



Routine Business

1. Roll Call

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

None

Also present from staff: City Attorney Larry Schwartz, City Manager Randy Frazer, City Clerk Tiffany Parsons, Communications Director Shana Adkisson, Municipal Project Manager Nick Rizzio, Police Chief Eric Burr, Police Captain Jim Holloway, and Public Services Superintendent Tony Tapia.

1. Opening Prayer was led by City Attorney Schwartz and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Spielman.
2. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.
3. Approval of the Agenda

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

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

Awards and Proclamations

1. Proclaim June 19, 2023, as Juneteenth National Independence Day 2023 in Arkansas City in Arkansas City as read by Tariyah Henderson, Robin Henderson and Sharei Stanley. Certificates of appreciation were presented to all three ladies.

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 16, 2023, regular meeting minutes as written.

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

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

New Business

City Manager Department

1. City Clerk Parsons introduced a presentation provided by a local group of citizens on ideas for expanding the popular sport of Pickleball in Arkansas City.

Sam Oglesby gave the presentation with assistance from the room full of supporters and avid community pickleball players. In recent years, pickleball has become a popular fast-growing sport in several states. Currently this group made up of local citizens from Arkansas City, who find themselves playing with individuals from Winfield, Mulvane, Derby, among others, who travel to town. They play with them indoors, three days a week, an average of two hours a day at the local recreation center. Serval also commute to Winfield to play on their outdoor courts weekly and would like to have a place outdoors in Arkansas City to play.

Rubben Ledeker, who brought pickleball to Ark City, spoke of his love for the game and the variety of age of players the sport brings. In hopes to play outdoors in Arkansas City soon, Ledeker mentioned that, "Winfield has four courts outdoors and it's a really nice facility. And there is only one thing wrong the pickleball courts in Winfield, they're not in Ark City!"

Staff is working with the group in the planning stages to provide an estimate of cost, various options, and possible locations for future pickleball courts.

2. City Clerk Parsons presented to Resolution authorizing the rescheduling of a public meeting of the governing body from 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4, 2023, to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 5, 2023.

City Manager Frazer explained that the regularly scheduled meeting falls on the 4th of July, which is nationally recognized holiday and the reason behind the request.

Motion made by Commissioner Gingher, seconded by Commissioner Jennings to approve the item as presented.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Gingher, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Warren, Mayor Spielman. Voting Nay: Commissioner Jennings. Mayor Spielman declared the motion carried.

Public Services Department

1. City Clerk Parsons offered a Resolution authorizing the City of Arkansas City to enter into an agreement with Neal Buildings to build a 24' X 10' X 8' restroom at Pershing Park for \$16,300.00.

Public Services Superintendent Tapia noted that the building will be constructed of steal, electric heating year-round and is under budget. Staff plans to do some of the work in house to save money.

Motion made by Commissioner Rogers, Seconded by Commissioner Gingher to authorize the City of Arkansas City to enter into an agreement with Neal Buildings to build a 24' X 10' X 8' restroom at Pershing Park for \$16,300.00.

*Voting Yea: Commissioner Gingher, Commissioner Jennings, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Warren, Mayor Spielman. Mayor Spielman declared the motion approved and given **Resolution No. 2023-06-3554**.*

Items for Discussion by City Commissioners

Mayor Spielman sought clarification after a conversation with a citizen concerning mini trucks already being registered by the State of Kansas to drive on the streets, therefore the citizen was not going to register with the city. City Attorney Schwartz explained that the State Statute reads that the cities can make an ordinance, which Arkansas City did.

Mayor Spielman inquired about the contact status for Ricky Hayes with Retail Attractions. City Manager Frazer confirmed it has not been renewed yet.

Commissioner Warren mentioned about possibly getting the Boy Scouts into paint at a facility Wilson Park where the was previously a fire.

Commissioner Jennings mentioned a small business located at 4th Street and Radio Lane has overgrown grass and weeds in there large, graveled area.

Mayor Spielman inquired about where the house on 1st street is at on improvements. Commissioner Roger suggested inquiring with Mr. Belus at a Planning Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Gingher inquired about an ordinance for cats. She has heard that there are several cats down in the storm drains. City Manager Frazer mentioned that this is an issue even in other cities and some have catch, spay, neuter and release programs in place. Ark City resident Danielle, 820 S. 1st, spoke of the City of Ponca City recently held a free spay and neuter event for cats as part of a catch and release program. City Clerk Parsons spoke of the currently city ordinance pertaining to animals, including cats owned by people, being unlawful for them to run at large within the city. Commissioner Rogers brought up the fact that it is the owner's responsibility to take care of the spay and neutering of the animal, then the cats at large the city will have to investigate how to handle.

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.

Ken Harader, 1313 N 1st, addressed the City Commission of his ongoing concerns for truck route violations in Arkansas City, specifically along North 1st Street. Mr. Harader would like to see the fine reflected on the signs posted with the words 'strictly enforced' listed and larger sized signs put up. The city street department did create and hang signs in response to Harader's previous requests. City Attorney Schwartz mentioned that the step fines are mandated by the State of Kansas, and the concern was brought to a previous City Commission Meeting, where the commission elected not to add the fine to the sign and leave the ordinance alone. Mr. Harader requested to see bigger signs where the trucks try to enter off Kansas onto North 1st Street. Police Chief Burr helped Harader get 'Do Not Enter' signs in place previously. The city will look into placing larger signs at the entrance of Kansas and 1st.

City Manager Reminders and Updates

1. City Manager Frazer provided the commissioner with the following:
 - Hike/Bike Trail moved to September bid letting as KDOT discovered some RR right-of-way issues

- 15 Street Bridge is coming along, sheet piling almost driving in, welders are on site and project is on schedule.
- Truck Stop Project, still working through site plans with the architect.
- City sewer line extension project is 60% designed still working with Chris Minen on that project.
- APAC requested a delay in the CCLIP Madison Ave mill and overlay, hoping for August.
- City received a ENC rebate check for \$41,925.00 today.
- WWTP project, second lid on second digester to be moving sludge over soon and working on plane burn off gasses.
- KDHE plans came in to allow us to move forward with the by-pass.
- Traffic control study at the school is at KDOT now for review.
- Not aware of hospital repayment status we have not heard back, they may be waiting on their tax credits. Hospital Board initially set a June – July time frame.

Financial Summary

The April 2023 Financial Summary is located on the last page of packet for review.

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**

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ATTEST:

Diana L. Spielman, Mayor

Tiffany Parsons, City Clerk

Prepared by:

Tiffany Parsons, City Clerk