



Routine Business

1. Opening Prayer led by Principal Planner 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

Also present from staff: City Attorney Larry Schwartz, City Manager Randy Frazer, Communications Director Shana Adkisson, EMS Director Jeri Wheatley, Interim Fire/EMS Chief Stuart Cassaboom, Police Chief Jim Holloway, Police Detective Lieutenant Jason Legleiter, Police Sergeant Detective Kelsey Horinek, and Police Officer Patrick Shook.

3. There were no additions or deletions.
4. Approval of the Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Spielman, jointly Seconded by Commissioner Beeson and Commissioner Tweedy to approve the agenda.

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

Recognition of Visitors/Staff

1. Presentation of the Medal of Valor Award to Lt. Det. Jason Legleiter.

The Medal of Valor is the highest recognition of achievement presented by the Arkansas City Police Department. It is awarded to department employees who distinguish themselves with extraordinary acts of bravery or heroism above and beyond than normally expected in the line of duty.

Police Chief Jim Holloway presented Lt. Det. Legleiter the Medal of Valor with honor for this bravery and commitment to public safety during the April 22, 2023, incident that took place at the 1300 block of North A Street. "Lt. Det. Legleiter arrived first on the scene. He quickly located a female armed with a pistol, a machete, and, at one point, a hammer. Lt. Det. Legleiter approached her and initiated a conversation to resolve this volatile situation quickly and peacefully. The female was swinging the weapons around and making various threats as she pointed the pistol at Lt. Det. Legleiter," Holloway said. "Lt. Det. Legleiter later stated that he felt he was going to be shot or would have been forced to shoot the female, but he stood firm and attempted to talk her down." Holloway credited Lt. Det. Legleiter's quick and informed decisions and the assistance of many

department members and officers from other agencies with ensuring that both females involved in the incident were successfully taken into custody and that no one was harmed. (Ref. City Press Release March 20, 2024).

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 March 5, 2024, regular meeting minutes as written.

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

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

New Business

Communications Director Adkisson offered the following items for consideration:

City Manager Department

1. A Resolution authorizing the City of Arkansas City to enter into an agreement with Aging Projects Inc. (API), for provision of nutritional services at the Senior Citizens Center, term effective October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024.

City Manager Frazer explained that this is an annual renewal agreement with API to have meals and other services provided at the Senior Citizens Center. In 2015, the agreement was set up on auto renewal. This would modify the agreement back to an annual renewal state.

Motion made by Mayor Warren, 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; given **Resolution No. 2024-03-3605**.*

Fire/EMS Department

1. A Resolution authorizing the City of Arkansas City to purchase two (2) Zoll X Series Advanced Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillators from ZOLL Medical Corporation of Chelmsford, MA, for an amount not to exceed \$95,000.00.

EMS Director Wheatley stated that the department budget and replaced two of these monitor/defibrillators last year from Zoll and have budgeted to replace two more this year. The current two cardiac monitors that this purchase will replace has exceeded their life expectancy of 6-8 years and the software can no longer be upgraded.

Motion made by Commission Beeson, 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. 2024-03-3606**.*

2. Resolution authorizing the City of Arkansas City to purchase new bunker gear to fit new hires from Delta Fire & Safety, for an amount not to exceed \$47,951.08.

Interim Fire/EMS Chief Stuart Cassaboom expressed that with the influx of department new hires lately, new equipment is desperately needed as they currently do not have adequate bunker gear to fit our new hires for fire calls. Delta Fire & Safety is the same company we purchased from last time because the gear

holds up well and gets here in a timely manner. They are also the only company that offers loaner agreements so we can get in gear now.

Motion made by Commission 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. 2024-03-3607.***

City Manager Updates & Reminders

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

1. City property and liability insurance update, likely to see approximately \$36k or 9.62% increase. Changes from last year with the W&H deductible goes from \$25,000.00 to \$50,000.00. Crime coverage increases to \$100,000.00 limit to \$250,000.00. Cyber security coverage increases from \$500,000.00 liability to \$1 million. Municipalities across the state are seeing increases and having a hard time finding insurance carriers.
2. The developer of the Travel Center Construction is still waiting for the stormwater pollution protection plan permit, that is pending the Archaeological study. City Manager Frazer was able to provide this study to PEC's Chris Meinen to provide to the developer and help move this forward.
3. Sewer extension plans are done and expected to go out for bid in two weeks. Working around the school schedule is a priority, the project will begin East of town at a manhole near the Ark City Greenhouse and stretch around to the middle school practice field area.
4. The proposed 2025 Budget Calendar was distributed to the commission with a brief overview of the planned work sessions.
5. Updated Goff Tower Rehab Bids are due March 26, 2024, opening is at 10:00 am in the City Clerk's Office. City Commission meeting agenda item to follow.
6. Hike Bike Trail Update – City has not heard back from KDOT if the last set of plans sent were approved. They were still waiting for the stormwater permit to get approved before they could complete the final plan approval.
7. Principal Planner White is still working with PEC on the property development on the north side of town.

Items for Discussion by City Commissioners

Rivers Eagle Bar & Grill, 31332 61st Lane S., is hosting a community forum on fentanyl at 7:00 PM where more fentanyl information is to be given by a KBI Agent.

Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Tweedy, seconded by Mayor Warren 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

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