

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, May 7, 2019**, in the Commission Room at City Hall, located at 118 W. Central Ave. in Arkansas City.

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

City employees present were City Manager **Nick Hernandez**, City Attorney **Tamara Niles**, City Clerk **Lesley Shook**, Public Information Officer **Andrew Lawson**, Finance Director **Kathy Cornwell**, Police Chief **Dan Ward** and Human Resources Manager **Marla McFarland**.

South Central Kansas Medical Center employees in attendance included **Shawna Allison**, Chief Financial Officer **LaDona Anstine**, **Harold "Doc" Arnett**, **Tracy Austin**, Chief Executive Officer **Jeff Bowman**, **Tami Eiselt**, **Charles Jennings**, **Shayla McDonald** and **Patricia McMains**.

The Arkansas City Music and Dramatics Club was represented by President **Darlene Patterson** and Vice President **Judy Day-Trenary**. Outstanding Student Award finalists who attended were Cowley College's **Anna Maggiolo** and Ark City Middle School student **Abisai Millan-Gabriel**.

Citizens in attendance included **Bob Foster**, **JoLynn Foster**, **Gareth McGee**, **Matthew Nies** and **Duane Patterson**.

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

Agenda Approval

At City Manager Hernandez's request, Commissioner Jurkovich made a motion to amend the agenda by modifying Item 2 of the Consent Agenda to remove the part of the resolution that would have canceled the **May 17** study session. Hernandez said he wanted to maintain that study session.

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

Vice Mayor Welch declared the agenda approved as amended.

Awards and Proclamations

Commissioner Oestmann issued a proclamation that May is **Foster Care Month** in Arkansas City.

Commissioner Oestmann issued a proclamation that May 5-11 is **Public Service Recognition Week** in Arkansas City. City Manager Hernandez received the proclamation on behalf of the City.

Commissioner Gingher issued a proclamation that May 5-12 is **National Music Week** in Arkansas City. Darlene Patterson and Judy Day-Trenary received it on behalf of the Music & Dramatics Club.

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Vice Mayor Welch issued a proclamation that May 6-12 is **National Nurses Week** and May 12-18 is **National Hospital Week** in Arkansas City. Shayla McDonald, Tracy Austin, and Tami Eiselt received the proclamation on behalf of South Central Kansas Medical Center nurses and employees.

Vice Mayor Welch issued a proclamation that May 12-18 is **National Police Week** and May 15 is **Peace Officers Memorial Day** in Arkansas City. Police Chief Ward received the proclamation.

Recognition of Visitors

Vice Mayor Welch recognized and congratulated Cowley College sophomore **Anna Maggiolo** for being selected as Arkansas City's Outstanding Student Award winner for 2018-19. Maggiolo also received a **\$1,000** scholarship. Vice Mayor Welch also recognized and congratulated Arkansas City Middle School eighth-grader **Abisai Millan-Gabriel** for being the first runner-up for the award.

City Manager Hernandez said Millan-Gabriel also will receive a **\$500** scholarship, the first time this has been done for a runner-up. He thanked the commissioners for continuing to support and even expanding this program, which recognizes how well-rounded the students are in their lives.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Approving the **April 16, 2019**, regular meeting minutes as written.
2. Approving **Resolution No. 2019-05-3252**, authorizing a public meeting of the Governing Body to attend a City Commission study session at **noon Friday, May 24, 2019**, in the City Manager's Office at City Hall, located at 118 W. Central Ave. in Arkansas City.
3. Approving **Resolution No. 2019-05-3253**, authorizing a public meeting of the Governing Body to attend a Public Building Commission meeting at **5 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, 2019**, in the Commission Room at City Hall, located at 118 W. Central Ave. in Arkansas City.

Commissioner Gingher seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vice Mayor Welch declared the consent agenda approved as amended.

New Business

Intent to Appropriate (PBC) **Ordinance No. 2019-05-4488**

City Clerk Shook presented for discussion a first reading of an ordinance declaring an intent to annually appropriate certain revenues for the payment of the City's outstanding **Public Building Commission** (PBC) revenue bonds.

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City Manager Hernandez said this puts into ordinance form what also is being put into bond documents as part of the preliminary official statement to the bond holders. It states the intention to appropriate funds from the Health Care Sales Tax to the debt repayment, to pay it off sooner.

This will result in a debt coverage ratio of about 1.5 to 1.6, Hernandez explained. If the bonds are able to be refinanced at a lower rate, there is the potential to pay them off in as little as 13 years.

Commissioner Jurkovich asked for the projected interest rate. Hernandez said less than 4 percent.

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

Vice Mayor Welch declared the motion approved and given **Ordinance No. 2019-05-4488**.

New Westar Energy Franchise **Ordinance No. 2019-05-4489**

City Clerk Shook presented for discussion a first reading of an ordinance granting to Kansas Gas and Electric Company, a Kansas corporation doing business as **Westar Energy**, an Electric Franchise, including the right to construct, operate, and maintain electric transmission, distribution and street lighting facilities within the corporate limits of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, and repealing **Ordinance No. 2019-01-4480**.

City Attorney Niles said Westar wanted a different form to be used, creating the need to repeal the prior ordinance even though none of the terms of the new franchise agreement have changed at all.

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

Vice Mayor Welch declared the motion approved and given **Ordinance No. 2019-05-4489**.

City Manager Updates

City Manager Hernandez provided the commissioners with the following reminders and updates:

- The next RISE Cowley health coalition meeting will be at **10 a.m. May 14** in the assembly room at the Cowley County Courthouse, located at 311 E. Ninth Ave. in Winfield.
- The next monthly Cowley County Legislative Committee meeting will be at **noon May 14** at the Winfield Area Chamber of Commerce, located at 123 E. Ninth Ave. in Winfield.
- The City Commission will have study sessions at **noon May 17** and at **noon May 24**, both of which will be in the city manager's office at City Hall, located at 118 W. Central Ave.

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- The next two Free Friday Family Films are “Coco,” sponsored by Rogers Family Dentistry, and “Incredibles 2,” sponsored by Ark Valley Credit Union. “Coco” will start at **8 p.m. May 10** and “Incredibles 2” will start at **8 p.m. May 17**, both under the Wilson Park rotunda.
- The first Public Building Commission meeting of 2019 will be at **5 p.m. May 21** in the commission room at City Hall. The topic is a discussion about refinancing hospital bonds.

Adjournment

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

Vice Mayor Welch declared the meeting adjourned at **5:57 p.m.**

THE CITY OF ARKANSAS CITY BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS

Karen Welch, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

Lesley Shook, City Clerk

Prepared by:

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