



CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 5:30 PM — Commission Room, City Hall — 118 W. Central Ave

Routine Business

1. Roll Call

PRESENT:

Mayor Tad Stover
Vice-Mayor Steve Lungren
Commissioner Chad Beeson
Commissioner David Colquhoun
Commissioner Charles Tweedy III

ABSENT:

City staff present: City Attorney Larry Schwartz, City Manager Randy Frazer, City Clerk Tiffany Parsons, Communications Director Shana Adkisson, Environmental Services Superintendent Kyle Blubaugh, Fire Chief Stuart Cassaboom, Police Chief Jim Halloway, Police Captain Leglighter, Police Lieutenant Ivan Velasquez, Police Officer Sean Randall, Police Office Hailey Lander, Police Officer Evan Newman, Animal Control Officer Erica Petry, and Public Services Street & Stormwater Supervisor Brian Edwards.

2. Opening Prayer led by Pastor Casey Borger of Trinity Baptist Church and Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Tad Stover.

3. Additions or Deletions to the agenda.

City Manager Frazer noted that there were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

4. Approval of the Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Colquhoun, seconded by Vice-Mayor Lungren, to approve the agenda as amended.

Voice Voting Aye: Mayor Stover, Vice-Mayor Lungren, Commissioner Beeson, Commissioner Colquhoun, and Commissioner Tweedy III. Mayor Stover declared the motion approved.

Awards and Proclamations

1. Mayor Stover proclaimed April 2026 as Fair Housing Month in Arkansas City.

2. Mayor Stover proclaimed April 22, 2026 as Earth Day, and April 24, 2026 as Arbor Day in Arkansas City.

Recognition of Visitors/Staff

1. Police Chief Holloway introduced newly hired Police Officer Evan Newman. Newman began with the department on February 11, 2026 and will attend the 358th Basic Training Class at the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center (KLETC) on March 9th. City Clerk Parsons conducted the official swearing in of Officer Newman.

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 February 17, 2026, regular meeting minutes as written.

Motion made by Commissioner Beeson, seconded Commissioner Tweedy III, to approve the Consent Agenda as written.

Voice Voting Aye: Mayor Stover, Vice-Mayor Lungren, Commissioner Beeson, Commissioner Colquhoun, and Commissioner Tweedy III. Mayor Stover declared the motion approved.

City Clerk Parsons offered the following items for consideration.

New Business

Environmental Services Department

1. A Resolution authorizing the City of Arkansas City to accept labor and materials supplied by Core & Main for the replacement of the City's Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Base Station at the Bryant Standpipe, for an amount not to exceed \$37,500.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Beeson, seconded by Commissioner Colquhoun, to approve the item as written.

Voice Voting Aye: Mayor Stover, Vice-Mayor Lungren, Commissioner Beeson, Commissioner Colquhoun, and Commissioner Tweedy III. Mayor Stover declared the motion approved; given **Resolution No. 2026-03-3808**.

Fire/EMS Department

1. A Resolution authorizing the City of Arkansas City to purchase a M977 Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck (HEMTT), from the Peninsula Fire Department in Cleveland, Oklahoma, for an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Tweedy III, seconded by Mayor Stover, to approve the item as written.

Voice Voting Aye: Mayor Stover, Vice-Mayor Lungren, Commissioner Beeson, Commissioner Colquhoun, and Commissioner Tweedy III. Mayor Stover declared the motion approved; given **Resolution No. 2026-03-3809**.

Public Services Department

1. A Resolution authorizing the City of Arkansas City to accept a bid submitted by Key Equipment to purchase of a 2026 PipeHunter 7724 Trailer Jetter 700, for street and stormwater cleanup, for an amount not to exceed \$99,449.76.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Lungren, seconded by Mayor Stover, to approve the item as written.

Voice Voting Aye: Mayor Stover, Vice-Mayor Lungren, Commissioner Beeson, Commissioner Colquhoun, and Commissioner Tweedy III. Mayor Stover declared the motion approved; given **Resolution No. 2026-03-3810**.

2. A Resolution authorizing the City of Arkansas City to accept a bid submitted by Berry Tractor to purchase a 2026 Komatsu WA270-8 Wheel Loader, for an amount not to exceed \$247,023.59.

Motion made by Commissioner Beeson, seconded by Commissioner Colquhoun, to approve the item as written.

Voice Voting Aye: Mayor Stover, Vice-Mayor Lungren, Commissioner Beeson, Commissioner Colquhoun, and Commissioner Tweedy III. Mayor Stover declared the motion approved; given **Resolution No. 2026-03-3811**.

3. A Resolution authorizing the City of Arkansas City to enter into a lease-purchase agreement with Union State Bank for the purchase of a 2026 Komatsu WA270-8 Wheel Loader for a total financed amount of \$247,023.59.

Motion made by Commissioner Beeson, seconded by Commissioner Tweedy III, to approve the item as written.

Voice Voting Aye: Mayor Stover, Vice-Mayor Lungren, Commissioner Beeson, Commissioner Colquhoun, and Commissioner Tweedy III. Mayor Stover declared the motion approved; given **Resolution No. 2026-03-3812**.

City Manager Updates & Reminders

1. **March 6 – Cowley County Economic Development Partnership Strategic Planning Session**, from 1:00–4:00 PM at Deetsz Library, Southwestern College. Commissioners invited to attend.
2. **March 7 – SCK Health Gala** at the Burford. Commissioners have received tickets to attend.
3. **March 11 – CDBG Awards Ceremony** is 11:00 AM at the Docking Center, Topeka, KS. Arkansas City has been awarded two grants: CDBG Housing Grant and the CBDG Park Equipment Grant. Ceremony will include

presentation of ceremonial checks and a photo opportunity with the Lieutenant Governor and legislative representative.

4. **March 13 – Arkansas City Police Department (ACPD) Awards Banquet** is at the Cowley College Brown Center, doors open at 6:00 PM. Commissioner invited to attend.
5. **CDBG Housing Grant Process: March 24** - CDBG Contractor Meeting and Housing Application Meeting. The Contractor Meeting is at 5:00 PM and the Citizen Application Meeting will follow at approximately 5:30 PM. Both meetings will take place in the Commission Meeting Room at City Hall. Approximately 70 pre-applications were received. Applicants will be invited to the meeting to receive full applications and program instructions. Goal is to select approximately 12 housing projects.
6. **April 6 and April 20 – Outstanding Students Award Reception and Banquet.**
7. **April 17–18** – League of Kansas Municipalities (LKM) Leaders Academy in Salina, KS. Commissioners registered and hotel rooms reserved. Travel planned for Thursday evening with the event on Friday.
8. **Fire Department Community Survey** has been launched regarding the future fire station location and related topics. Survey promoted through Facebook and press releases. Residents are encouraged to provide feedback. A community open house and informational session is set at the current Fire Station location for Monday March 9 at 5:30 PM.
9. **East Pressure Zone Water Project Update:** Continued progress on the East Pressure Zone Water Infrastructure Project serving the east side of Walnut Street and the Crestwood Addition. Estimated total project costs is approximately \$4.08 million, following engineering estimates and planning. City plans to apply for up to \$800,000 in CDBG grant funding to aid in the cost. The project will not likely qualify for State Revolving Fund (SRF) loans. Alternative financing options are being considered including rural development funding and bond financing. Easement negotiations are still pending along highway 77.
10. **Pickleball Court Project:** Crews have removed the old tennis courts, and Multisport is scheduled to begin installation of the new pickleball courts around April 15. The project is expected to take approximately five weeks.
11. **Splash Pad Project:** Work on the splash pad has begun, with initial site work completed last week. The project is ongoing.
12. **Wilson Park Playground Project:** Staff met with the architect to develop concepts and a budget for new playground equipment using grant funds. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for February 25 to finalize plans before putting the project out for bids.

Items for Discussion by City Commissioners

Commissioner Beeson mentioned the progress on the Splash Pad Project at Wilson Park, noting that water lines appeared installed and concrete preparation underway. His remarks led City Manager Frazer to provide additional updates on park-related improvements, including the upcoming playground equipment phases, and the pickleball court construction still on track begin April 15th.

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.

- Lloyd Colston, 1825 N 8th – addressed the Commission regarding severe weather awareness week happening in Kansas this week. Encouraging residents to use this week as an opportunity to learn about risks and preparedness, further emphasizing the importance of community awareness.

Adjournment

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

Voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Beeson declared the motion approved and meeting adjourned.

THE CITY OF ARKANSAS CITY
BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS

(Seal)

Tad Stover, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tiffany Parsons, City Clerk

Prepared by: Tiffany Parsons, City Clerk

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