF ARKANSAS CITY BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS

Scott Rogers, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lesley Shook, City Clerk

Prepared by:

Andrew Lawson, Public Information Officer

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