

City Commission of Arkansas City Meeting Minutes

The Arkansas City Board of City Commissioners met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. December 5, 2017, in the Commission Room at City Hall, 118 W. Central Ave., in Arkansas City.

Mayor Dan Jurkovich called the meeting to order. Those also present at roll call were Commissioner Duane L. Oestmann, Commissioner Charles Tweedy III, Commissioner Jay Warren and Commissioner Karen Welch.

City employees present at the meeting were City Manager Nick Hernandez, City Attorney Tamara Niles, City Clerk Lesley Shook, Public Information Officer Andrew Lawson, Finance Director Kathy Cornwell, Public Works Director Eric Broce, Assistant Public Works Director Mike Crandall, Fire Chief Bobby Wolfe, Police Chief Dan Ward, ACPD Capt. Mark McCaslin, Detective Lt. Jim Holloway, Police Officer Ted Shinneman, School Resource Officer Chase Hobart, Human Resources Manager Marla McFarland and Combination Inspector Brian Williams.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment was represented by state dental director Dr. Cathleen "Cathy" Taylor-Osbourne. Oral Health Kansas, Inc. was represented by executive director Tanya Dorf Brunner.

Citizens in attendance included Richard Brown, Robert Courtland, Kammy Downs, Kanyon Gingher, Krysta Hobart, Vicki Jackson, Dr. Nick Rogers, Tiffany Shinneman and Ark City Daily Bytes reporter Jeni McGee.

Commissioner Warren offered the opening prayer. Mayor Jurkovich led the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Approval

Commissioner Oestmann made a motion to approve the agenda with the deletion of an award presentation.

Commissioner Tweedy seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Jurkovich declared the agenda amended and approved.

Awards and Proclamations

A Good Neighbor Award was presented to Robert Courtland for his community volunteerism efforts. Public Information Officer Lawson said Courtland helped with Fall Cleanup Day, even donating the use of his trailer.

A Good Neighbor Award presentation to Marsha Hephner was delayed until Dec. 19 due to Hephner's absence.

The City was honored by a pair of officials in recognition of its April 2016 decision to maintain water fluoridation.

The City was given a 2016 Community Fluoridation Reaffirmation Award "for contributions made on behalf of community water fluoridation." It was one of just 20 communities so honored nationally in 2017.

Presenting a certificate of appreciation for the award were Dr. Cathleen Taylor-Osbourne, state dental director with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), and Tanya Dorf Brunner, executive director of Oral Health Kansas, Inc. Local dentist Dr. Nick Rogers also attended the ceremony and thanked the commission.

Other entities involved with the award are the American Dental Association (ADA), Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD), and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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Recognition of Visitors

The commission recognized two recently promoted police officers. Police Chief Ward made brief remarks and completed the pinning ceremony for the two newest Master Police Officers, Chase Hobart and Ted Shinneman.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Oestmann made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, including the following:

1. Approving the November 21, 2017, regular meeting minutes as written.
2. Ratifying Mayor Jurkovich's reappointment of Mary Benton to the City-Cowley County Board of Health.
3. Approving Resolution No. 2017-12-3140, authorizing the City to execute a Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) waiver for the 2018 fiscal year.

Commissioner Warren seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Jurkovich declared the consent agenda approved.

New Business

Budgeted Pay Plan for 2018 **Ordinance No. 2017-12-4445**

City Clerk Shook presented for discussion a first reading of an ordinance adopting the budgeted employee pay plan for 2018 and repealing Ordinance No. 2016-12-4422.

Human Resources Manager McFarland said the only changes from the 2017 pay ordinance are the transitions from Neighborhood Services Superintendent to Building Official and from City Planner/GIS to Principal Planner.

Commissioner Welch made a motion to approve the ordinance. Commissioner Tweedy seconded the motion.

A roll call vote resulted in five aye votes and no nay votes. Mayor Jurkovich declared the motion approved and given Ordinance No. 2017-12-4445.

Notice of Budget Hearing **Resolution No. 2017-12-3141**

City Clerk Shook presented for discussion a resolution approving a notice of budget hearing for publication and scheduling a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. December 19 in the commission room at City Hall, 118 W. Central Ave., to amend the 2017 budget for the City of Arkansas City.

Finance Director Cornwell said the two changes are amending the Water Fund from \$15,616,661 to \$20,616,661 and the Special Highway Fund from \$1,170,605 to \$1,835,219. She and City Manager Hernandez explained why.

Commissioner Oestmann made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion.

A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Jurkovich declared the motion approved and given Resolution No. 2017-12-3141.

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City Manager Updates

City Manager Hernandez requested that a study session be scheduled to go over the Governing Body Handbook and various financial tools available to developers once Commissioner Kanyon Gingher is sworn in and seated.

Mayor Jurkovich asked to set that study session at noon Friday, January 19, 2018, in the city manager's office.

Hernandez reminded the commissioners of the employee Christmas party, starting at 5:30 p.m. December 8.

Other Business

Public Works Director Broce provided an update on the Water Treatment Facility construction project, including the status of the new waste pipeline from the new water treatment plant to the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

The commissioners discussed options for reconstruction of the intersection of Fourth Street and Washington Avenue, including whether to opt for full brick or concrete replacement, or perhaps some combination of both.

Broce said he would obtain costs for the additional options discussed and relay them to the commissioners.

Adjournment

Commissioner Tweedy moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Oestmann seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Jurkovich declared the meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

THE ARKANSAS CITY
BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS

Dan Jurkovich, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lesley Shook, City Clerk

Prepared by:

Andrew Lawson, Public Information Officer