

City Commission of Arkansas City - Special Meeting Minutes

The Arkansas City Board of City Commissioners met in special session at **5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2018**, in the Commission Room at City Hall, located at 118 W. Central Ave. in Arkansas City.

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

City employees present at the meeting were City Manager **Nick Hernandez**, City Clerk **Lesley Shook**, Public Information Officer **Andrew Lawson**, Finance Director **Kathy Cornwell**, Fire Chief **Bobby Wolfe**, Police Chief **Dan Ward**, Parks and Facilities Director **Tony Tapia**, and Human Resources Manager **Marla McFarland**.

South Central Kansas Medical Center was represented by attorney **Otis Morrow** and health information manager **Patricia McMains**. Citizens in attendance were **Gareth McGee, Dotty Smith**, Ark City Daily Bytes reporter **Jeni McGee** and Cowley CourierTraveler reporter **John Shelman**.

Business

2019 Budget Public Hearing

Mayor Jurkovich presented for discussion a first reading of an ordinance adopting the **2019 budget** for the City of Arkansas City and invited staff to present prior to opening a public hearing.

Finance Director Cornwell said the commissioners either could approve the budget that night after closing the public hearing, or they could wait until the next regular meeting August 21 to approve it.

Alternatively, they could continue the public hearing until August 21 if there was a pressing need.

She also said they had their choice of approving the budget as published – with maximum 2019 expenditures of **\$25,888,350**, maximum General Fund expenditures of **\$3,871,840** and a projected mill levy of **70.250 mills** – or they could select the amended budget she showed in the packet.

This amended budget followed the commission's direction to reduce the mill levy to less than 70 mills. She said this was attainable because the health insurance renewal was less than expected.

The amended budget has maximum 2019 expenditures of **\$25,870,634**, maximum General Fund expenditures of **\$3,853,594** and a projected mill levy of **69.919 mills**.

Commissioner Oestmann asked whether \$2,500 could be transferred from the planned General Fund disbursement to the Arkansas City Area Chamber of Commerce and into the Tourism Fund to increase the budgeted \$50,000 allotment to the Ark City Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB).

Commissioner Warren was concerned that the chamber already budgeted for \$10,000 in 2019. City Manager Hernandez said extra transient guest tax revenues can be transferred to the CVB later.

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Hernandez said there is the potential for \$10,000 to \$12,000 in additional revenues. Commissioner Oestmann said if that were the case, then he was comfortable with committing to just the \$55,000.

Mayor Jurkovich made a motion to open the public hearing. Commissioner Oestmann seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mayor Jurkovich declared the motion approved. No one spoke. He then closed the public hearing.

Adoption of the 2019 Budget **Ordinance No. 2018-08-4464**

Commissioner Warren made a motion to approve the ordinance, with maximum 2019 expenditures of **\$25,870,634**, General Fund expenditures of **\$3,853,594** and a projected mill levy of **69.919 mills**.

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

Mayor Jurkovich declared the ordinance approved and given **Ordinance No. 2018-08-4464**.

Adjournment

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

Mayor Jurkovich declared the meeting adjourned at **5:43 p.m.**

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

Dan Jurkovich, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lesley Shook, City Clerk

Prepared by:

Andrew Lawson, Public Information Officer