



## CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 5:30 PM — Commission Room, City Hall — 118 W. Central Ave

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### 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, IT Manager Matt Metzinger, Police Chief Jim Halloway, and Principal Planner Josh White.

2. Opening Prayer led by Pastor Tim Smith of Blessing Heights Church and Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Tad Stover.

3. Additions or Deletions to the agenda.

City Manager Frazer presented one addition under New Business, City Manager Department, Item No. 2:

**A Resolution approving a first amendment to the loan agreement between the City of Arkansas City and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, KWPCRF Project No. C20 1812 01, regarding Wastewater Treatment Plant Project financing, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the amended agreement effective February 6, 2026. (Voice Vote)**

*Motion made by Commissioner Beeson, seconded by Commissioner Tweedy III, to approve the addition as read.*

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

4. Approval of the Agenda.

*Motion made by Commissioner Beeson, 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 March 2-6, 2026 as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Arkansas City.
2. Mayor Stover proclaimed March 2026 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in Arkansas City.

### 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 3, 2026, regular meeting minutes as written.

2. A Resolution authorizing the City of Arkansas City to allocate Unpledged Healthcare Sales Tax Funds in the amount of \$35,481.10 to SCK Health for uncompensated care provided to the community, consistent with Ordinance No. 2019-02-4481 and the City's intent to annually appropriate available revenues for health care purposes.
3. Ratify Mayor Tad Stover's re-appointment of Diana Spielman to the **Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals Committee**
4. A Resolution authorizing a change order submitted by Kuhn Mechanical for additional work completed on the Emergency Sewer Main Replacement Project under the BNSF Railway, including replacement and installation of approximately 57 feet of defective piping and tie-in to the existing manhole on Birch Ave., in the amount of \$9,867.00.

*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; given **Resolution No. 2026-02-3804** and **Resolution 2026-0-3805**.*

City Clerk Parsons offered the following items for consideration.

### New Business

#### City Manager Department

1. A Resolution authorizing agreement with Environmental Systems Research Institute (Esri), to provide cloud based hosted GIS services, for three years in an amount not to exceed \$61,800.00.

*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. 2026-02-3806**.*

2. A Resolution approving a first amendment to the loan agreement between the City of Arkansas City and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, KWPCRF Project No. C20 1812 01, regarding Wastewater Treatment Plant Project financing, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the amended agreement effective February 6, 2026.

City Manager Frazer presented this first amendment to the 2021 loan agreement for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. The original loan amount of \$10,500,000 was reduced by \$1,016,790.23 due to project costs coming in under budget, and includes \$1,000,000 in principal forgiveness, resulting in a net loan amount of \$9,483,297.77. The City has made approximately six payments on this loan already. This amendment finalizes outstanding loan documentation.

*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. 2026-02-3807**.*

### City Manager Updates & Reminders

1. **SRF Loan – Green Sand Filter Project Amendment:** The City received updated pricing for the Green Sand Filter at the Water Treatment Plant, which came in approximately \$728,000 higher than the original estimate from 1.5–2 years ago. Staff has submitted paperwork to amend the SRF loan, which may include additional principal forgiveness, but the City will need to finance roughly \$700,000 of the project. The project contractor, CASS, will attend a future meeting to provide details and answer questions for the underbid oversight. An agreement for the project will be presented for the Commission's consideration and approval moving forward.
2. **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.
3. **Splash Pad Project:** Work on the splash pad has begun, with initial site work completed last week. The project is ongoing.

4. **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.
5. **Flood Mitigation Project:** Staff met with JEO regarding stormwater drainage improvements primarily focused on Mil Canal and C Street Canal. This work also ties into ongoing levee certification efforts. The project is progressing, and a presentation to the Commission is anticipated once findings are finalized.
6. **Audit Update:** The City auditors will be on-site Thursday. Most documents were already submitted electronically, so the on-site review is expected to take only one day instead of the initially scheduled two.
7. **Water Well 16:** The City drilled Water Well 16 over the past year, but it has been on hold pending PFAS regulatory guidance. Staff received email approval to begin pumping the well, and a hard copy of the permit is expected soon. Once finalized, the \$600,000 Well will be brought online and fully operational.

**Items for Discussion by City Commissioners**

There were no items presented by any of the commissioners for discussion.

**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.*

No members of the audience signed up or wished to speak.

**Adjournment**

*Motion made by Commissioner Colquhoun, seconded by Commissioner Tweedy III 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

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Tad Stover, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tiffany Parsons, City Clerk

Prepared by: Tiffany Parsons, City Clerk