CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 2, 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 Shanna Adkisson, Community Development Director Josh White, Fire-EMS Chief Stuart Cassaboom, EMS Director Jeri Wheatly, Fire-EMS Lt. Dan Dedrick, Paramedic Jaxson Slater, EMT Austyn Butler, Paramedic Shawn Dent, EMT Nate Wilson, EMT Mike Evinger, and Fire-EMS Captain Tanner McClure, and Police Chief Jim Holloway.

2. Opening Prayer led by Pastor Chris Warneke or Redemer Lutheran 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 Colquhoun, to approve the agenda as written.

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

Awards and Proclamations

1. Proclaim June 2026 as Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month in Arkansas City, as read by Vice Mayor Lungren and presented to Community Development Director White.

2. Mayor Stover proclaimed June 19, 2026, as Juneteenth National Independence Day in Arkansas City, presenting the proclamation to Robin Henderson.

Commissioner Beeson joined the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

Recognition of Visitors/Staff

1. Recognize Fire-EMS Lt. Dan Dedrick, Paramedic Jaxson Slater, EMT Austyn Butler, Paramedic Shawn Dent, EMT Nate Wilson, EMT Mike Evinger, and Fire-EMS Captain Tanner McClure for their life saving efforts.

Life-Saving Recognition – Jeff Bryant (January 17, 2026)
Arkansas City Fire/EMS personnel Lt. Paramedic Daniel Dedrick, Paramedic Jaxson Slater, EMT Nate Wilson, EMT Mike Evinger, and Fire-EMS Captain Tanner McClure were formally recognized for their successful response to a cardiopulmonary arrest involving Jeff Bryant on January 17, 2026. Through prompt Advanced Life Support interventions, responders restored circulation and breathing, contributing to Bryant's recovery and eventual discharge from the hospital. Bryant attended the meeting and expressed his gratitude for the crew's professionalism, dedication, and life-saving efforts.

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Life-Saving Recognition – Gary Harper (February 2, 2026)
Arkansas City Fire/EMS personnel Lt. Paramedic Daniel Dedrick, Paramedic Jaxson Slater, Paramedic Shawn Dent, EMT Austyn Butler, EMT Mike Evinger, and Fire-EMS Captain Tanner McClure were officially recognized for their response to a cardiopulmonary arrest involving Gary Harper on February 2, 2026. Responders successfully restored circulation and breathing through Advanced Life Support measures, leading to Harper's recovery and discharge from the hospital. Harper and his wife thanked the department for the exceptional care provided and expressed appreciation for the professionalism of Arkansas City Fire/EMS.

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 New Business.

1. Approve the May 19, 2026, regular meeting minutes as written.

2. Ratify Mayor Tad Stover's appointment of Lauren Lewis to the Arkansas City Recreation Commission Board.

3. Ratify Mayor Tad Stover's appointment of Melanie Beltz to the Arkansas City Public Library Board.

4. Approve a new Cereal Malt Beverage (CMB) License for Ninja Sushi located at 1618 N. Summit St.

5. A Resolution authorizing the City of Arkansas City to allocate Unpledged Healthcare Sales Tax Funds in the amount of $15,019.00 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.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Lungren, seconded by Commissioner Colquhoun, 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; and given ***Resolution No. 2026-06-3836****.*

New Business

City Manager Department

1. An Ordinance authorizing the vacation of a portion of an alley in Block 12 of Gooch's Addition to Arkansas City, Kansas. ***(Roll Call Vote)***

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

Roll Call Voting Yea: Mayor Stover, Vice-Mayor Lungren, Commissioner Beeson, Commissioner Colquhoun, and Commissioner Tweedy III. Mayor Stover declared the motion approved; given ***Ordinance No. 2026-06-4655****.*

2. A Resolution ratifying Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Professional Engineering Consultants, P.A. (PEC), for the East Pressure Zone Improvements Project in the amount of $19,750.00 and acknowledging the revised total engineering contract amount of $376,750.00, as executed by the City Manager on May 20, 2026.

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. 2026-06-3837****.*

City Manager Updates & Reminders

1. **May 23 – Well 16 Online & Replacement Well Decommissioned:** Well 16 was placed into service on May 27, and the well it replaced has been properly plugged and removed from operation.

2. **June 5 – Budget Work Session:** The City's budget work session is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 3:30 p.m., with departmental budget presentations and a lunch break planned around the time capsule ceremony..

3. **June 5 – City Hall Time Capsule Ceremony:** A time capsule burial ceremony will be held at City Hall at noon during the budget work session lunch break.

4. **June 6 – Etzanoa Immersion Center Grand Opening:** Commissioners were reminded of the Etzanoa Immersion Center grand opening event.

5. **June 8 – Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Homeownership Event:** Kansas Housing Resource Corporation will host a homeownership celebration recognizing first-time homebuyers at a residence in Arkansas City.

6. **June 11 – Fire Station Design Update Meeting:** The next fire station design meeting will focus on refining project costs as design elements and operational needs continue to be finalized.

7. **June 18 – Northwest Community Center Engagement Meeting:** A public engagement meeting will be held to gather community input on the future of the Northwest Community Center, with facilitation provided by Wichita State University's Public Management Center.

8. **Evergy Transmission Line Update:** Commissioners were informed that the Kansas Corporation Commission approved Evergy's proposed transmission line route from south of Wichita to the U.S. 77 area north of Arkansas City, prompting discussion regarding potential impacts near the hospital and helicopter access.

9. **July 8 & 9 – Health in All Policies Training:** Commissioners were provided information about a Health in All Policies training hosted by the health department, focusing on incorporating health considerations into policy development, planning, and legislative decision-making.

Items for Discussion by City Commissioners

None.

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 St., raised concerns regarding library funding and governance, encouraged the Commission to revisit prior decisions affecting the library, and expressed support for library services and volunteers.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mayor Stover, seconded by Commissioner Beeson to adjourn the meeting.

Voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Stover 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

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