

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, June 1, 2021**, in the Commission Room at City Hall, located at 118 W. Central Ave. in Arkansas City.

Vice Mayor **Kanyon Gingher** called the meeting to order. Commissioners also present at roll call were Commissioner **Duane L. Oestmann**, Commissioner **Jay Warren** and Commissioner **Karen Welch**, who participated via **GoToMeeting**. (Mayor **Scott Rogers** was out of town on vacation.)

City employees present at the meeting were City Manager **Randy Frazer** (*also participating via GoToMeeting*), City Attorney **Larry Schwartz**, City Clerk **Lesley Shook**, Public Information Officer **Andrew Lawson**, Management Assistant **Mike Crandall**, Interim Police Chief **Eric Burr**, Interim Fire Chief **Les Parks** and EMS Director **Jeri Smith**.

Citizens in attendance were **Sue Lancaster**, **Harrison Taylor** and Cowley CourierTraveler reporter **John Shelman**. The Etzanoa Conservancy was represented by Director **Sandy Randel**, President **David Ross**, Vice President **Anita Judd-Jenkins**, Treasurer **John Farrar** and board member **Foss Farrar** (*also representing the Arkansas City Historic Preservation Board, of which he is chairman*).

Commissioner Warren offered the opening prayer. Vice Mayor Gingher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda

At City Manager Frazer's request, Commissioner Warren made a motion to amend the agenda by adding a first reading of an ordinance adopting the budgeted pay plan for 2021 and repealing **Ordinance No. 2021-04-4531** as **Item 3** under **New Business**.

Commissioner Oestmann seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vice Mayor Gingher declared the agenda **amended** as requested.

Commissioner Warren then made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Oestmann seconded the motion. A voice vote was **unanimous** in favor of the motion. Vice Mayor Gingher declared the agenda **approved** as amended.

Awards and Proclamations

Vice Mayor Gingher issued a proclamation that **June 2021** is **Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month** in Arkansas City. The five **Etzanoa Conservancy** members in attendance received a copy of the proclamation on behalf of the Conservancy and Board Chairman Foss Farrar received a copy of the proclamation on behalf of the **Arkansas City Historic Preservation Board**.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Approving the **May 18, 2021**, regular meeting minutes as amended.

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Commissioner Welch seconded the motion. A voice vote was **unanimous** in favor of the motion.

Vice Mayor Gingher declared the consent agenda **approved** as presented.

New Business

15th Street Bridge Agreement **Resolution No. 2021-06-3411**

City Clerk Shook presented for discussion a resolution authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) for the FY 2021 **Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program** to replace the **15th Street Bridge** over the C Street Canal.

Management Assistant Crandall said the City previously applied for and was selected to receive up to **\$150,000.00** under the program. The State of Kansas will reimburse the City **90 percent** of the cost, with **10 percent** coming from the City. Constructed in 1915, it is the oldest bridge in the city.

Commissioner Warren made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Oestmann seconded the motion. A voice vote was **unanimous** in favor of the motion. Vice Mayor Gingher declared the resolution **approved** and given **Resolution No. 2021-06-3411**.

Purchase of 2022 Ambulance **Resolution No. 2021-06-3412**

City Clerk Shook presented for discussion a resolution authorizing the City to purchase a **2022 Ford E450 Ambulance** for the **Ark City Fire-EMS Department** (ACFD) from Emergency Services Supply/Osage Ambulances, of Jefferson City, Missouri, for an amount not to exceed **\$162,854.00**.

EMS Director Smith said this new ambulance would replace an aging **2014 Ford E350 Ambulance** that has **172,580** miles on it and is experiencing a variety of mechanical and electrical issues.

This ambulance build would be completed in the spring of **2022**. All of ACFD's current ambulances, except the 2014 ambulance this build would replace, have been manufactured by Osage Ambulances. This project will be included in the 2022 budget and has been delayed a year.

Commissioner Warren made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Vice Mayor Gingher seconded the motion. A voice vote was **unanimous** in favor of the motion. Vice Mayor Gingher declared the resolution **approved** and given **Resolution No. 2021-06-3412**.

Budgeted Pay Plan for 2021 **Ordinance No. 2021-06-4532**

City Clerk Shook presented for discussion a first reading of an ordinance adopting the budgeted pay plan for **2021** and repealing **Ordinance No. 2021-04-4531**.

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City Manager Frazer said the pay ordinance needs to be amended to remove the Neighborhood Services Division's **Nuisance Abatement Inspector** position and replace it with a new "**Animal Control/Nuisance Abatement Officer**" position, which will be in **Pay Range 17**.

*(This position will replace one of the Arkansas City Police Department's two Public Service Officer positions, which are in **Pay Range 19**, resulting in a net savings for the City and improved service.)*

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. Vice Mayor Gingher declared the ordinance **approved** and given **Ordinance No. 2021-06-4532**.

City Manager's Report on Upcoming Activities

Public Information Officer Lawson provided the commissioners with the following reminders:

- The **Ark City Community Band** will kick off its historic 150th consecutive season with a concert starting at **7:30 p.m. June 3** at the Wilson Park rotunda. Concerts will follow each Thursday at the same time and place through **July 15** (*a special 150th anniversary concert*).
- The seventh annual **Arkansas City Area Chamber of Commerce golf tournament** will be held from **9 a.m. to noon June 5** at Great Life Golf & Fitness, located at 8731 U.S. 166.
- Chefs from around the nation will be coming to **Creekstone Farms** to tour the plant and enjoy an evening of fine Kansas dining on **6 p.m. June 7**.
- The next **RISE Cowley** steering committee meeting will be at **10 a.m. June 8** at the Cowley County Courthouse, located at 311 E. Ninth Ave. in Winfield.
- The next monthly **Cowley County Legislative Committee** meeting is at **noon June 8** at the Winfield Area Chamber of Commerce office, located at 123 E. Ninth Ave.
- The **Arkansas City Farm and Art Market** will continue its 2021 season from **4 to 6:30 p.m. June 8** and **June 15** (*and each Tuesday through September*) at the Wilson Park rotunda.
- The Oklahoma FreeWheel will end its statewide route from about **8 a.m. to noon June 12**. Approximately 300 cyclists from all across Oklahoma will finish the event in downtown Ark City and dine here. Visit Ark City will have a welcome area for them at the finish line. Downtown restaurants will see business as riders will want to eat before they head home.
- The City did not receive **\$227,500.00** in Cost Share funding from KDOT for the **North Summit Street Resurfacing Project**. Only 30 of the 177 applications received were funded.

City Manager Frazer said retail consultant Rickey Hayes will have a report for the commission at the **June 11** study session. He reminded commissioners about the League of Kansas Municipalities (LKM) **Leadership Summit and Kansas Mayors Conference**, which is **June 18-19** in Lawrence.

Adjournment

Commissioner Warren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Oestmann seconded the motion. A voice vote was **unanimous** in favor of the motion.

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Vice Mayor Gingher declared the meeting adjourned at **5:56 p.m.**

THE CITY OF ARKANSAS CITY BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS

Kanyon Gingher, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

Lesley Shook, City Clerk

Prepared by:

Andrew Lawson, Public Information Officer