

City Commission of Arkansas City - Special Meeting Minutes

The Arkansas City Board of City Commissioners met in special session at **6:03 p.m. Tuesday, October 18, 2018**, in the Commission Room at City Hall, located at 118 W. Central Ave. in Ark City.

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

City employees present at the meeting were City Attorney **Tamara Niles**, City Clerk **Lesley Shook** and Public Information Officer **Andrew Lawson**.

The Arkalalah Executive Committee was represented by chairman **Zach Stoy**, members **Jace Kennedy** and **Chris Rains**, and executive secretary **Tasha Bucher**.

Citizens in attendance were **Gareth McGee**, Ark City Daily Bytes reporter **Jeni McGee** and Cowley CourierTraveler reporter **John Shelman**.

Business

Arkalalah Daily Beer Garden Ordinance No. 2018-10-4472

City Clerk Shook presented for discussion a first reading of an ordinance exempting the application of K.S.A. 41-719(c) to allow the consumption of alcoholic liquor at a designated area of Ben Givens City Center Park for a “beer garden” during the Arkalalah Festival on **October 24-27**.

City Attorney Niles said the Arkalalah Executive Committee had requested that people younger than 21 be allowed in the beer garden during business hours, but she did not think that was a good idea and thus had replicated the same ordinance as last year that prohibits anyone younger than 21.

Commissioner Gingher concurred with Niles and said young people should not be put in a position to be around alcohol in that sort of environment. She likened it to taking children into bars.

Chairman Stoy said the committee members had requested the change because they thought they could increase business by allowing families with food to come inside so parents could consume beer with their food, but acknowledged the committee would abide by the commission’s decision.

Executive Secretary Bucher said signage could be posted regarding the age limit prohibition. Niles said the commission has broad discretion on rules because the alcohol will be on public property.

Commissioner Welch made a motion to approve the ordinance as written. Mayor Jurkovich seconded the motion. A roll call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mayor Jurkovich declared the ordinance approved and given **Ordinance No. 2018-10-4472**.

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Arkalalah Concert Beer Garden Ordinance No. 2018-10-4473

City Clerk Shook presented for discussion a first reading of an ordinance exempting the application of K.S.A. 41-719(c) to allow the consumption of alcoholic liquor at a designated area of Wilson Park for a “beer garden” during the Arkalalah Thursday night concert on **October 25**.

Unlike the previous ordinance, this one does allow people younger than 21 in the area, but those of age to drink must present identification and wear wristbands. This has worked well in past years.

Mayor Jurkovich made a motion to approve the ordinance. 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. 2018-10-4473**.

Adjournment

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

Mayor Jurkovich declared the meeting adjourned at **6:13 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