

City Commission of Arkansas City - Regular Meeting Minutes

The Arkansas City Board of City Commissioners met in regular session at **5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2018**, in the Commission Room at City Hall, located at 118 W. Central Ave. in Arkansas City.

Vice Mayor **Jay Warren** called the meeting to order. Commissioners also present at roll call were Commissioner **Kanyon Gingher**, Commissioner **Duane L. Oestmann** and Commissioner **Karen Welch**. Mayor **Dan Jurkovich** was absent due to vacation.

City employees present at the meeting were City Manager **Nick Hernandez**, City Attorney **Tamara Niles**, City Clerk **Lesley Shook**, Public Information Officer **Andrew Lawson**, Public Works Director **Mike Crandall**, Police Chief **Dan Ward** and Arkansas City Fire-EMS Department Capt. **Chet Ranzau**.

Citizens in attendance were **Vicki Jackson**, **Gareth McGee** and Ark City Daily Bytes reporter **Jeni McGee**.

Vice Mayor Warren offered the opening prayer and led the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Approval

Commissioner Welch made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Gingher seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Vice Mayor Warren declared the agenda approved.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Approving the **July 17, 2018**, regular and **July 24, 2018**, special meeting minutes as written.

Commissioner Welch seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Vice Mayor Warren declared the consent agenda approved.

New Business

New Traffic Control Devices **Resolution No. 2018-08-3192**

City Clerk Shook presented for discussion a resolution authorizing the City to place east-west traffic control devices at the intersections of **Cedar Avenue and Third Street**, **Cedar Avenue and Fourth Street**, **Linden Avenue and Third Street**, and **Vine Avenue and Third Street**.

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Commissioner Welch said the eight stop signs were recommended by the Traffic Safety Committee.

Police Chief Ward showed a map of “hot spots” where traffic collisions have occurred at uncontrolled intersections. He said these can be substantial crashes because neither vehicle slows down or yields the right-of-way. Cedar Avenue in particular has become a sort of “cut-through.”

The last 10 stop signs, installed at five other intersections, have resulted in no accidents thus far.

Vice Mayor Warren made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Welch seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Vice Mayor Warren declared the resolution approved and given **Resolution No. 2018-08-3192**.

ACFD Station Alerting System **Resolution No. 2018-08-3193**

City Clerk Shook presented for discussion a resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Sparks Music, of Arkansas City, for the replacement of the Arkansas City Fire-EMS Department’s (ACFD) station alerting system, for an amount not to exceed **\$18,150.00**.

City Manager Hernandez said this item was postponed from the 2017 budget to 2018. He said the system, as designed by Sparks, should be worry-proof for a long time. It carries full warranties.

Seventeen rooms will have speakers, along with two speakers in each vehicle bay and one outside.

Commissioner Oestmann made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Gingher seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Vice Mayor Warren declared the resolution approved and given **Resolution No. 2018-08-3193**.

New ACFD Brush Fire Truck **Resolution No. 2018-08-3194**

City Clerk Shook presented for discussion a resolution authorizing the City to purchase a 600-gallon Chaparral 5 brush fire rig from Blanchat Manufacturing, of Harper, for an amount not to exceed **\$141,102.00**, to be paid for with proceeds from the 2019 City budget.

City Manager Hernandez said the goal is to order the truck now and have it here by February 2019.

Arkansas City Fire-EMS Department Capt. Chet Ranzau described some safety features of the new vehicle, such as rollover protection for those riding on top and convenient access to pump controls.

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Hernandez and Ranzau said the vehicle has higher clearance, which is needed out in the Flint Hills.

Hernandez mentioned the rural fire districts pay for their protection, which is mostly for grass fires.

He said there were no bids for this truck, but the City used a federally recognized purchasing program, which worked well for bunker gear and radios. The company selected is a regional entity.

Vice Mayor Warren made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Gingher seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Vice Mayor Warren declared the resolution approved and given **Resolution No. 2018-08-3194**.

City Manager Updates

City Manager Hernandez said the next Cowley County Service Alliance meeting is at **5:30 p.m. August 9** at Baden Square in Winfield. Public Information Officer Lawson previewed the event.

Hernandez invited commissioners to participate in City Hall Selfie Day at **2 p.m. August 15** in front of City Hall. A photo will be taken of as many City employees as possible and put on social media.

He reminded the commissioners that there was no Health Care Sales Tax town hall meeting that week, with the next one being set for **7 p.m. August 16** at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1254.

Hernandez discussed seating for the City's table at Miss Kansas Hannah Klaassen's fundraising dinner at **6:30 p.m. August 9** at the Burford Theatre. Her sendoff to the Miss America competition will be from **2 to 4 p.m. August 12** at Ark City Dance. The City will present her with a key at **3 p.m.**

Other Business

City Manager Hernandez said the **bulldozer/excavator reports** were completed, but he wanted to wait to present them until Mayor Jurkovich returned since he was the one who had requested them.

Commissioner Oestmann asked about the status of the **large flagpole** at the former Country Mart.

Hernandez said the City is willing to pay for the electricity to keep the flag lit at night. He said the current out-of-town owners may want the pole moved, which will cost the City \$30,000 to \$40,000.

Commissioner Oestmann asked if the City could buy that corner of the parking lot. Hernandez said he has tried to make an offer, but the owners have been nonresponsive thus far.

He said it is a very valuable property, and he hopes someone will purchase it and utilize it soon.

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Adjournment

Commissioner Oestmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Welch seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Vice Mayor Warren declared the meeting adjourned at **5:56 p.m.**

**THE CITY OF ARKANSAS CITY
BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS**

Jay Warren, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

Lesley Shook, City Clerk

Prepared by:

Andrew Lawson, Public Information Officer