



CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 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, Engineer-EMT Tanner McClure, Human Resources Director Marl McFarland, Police Chief Jim Halloway, Police, Police Captain Jason Legleiter, Officer Hailey Lander, Animal Control Officer Eric Petry, and Principal Planner Josh White.

2. Opening Prayer led by Pastor Steve Rankin of First United Methodist Church and Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Tad Stover.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.
4. Approval of the Agenda.

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

Awards and Proclamations

1. Mayor Tad Stover proclaimed February 12, 2026, as Day of Hope in Arkansas City, presenting the proclamation to Hope Squad of Cowley County lead by USD 470 Safety & Security Coordinator, Eric Burr.

Recognition of Visitors/Staff

1. Officer Hailey Ladner, who was nominated for the Veterans of Foreign Wars State of Kansas Officer of the Year Award, was recognized by VFW Past Commander Michael Holland.

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 January 20, 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 \$8,799.00 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:

- Duane Ostmann to the **Historic Preservation Board**
- Lloyd Colston to the **Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals Board**

Motion made by Commissioner Beeson, seconded Vice-Mayor Lungren, 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. 2026-02-3797**.*

City Clerk Parsons offered the following items for consideration.

New Business

Fire/EMS Department

1. A Resolution authorizing the City of Arkansas City to accept a quote submitted by Fire Master Fire Equipment. to purchase Genesis spreader and cutter extrication tools, for an amount not to exceed \$24,444.00.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Lungren, 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. 2026-02-3798**.*

Environmental Services Department

1. A Resolution authorizing the City of Arkansas City to allow the rehabilitation of the 12" Sewer line from Linden to Birch between C St. and D St., utilizing Nowak Construction Company, Inc. to purchase materials and service equipment for an amount not to exceed \$178,996.00.

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. 2026-02-3799**.*

2. A Resolution authorizing the City of Arkansas City to accept a bid submitted by Friendly Ford to purchase a new 2026 Ford Maverick Truck, for an amount not to exceed \$31,472.84.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Lungren, seconded by Commissioner Beeson, 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. 2026-02-3780**.*

3. A Resolution authorizing the City of Arkansas City to accept a bid submitted by Red Equipment to purchase of a Combination Jet/Vacuum Truck for an amount not to exceed \$559,000.00, and to pursue lease bids for financing.

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. 2026-02-3781**.*

City Manager Department

1. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the Fiscal Year 2024 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Agreement with the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and to take any actions necessary to implement the agreement.

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. 2026-02-3782**.*

2. A Resolution accepting a Kansas Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Award for park improvements, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal Grant Agreement No. 25-PF-027 and attachments.

Motion made by Commissioner Beeson, seconded Vice-Mayor Lungren, 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. 2026-02-3783**.*

3. An Ordinance adopting the budgeted pay plan and repealing Ordinance No. 2025-12-4649, to become effective February 7, 2026.

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

*Roll Call Voting Aye: Mayor Stover, Vice-Mayor Lungren, Commissioner Beeson, Commissioner Colquhoun, and Commissioner Tweedy III. Mayor Stover declared the motion approved; given **Ordinance No. 2026-02-4652**.*

City Manager Updates & Reminders

1. **Kansas Department of Commerce SIGNS Grant Program Opportunity:** Ranson Financial Grant Writer/Administrator Crystal Hinnen and City Staff will host a Business Signs Grant informational meeting on Wednesday, February 11th at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 118 W. Central Ave., for local business owners interested in learning more about the grant qualifications. This meeting will be live-streamed on the City of Arkansas City's YouTube channel.
2. **Greensand Filter Project:** Staff will meet with the contractor on February 4 to review pricing and bids received.
3. **Splash Pad Construction:** New Splash Pad equipment has been delivered, due to snow and mud on site, construction is expected to begin February 9th, weather permitting.
4. **Landscape Architecture & Playground Equipment Kickoff:** Kickoff meeting with the landscape architect is scheduled for February 11th to begin the process for equipment selection and project planning.
5. **Supervisor Training:** An additional supervisor training session will be held on February 12th. Previous sessions have been well-received and considered beneficial for supervisors.
6. **Annual Audit:** Auditors will be on site February 18–19th to complete the 2025 audit.
7. **CDBG Awards Ceremony:** A Community Development Block Grant awards ceremony will take place on March 11 in Topeka. The City will receive recognition and checks for two grants, for housing and playground equipment.
8. **Mill & Overlay – Madison Street:** The let date for the CCLIP Mill and Overlay Project on Madison Street has been moved to May 2026 from the original letting date was February. The project remains on track.
9. **Handout provided to commissioners:**
 - Kansas Municipal Utility (KMU) legislative update
10. **Pickleball Courts Project:** The pre-construction meeting set for was postponed due to snow cover at the site. Staff is coordinating plans to reschedule the meeting with the contractor.

Items for Discussion by City Commissioners

Commissioner Beeson commended city staff for their strong response to the recent winter storm. He noted that Street Department crews did an excellent job, including applying thorough brine to all streets rather than just high-traffic areas, and acknowledged the long hours worked by public works employees. He also recognized the Police Department for maintaining a visible presence to assist residents during hazardous conditions, and the Fire Department for effectively managing faulty heater equipment issues.

Commissioner Tweedy III expressed gratitude to the fire department, specifically the crew led by Engineer EMT Tanner McClure, for their lifesaving efforts. He acknowledged that they successfully revived an individual in critical condition recently.

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 one signed or wished to speak.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mayor Stover, 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

(Seal)

Tad Stover, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tiffany Parsons, City Clerk

Prepared by: Tiffany Parsons, City Clerk