

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 21, 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**, Public Works Director **Mike Crandall** and Police Chief **Dan Ward**.

Personnel of the Arkansas City Fire-EMS Department in attendance were Fire Chief **Bobby Wolfe**, EMS Director **Jeri Smith**, Capt. **Chet Ranzau**, Lt. **Justin Parks**, and Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technicians **Logon French**, **Daniel Goubeaux** and **Grady Jordan**.

Citizens in attendance included **Jill Hunter**, **Steven Walker** and Cowley CourierTraveler reporter **John Shelman**. Ranson Financial Consultants' **John Haas** also was in attendance.

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 removing Items 1 under Awards and Proclamations and under Recognition of Visitors.

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

Vice Mayor Welch issued a proclamation that May 19-25 is **National EMS Week** in Arkansas City. Fire Chief Wolfe, EMS Director Smith and the on-duty ACFD shift received the proclamation.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Approving the **May 7, 2019**, regular meeting minutes as written.
2. Approving **Resolution No. 2019-05-3254**, canceling a public meeting of the Governing Body scheduled for **noon Friday, May 31, 2019**, in the City Manager's Office at City Hall.

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

New Business

PBC Refunding Revenue Bonds **Resolution No. 2019-05-3255**

City Clerk Shook presented for discussion a resolution requesting that the **Public Building Commission** (PBC) proceed with the solicitation of proposals for the sale of refunding revenue bonds for the purpose of refunding the PBC's outstanding Revenue Bonds, Series 2009 (South Central Kansas Regional Medical Center); declaring an intent to enter into a supplemental lease with the PBC relating to said refunding revenue bonds; and making certain findings regarding offering documents related thereto.

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

Vice Mayor Welch declared the motion approved and given **Resolution No. 2019-05-3255**.

Rockridge Apartments IRBs **Resolution No. 2019-05-3256**

City Clerk Shook presented for discussion a resolution authorizing the sale and conveyance of certain property to Rockridge Apartments, L.C., located at **421 Bryant Road** in north Arkansas City.

City Attorney Niles said that in 2001, the City issued Industrial Revenue Bonds (IRBs) to build the apartments and thus currently holds title as "City of Arkansas City Investment Resources Corp."

Rockridge Apartments has made all the payments of basic rent and additional rent, pursuant to the lease, and all principal and interest on the bonds have been paid. Union State Bank, as the fiscal and paying agent for the bonds, has certified that none of the bonds remain outstanding.

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

Vice Mayor Welch declared the motion approved and given **Resolution No. 2019-05-3256**.

Summer Solstice Beer Garden **Ordinance No. 2019-05-4490**

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 during a Summer Solstice Celebration from **7 to 10 p.m. Friday, June 21, 2019**.

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Public Information Officer Lawson showed a proposed boundary for the beer garden, which will be slightly larger than the Tacolalah beer garden and located just east of where the prior one was.

He said the setup and management will be similar to the Tacolalah beer garden, which was a little bit smaller than intended. The proposed alignment should provide a little more breathing space.

Lawson said Matt Miers, with Bottle Service LLC, again will be responsible for ensuring that no one younger than 21 is served alcohol, using wristbands, while volunteers also will monitor to make sure no alcohol leaves the fenced area. The proposed beer garden hours are from **7 to 10 p.m.**

Jill Hunter said the event will tie in with the "Free Swim on The River" at Paris Park Pool earlier that day, followed by games, entertainment and food trucks from **4 to 7 p.m.** A concert by Piper Leigh and the Smokin' Section will be from **7 to 10 p.m.**, in conjunction with the beer garden hours.

Vice Mayor Welch made a motion to approve the ordinance. Commissioner Gingher 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. 2019-05-4490.**

Lawson commended Hunter for her hard work in setting up this new free community event.

School Resource Officer Car Resolution No. 2019-05-3257

City Clerk Shook presented for discussion a resolution approving the purchase of a used 2014 Ford Mustang from Seth Wadley Ford, of Perry, Oklahoma, for an amount not to exceed **\$15,712.00.**

Police Chief Ward said this vehicle will be used as a police car for the School Resource Officer assigned to Arkansas City High School.

The Arkansas City Police Department (ACPD) will add emergency lights and a partial vinyl wrap to make this vehicle an attraction for students. The purchase of this vehicle will be made with drug seizure funds and ACPD will prominently advertise that fact on the vehicle's graphics.

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

Vice Mayor Welch declared the motion approved and given **Resolution No. 2019-05-3257.**

City Manager Updates

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

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- The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism made a site visit **May 17** to Wilson Park as part of the City's Land and Water Conservation Fund grant application.
- The next City Commission study session will be at **noon May 24** in the city manager's office at City Hall. The commissioners will hear budget requests from various external agencies.
- City Hall and other City offices will be closed **May 27** in observance of Memorial Day.
- The Arkansas City Farm and Art Market will kick off its 2019 season from **4 to 7 p.m. May 28** at Wilson Park. The market season will continue each Tuesday through September.
- South Central Kansas Medical Center will be host to an Ark City Chamber of Commerce coffee at **10 a.m. May 30** in the USB Conference Room, located at 6403 Patterson Pkwy.
- The Fifth Thursday Art and Music Crawl, now organized by Burford Theatre Arts, will return from **4 to 7:30 p.m. May 30** in Wilson Park. It will culminate in the Ark City Community Band's first concert of 2019, at **7:30 p.m.** under the Wilson Park rotunda, 701 N. Summit St.
- The next Free Friday Family Film is "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse," sponsored by United Agency. It will start at **8 p.m. May 31** under the Wilson Park rotunda, 701 N. Summit.
- The 14th annual Sgt. Jerry Mills Jr. Fishing Derby will be from **9 a.m. to noon June 1** at Veterans Memorial Lake. **(Note: This event later was canceled due to ongoing flooding.)**

Other Business

Public Information Officer Lawson gave a brief report on the inaugural Tacolalah festival. He judged the event a great success with lots of positive feedback from the Arkansas City community as a whole, as well as the Latino community specifically. The event made a modest overall "profit."

He said an informal committee will be formed to handle most of the planning for the 2020 festival.

Commissioner Oestmann thanked Lawson and other volunteers for their hard work on Tacolalah.

Commissioner Gingher said it was a really fun event and she had a great time participating.

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.**

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THE CITY OF ARKANSAS CITY BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS

Karen Welch, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

Lesley Shook, City Clerk

Prepared by:

Andrew Lawson, Public Information Officer