

City Commission of Arkansas City - Special Meeting Minutes

The Arkansas City Board of City Commissioners met in special session at **12 p.m. Friday, May 24, 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 Commissioners **Kanyon Gingher** and **Duane L. Oestmann**. Commissioner **Dan Jurkovich** joined the meeting in progress at **12:22 p.m.** Mayor **Jay Warren** was absent due to medical reasons.

City employees present were City Manager **Nick Hernandez**, City Clerk **Lesley Shook**, Public Information Officer **Andrew Lawson**, Finance Director **Kathy Cornwell** and City Treasurer **Jennifer Waggoner**.

Citizens in attendance included **Kelly Dillner**, **Kerri Falletti**, **Paisley Howerton**, **Thomas Langer**, **Mendy Pfannenstiel**, **Tell Pfannenstiel**, **Monty Potter** and CourierTraveler reporter **John Shelman**.

Business

External Agency Budget Requests

Arkansas City Public Library Director Mendy Pfannenstiel gave an overview of the many services the library provides, and shared survey results and a six-year strategic plan. She requested the entire **6 mills** allowed by the charter ordinance, lest ACPL lose out on grant-in-aid funding in 2020.

Arkansas City Chamber of Commerce Director Paisley Howerton and Board President Kelly Dillner presented the 2020 budget and requested a disbursement of **\$15,000** from the City in 2020.

Cherokee Strip Land Rush Museum was scheduled to present a budget request of **\$75,000** for 2020 – up \$25,000 from its allotment of \$50,000 in 2019 – but no representative was present.

City-Cowley County Health Department Administrator Thomas Langer gave a presentation on current health department services and requested the usual **\$17,200** disbursement from the City.

Cowley First Director Kerri Falletti presented a 2020 budget and asked for **\$45,000** from the City.

Spring Hill Golf Course Director Monty Potter asked for continued support from the City Commission in light of the negative impacts weather conditions have had on the golf course. He asked for **\$1,000** monthly from November 2019 through April 2020 to establish a “winter reserve.”

SCKMC Claims and Funds

City Clerk Shook presented for discussion a resolution memorializing the Governing Body’s support of **South Central Kansas Medical Center** (SCKMC), eliminating financial claims and allocating additional funds to SCKMC through the use of Kansas Compensating Use Tax revenues.

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City Manager Hernandez said he and SCKMC Chief Executive Officer Jeff Bowman developed this agreement as part of an overall bond refinancing process through the Public Building Commission.

The resolution eliminates any financial claims resulting from prior City loans to SCKMC to make bond payments or pay special assessments. It also pledges some Compensating Use Tax revenues from the General Fund this year and in future years to help SCKMC to set up a reserve fund.

Commissioner Gingher said she needed more time to review the resolution. Commissioner Jurkovich agreed and said he would recuse from voting on it due to conflict of interest that arises from his also serving as chairman of the South Central Kansas Medical Center Board of Trustees.

CourierTraveler reporter John Shelman asked several questions about the Compensating Use Tax.

Hernandez clarified that it is a vague issue at the state level, but those funds never were specifically pledged to SCKMC by any previous City legislation. They've always gone into the General Fund.

Vice Mayor Welch declared the resolution tabled until the **June 4, 2019**, City Commission meeting.

Adjournment

Commissioner Jurkovich made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Mayor Welch seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vice Mayor Welch declared the meeting adjourned at **12:59 p.m.**

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