



City Commission Agenda Item

Meeting Date: September 3, 2024

From: Randy Frazer, City Manager

Item: Recognition of Environmental Staff at 15th Annual KWEA & KsAWWA Joint Water and Wastewater Conference

Purpose:

To inform the City Commission and community about the recent recognition of two Environmental Department staff members—Spencer Stover and Tommy Bowman—at the 15th Annual KWEA & KsAWWA Joint Water and Wastewater Conference. It highlights their professional achievements, acknowledges their contributions to the City's water and wastewater operations, and demonstrates the City's commitment to high standards of service in these critical areas. This recognition serves to not only commend their individual efforts but also to showcase the expertise and leadership within the City's Environmental Department.

Background:

From August 27th to August 29th, 2024, members of the City of Arkansas City's Environmental staff attended the 15th Annual Kansas Water Environment Association (KWEA) and Kansas Section of the American Water Works Association (KsAWWA) Joint Water and Wastewater Conference in Wichita, Kansas. This event serves as a platform for water and wastewater professionals to engage in educational sessions, industry networking, and recognize outstanding achievements in the field.

During the Awards Banquet, two of our team members were honored for their exemplary contributions and achievements:

1. Spencer Stover received the Water Environment Federation Laboratory Analyst Excellence Award from the Kansas Water Environment Association. This award recognizes his outstanding performance and professionalism in the field of quality analysis. Spencer has been with the City since July 6th, 2020, as a Water Treatment Operator. His dedication and skill have quickly established him as a rising star in both the organization and the water industry.
2. Tommy Bowman was awarded the Water Environment Federation William D. Hatfield Award by the Kansas Water Environment Association. This prestigious award is given for outstanding performance and professionalism in the operation of a wastewater treatment facility. Tommy has been a valuable member of the City's team since April 25th, 1991, beginning his career as a Maintenance Worker I in the Environmental Department. He is now the Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor and also plays a critical role in the leadership transition of the Distribution and Collection Division.

These awards reflect the City's ongoing commitment to excellence in the management of water and wastewater services. We are proud of the dedication shown by Spencer and Tommy, and their accomplishments bring great recognition to Arkansas City.

Approved for Agenda by:

Randy Frazer, City Manager