

City Commission of Arkansas City - Regular Meeting Minutes

The Arkansas City Board of City Commissioners met in regular session at **5:30 p.m. Monday, January 7, 2019**, 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 Commissioners **Kanyon Gingham, Duane L. Oestmann, Jay Warren** and **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 **Mike Crandall**, Police Chief **Dan Ward**, Fire Chief **Bobby Wolfe**, Parks and Facilities Director **Tony Tapia**, and Emergency Management Coordinator **Bob Frazee**.

Citizens in attendance included **Carol House, Paisley Howerton, Gareth McGee, Jeni McGee, Jason Smith, John Sturd, Charles Tweedy** and Cowley CourierTraveler reporter **John Shelman**.

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

Agenda Approval

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

Mayor Jurkovich declared the agenda approved.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Approving the **December 18, 2018**, regular meeting minutes as written.
2. Approving **Resolution No. 2019-01-3229**, authorizing a public meeting of the Governing Body to attend a Land Bank Board of Trustees meeting at **5 p.m. January 15, 2019**.
3. Ratifying Mayor Jurkovich's appointment of **Debi Clark** to the **Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board**.

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

New Business

New Mayor

City Clerk Shook presented for discussion annual reorganization item No. 1, selection of the **mayor**.

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Commissioner Oestmann made a motion to appoint **Commissioner Warren** as mayor.

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

Mayor Jurkovich declared the motion approved. Mayors Jurkovich and Warren exchanged seats.

Mayor Warren then presented Mayor Jurkovich with a plaque honoring his 16 months of service.

He praised the leadership shown by Jurkovich, especially concerning the decision to take direct control of South Central Kansas Medical Center and effort to promote the Health Care Sales Tax.

New Vice Mayor

City Clerk Shook presented for discussion annual reorganization item No. 2, **vice mayor** selection.

Commissioner Jurkovich made a motion to appoint **Commissioner Welch** as vice mayor.

Commissioner Oestmann seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Warren declared the motion approved and congratulated Vice Mayor Welch.

Strother Field Commission

City Clerk Shook presented for discussion annual reorganization item No. 3, the appointment of three commissioners as voting ex officio representatives on the **Strother Field Commission**.

Commissioner Jurkovich made a motion to reappoint **Commissioners Oestmann, Warren and Welch** as Arkansas City's representatives on the Strother Field Commission, with himself and Commissioner Gingher serving as alternates. Commissioner Gingher seconded the motion.

A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Warren declared the motion approved.

Cowley First

City Clerk Shook presented for discussion annual reorganization item No. 4, the designation of a nonvoting ex officio representative to the **Cowley County Economic Development Partnership**.

Commissioner Jurkovich made a motion to appoint **himself** to the Cowley First coordinating council, replacing Commissioner Welch. Commissioner Oestmann seconded the motion.

A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Warren declared the motion approved.

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At City Attorney Niles' suggestion, Commissioner Welch made a motion to appoint **herself** as an alternate to the Cowley First coordinating council. Commissioner Jurkovich seconded the motion.

A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Warren declared the motion approved.

Arkansas City Public Library Board of Trustees

City Clerk Shook presented for discussion annual reorganization item No. 5, the appointment of a commissioner as a voting ex officio member of the **Ark City Public Library Board of Trustees**.

Commissioner Jurkovich made a motion to reappoint **Commissioner Oestmann** to the ACPL Board of Trustees. Commissioner Gingher seconded the motion.

A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Warren declared the motion approved.

Visit Ark City Board of Directors

City Clerk Shook presented for discussion annual reorganization item No. 6, the appointment of a commissioner as a voting ex officio member of the **Visit Ark City Board of Directors**.

Commissioner Jurkovich made a motion to reappoint **Commissioner Oestmann** to the Visit Ark City Board of Directors. Commissioner Gingher seconded the motion.

A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Warren declared the motion approved.

Traffic Safety Committee

City Clerk Shook presented for discussion annual reorganization item No. 7, the designation of a commissioner as a voting ex officio member of the **Arkansas City Traffic Safety Committee**.

Commissioner Gingher made a motion to reappoint **Commissioner Welch** to the Traffic Safety Committee. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion.

A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Warren declared the motion approved.

Cherokee Strip Land Rush Museum Board of Directors

City Clerk Shook presented for discussion annual reorganization item No. 8, the designation of a nonvoting ex officio representative to the **Cherokee Strip Land Rush Museum Board of Directors**.

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Commissioner Gingher already is a voting member of this board and cannot also be on it ex officio.

Commissioner Oestmann made a motion to reappoint **Mayor Warren** to the Cherokee Strip Land Rush Museum Board of Directors. Commissioner Welch seconded the motion.

A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Warren declared the motion approved.

Official City Newspaper

City Clerk Shook presented for discussion annual reorganization item No. 9, the designation of the **official City newspaper** for the publication of various legal notices as required by Kansas statute.

Commissioner Jurkovich made a motion to designate **The Cowley CourierTraveler** as the City's official newspaper for publication of legal notices. Commissioner Gingher seconded the motion.

A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Warren declared the motion approved.

Official City Depositories

City Clerk Shook presented for discussion annual reorganization item No. 10, the designation of **official City depositories**.

Mayor Warren asked City Manager Hernandez about the possibility of switching. Hernandez said it would be a financial nightmare for several months, but added that staff can look into this if the commission so desires. Finance Director Cornwell said a Request for Proposals can be developed.

Hernandez recommended approving this item now, but working toward an RFP for later in the year.

Commissioner Jurkovich made a motion to designate **RCB Bank** as the City's primary depository for banking services, with **Community National Bank & Trust, The Stock Exchange Bank** and **Union State Bank** as potential depositories. Commissioner Gingher seconded the motion.

A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Warren declared the motion approved.

Outdoor Warning Sirens Resolution No. 2019-01-3230

City Clerk Shook presented for discussion a resolution authorizing the City to purchase a new Whelan WPS2905 outdoor warning siren from Precision Communications, Inc., of Tupelo, Mississippi, and accept a proposal from Precision Communications for parts to repair the Whelan WPS2800 warning siren located at 3200 N. Eighth St., for a total amount not to exceed **\$26,650.00**.

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City Manager Hernandez said the new siren would be placed near the Arkansas City Public School District central office, located at 2545 Greenway. Emergency Management Coordinator Frazee said this siren has had problems in the past and is in need of replacement by one with a battery backup.

Commissioner Gingher asked about the map. Hernandez explained the meanings of the circles.

Commissioner Gingher said several sirens are in close proximity. Frazee said that while there is quite a bit of overlap, some of that is to duplicate the service of any sirens that will not function in case of an electrical outage. As more of those sirens are replaced, duplication can be scaled back.

Commissioner Gingher asked how many sirens the City has. Frazee said 24. She asked if that was a high number. He said it was a little high, but the City plans to pay for a study to analyze its needs.

Frazee said this would be only the second new siren he had purchased outright since 2011. Four other new sirens that have been installed prior to that timeframe were purchased with grant funds.

Commissioner Gingher asked about people hearing multiple sirens downtown. Frazee said four new sirens replaced the old one atop the AC Office Building, due to interference from tall buildings.

Hernandez said repairing the siren on North Eighth Street will help immensely with coverage in that area. Frazee said its speakers are down to just about 20- to 30-percent operating capacity.

Mayor Warren asked about the nature of the planned acoustic study. Frazee said it will involve sensors, and Hernandez said they will look at LIDAR topography and population concentrations.

Whichever company is selected will develop a computer model, but also come in after to test it.

Commissioner Jurkovich asked about the IXL and Parkerfield sirens. Frazee said those jurisdictions pay for siren maintenance, but the City administers, sounds and troubleshoots them.

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

Mayor Warren declared the resolution approved and given **Resolution No. 2019-01-3230**.

City Manager Updates

City Manager Hernandez reminded the commissioners of three upcoming meetings:

- The Cowley County Legislative Committee will meet at **noon Jan. 8** at the chamber office.
- There will be a Traffic Safety Committee meeting at **10 a.m. Jan. 11** in Hernandez's office.
- The City Commission will meet as the Land Bank Board of Trustees at **5 p.m. January 15**, prior to its regular meeting at **5:30 p.m.**, in the commission room at City Hall.

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Other Business

City Manager Hernandez said there had been inquiries after the last commission meeting regarding the resolution to rebuild the primary Mill Canal stormwater pump. Given Mayor Warren was absent from the **December 18, 2018**, meeting, he asked if there needed to be further discussion.

If the commissioners did not want to move forward at this time, Hernandez said the City can just have the electrical upgrades portion of the project completed, as that is the most critical need now.

After an extended discussion of the matter, Commissioner Gingher made a motion to repeal **Resolution No. 2018-12-3227**. Mayor Warren seconded the motion.

A voice vote resulted in two yea votes and three nay votes, with Commissioners Jurkovich, Oestmann and Welch dissenting. Mayor Warren declared the motion failed.

Adjournment

Commissioner Oestmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Warren seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous. Mayor Warren declared the meeting adjourned at **6:15 p.m.**

THE CITY OF ARKANSAS CITY BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS

Dan Jurkovich, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lesley Shook, City Clerk

Jay Warren, Mayor

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