



Routine Business

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

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

None

Also present from staff: City Attorney Larry Schwartz, City Manager Randy Frazer, City Clerk Tiffany Parsons, Communications Director Shana Adkisson, Detective Lieutenant Jason Legleiter, Interim Police Chief Jim Holloway, Master Police Office Madison Picket, Police Captain Anthony Rider, Police Lieutenant Travis Stroud, Police Lieutenant Wade Hammond, Police Office Dylan Hettenbach, and Police Service Officer Eric Gross.

3. Additions or Deletions. There were two additions to the agenda as read by City Manager Randy Frazer.
 - Delete and replace New Business, City Manager Department Item No. 1 with, **Receive an update from Alfredo Sampayo on the Sleeth Addition Residential Housing Development.**

Motion made by Commissioner Beeson, Seconded by Commissioner Spielman to approve the additions as presented.

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

4. Approval of the Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Stover, Seconded by Commissioner Spielman to approve the agenda with the additions.

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

Awards and Proclamations

1. Proclaim the first Thursday in February as Optimist Day in Arkansas City.

Mayor Warren delivered the proclamation. Arkansas City Optimist Club President Garrett Heilig spoke of the annual worldwide celebration honoring Optimist clubs, members, and their communities. The Optimist Club of Arkansas City, Kansas was founded in 1981.

Recognition of Visitors/Staff

1. Presentation of the VFW Post Officer of the Year Award to Officer Dylan Hettenbach.

VFW Post 1254 announced Arkansas City Police Officer Dylan Hettenbach of the Arkansas City Police Department as the recipient of the annual VFW Post Officer of the Year Award. VFW Charlie Cravens presented the award in recognition of Officer Hettenbach's outstanding public safety contributions.

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 Approve the January 16, 2024, regular meeting minutes as written.
2. Authorize a Letter of Support from City Commissioners to the Senate Transportation Committee, in support SB-349 Passenger Rail Service Program for the future Heartland Flyer Extension Project.

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

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

Old Business

City Clerk Parsons presented the following items for consideration:

1. Approve amendments to previously approved Independent Contractor Service Agreement Addendum No. 2 with N.M. Iverson, Jr. for Municipal Court Judge Services.

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

Voting Yea: Commissioner Beeson, Commissioner Spielman, Commissioner Stover, Commissioner Tweedy, and Mayor Warren. Mayor Warren declared the motion approved, and in correlation with previous given Resolution No. 2024-01-3594.

2. Approve amendments to previously approved Independent Contractor Service Agreement Addendum No. 2 with E. Rodney Iverson, for Municipal Court Judge Services.

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

Voting Yea: Commissioner Beeson, Commissioner Spielman, Commissioner Stover, Commissioner Tweedy, and Mayor Warren. Mayor Warren declared the motion approved, and in correlation with previous given Resolution No. 2024-01-3595.

3. Approve amendments to previously approved Professional Services Agreement Addendum No. 1 with H. Kristin Munson, for City Prosecutor services in Municipal Court.

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

Voting Yea: Commissioner Beeson, Commissioner Spielman, Commissioner Stover, Commissioner Tweedy, and Mayor Warren. Mayor Warren declared the motion approved; in correlation with previous given Resolution No. 2024-01-3596.

New Business

City Clerk Parsons offered the following items for consideration:

City Manager Department

1. **Receive an update from Alfredo Sampayo on the Sleeth Addition Residential Housing Development.**

Alfredo Sampayo reported on several items that are still pending on the project. The survey has just been completed and the results should be in this week. The project agreement is still in the works. Phase 1 of the environmental report is still in progress. The group is also still waiting for a response from the tax investment credits.

2. An Ordinance exempting the application of K.S.A. § 41-719(c) to allow the sale and consumption of alcoholic liquor at a designated area of Wilson Park, from 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM, during Tacolalah on May 4, 2024.

City Clerk Parsons explained that this is an annual request by the Tacolalah Board. They are using the same license caterer as last year, the only difference is they are requesting to start severing drinks at 11:00 am as opposed to noon in previous years.

Motion made by Mayor Beeson, Seconded by Commissioner Tweedy to approve the item as written.

*Roll Call Voting Yea: Commissioner Beeson, Commissioner Spielman, Commissioner Stover, Commissioner Tweedy, and Mayor Warren. Mayor Warren declared the motion approved; given **Ordinance No. 2024-02-4603.***

3. A Resolution authorizing the City of Arkansas City to allocate funds for capital improvements to the Cowley County Humane Society building, for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.

City Manager Frazer spoke of the improvement needed to the building that are essential for facility to meet state requirements, further explaining that maintenance has not been kept up on in the past but the Humane Society is under new management that has brought this to our attention. This amount is the City's share, as repairs costs are to be split between the City of Arkansas City and the City of Winfield as joint of the buildings.

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

*Voting Yea: Commissioner Beeson, Commissioner Spielman, Commissioner Stover, Commissioner Tweedy, and Mayor Warren. Mayor Warren declared the motion approved; given **Resolution No. 2024-02-3597.***

Environmental Services Department

1. A Resolution authorizing the City of Arkansas City to accept a bid submitted by Kansas Water Technologies, of Valley Center, KS, to purchase Reverse Osmosis Membranes and assist in installation thereof, for an amount not to exceed \$319,200.00.

Assistant Environmental Services Superintendent Kyle Blubaugh reported that the current reverse osmosis membranes at the Water Plant after testing have degraded beyond repair and are losing the ability to maintain water quality. These membranes have gone beyond their 5-year lifespan and differential pressures exceed that recommended by the manufacturer.

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

*Voting Yea: Commissioner Beeson, Commissioner Spielman, Commissioner Stover, Commissioner Tweedy, and Mayor Warren. Mayor Warren declared the motion approved; given **Resolution No. 2024-02-3598.***

Items for Discussion by City Commissioners

Commissioner Beeson provided an update of the hospital funds. Research has shown misallocation of funds.

Commissioner Spielman reported that the cement plant is on our city water source.

Commissioner Tweedy spoke of a Cars and Coffee car show starting at 8:00 am – noon then commencing later in the evening at 7:00 pm in the parking lot.

Comments from the Audience for Items not on the Agenda

County resident Brandon Jellings at 1328 W Skyline Rd., spoke of the 101 acres the city recently purchased, mentioning that he wanted to purchase the entire property initially and would like to develop the area. He has concerns for the sidewalk and road condition along Skyline Road.

County resident Kelly Nuss at 1549 W. Skyline Rd., also believes Skyline Road is in a horrible shape. She would like to see nice homes built around the area that are better than affordable housing.

County resident Henry 'Mick' McVaugh at 3236 N. 15th, mentioned he lives on the corner of 15th and Skyline Road and does not want low-income housing near his home, and he wants Skyline Road to be fixed. Mick told of an incident where a resident of Meadowlark apartments damaged his home front windows over a year ago. Mick also mentioned a personal hospital bill discrepancy he would like resolved.

Michael 'Mickie' Schmith residing at 426 N. C St., presented before the commission a history of his contribution working with the youth at the YMCA in Seattle, WA, in hopes for bringing that same service to the Arkansas City. Schmith provided brief insight of his Indian heritage passing a gift to each commissioner. Schmith ended his presentation by verbally resigning from the Northwest Community Advisory Board, as his appointment expired on February 1, 2024.

City Manager Updates & Reminders

City Manager Frazer provided the following reminders and updates before the commission.

1. Public Health Officer Tom Langer approached City Manager Frazer concerning the Health Department Facility roof on Radio Lane. Per the contract with the City, the Health Department is responsible for building maintenance. The roof replacement is at an estimated cost of \$34,000.00. City Manger Frazer has reached out to insurance company and will be working with them.
2. Mayor and City Manager attend the KMU Day at the Capitol in Topeka, KS on January 31st. Local ad varlorem tax reduction is still on the books from the early 2000's. Staff will write letters of support.
3. Friday, February 9th City Commission Special Work Session for future strategic planning with staff.
4. Commission department tours will commence February 13th with the Fire Department tours starting at 8:30 am.
5. The City is up for an award on the Water Treatment Plant Project. The ceremony will be held February 23rd by the Associated Generals of Kansas.
6. South Central Kansas Health Foundation (Hospital) Gala is March 2, 2024 , the city has a table reserved for commissioners who would like to attend.

7. LKM Leaders Academy is April 12th-13th in Manhattan, KS. Rooms are available to commissioners who would like to attend.
8. The city will submit a written testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 8 and House Bill 2511.
9. Abandoned property discussion will take place at the next work session.

Adjournment

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

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

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

(Seal)

Jay Warren, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tiffany Parsons, City Clerk

Prepared by:

Tiffany Parsons, City Clerk