

City Commission of Arkansas City Special Meeting Minutes

The Arkansas City Board of City Commissioners met in special session at 12 p.m. Wednesday, August 10, 2016, in the City Manager's Office at City Hall, 118 W. Central Ave., in Arkansas City.

Mayor Duane L. Oestmann called the meeting to order. Those also present at roll call were Commissioner Dan Jurkovich and Commissioner Charles Tweedy III. Commissioners Jay Warren and Karen Welch were absent.

City employees present at roll call were City Manager Nick Hernandez, Public Information Officer Andrew Lawson, City Clerk Lesley Shook, Finance Director Kathy Cornwell, Assistant Public Works Director Mike Crandall and Public Services Superintendent Randy Jacobs.

Business

Purchase of 2007 Freightliner Resolution No. 2016-08-3044

City Clerk Shook presented for discussion a resolution authorizing the purchase of a used 2007 Freightliner semi-tractor from Truck Center Companies, of Wichita, for an amount not to exceed \$36,750.00.

Assistant Public Works Director Crandall said Public Services Superintendent Jacobs and Public Services Supervisor Brian Edwards had gone to Wichita recently to look at and test-drive several used semis.

Crandall said \$50,000 was budgeted in 2016 for a replacement truck. The City's current semi-tractor is 23 years old and has more than 650,000 miles on it. The proposed truck to be purchased only has 378,345 miles on it.

Commissioner Tweedy asked if the current truck was purchased when it was new. Jacobs said it was not new.

He said the truck has been rolled before and it has a lot of problems. Mayor Oestmann said the new truck seems like a good deal. Jacobs said it was a really nice truck and it's rare to find one with such low mileage.

Commissioner Tweedy asked about some of the repairs that were being made to the truck. Jacobs explained the modifications in greater detail, including a 100-gallon fuel tank that will be subdivided into fuel and oil portions.

The 50-gallon oil tank will be used to operate an attached low-boy trailer, which is used to haul large pieces of construction equipment, such as the City's Komatsu excavator, from job site to job site.

Commissioner Tweedy asked if the new truck's mileage was predominantly highway miles. Jacobs said he thought so. Commissioner Jurkovich asked him why this truck best met the City's needs.

Jacobs cited its low mileage, low cost and good mechanical condition as reasons for the upgrade. He said it has sufficient horsepower and other factors to meet the City's needs.

Commissioner Tweedy asked how many miles are put on the current truck each year. Jacobs indicated not many and said it would take "forever" to put 150,000 additional miles on it, but there are no guarantees buying used.

He said the truck's engine is rated for 1,000,000 miles if it is maintained well.

Commissioner Tweedy asked if there was any kind of warranty. Jacobs said he didn't think so, but he will ask.

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Mayor Oestmann asked if the new truck ever had been in a wreck. Jacobs said not that he or Edwards could tell.

Commissioner Jurkovich asked if the truck would affect the City's ability to loan money to South Central Kansas Medical Center. City Manager Hernandez and Finance Director Cornwell said it wasn't out of the General Fund.

Crandall said the longer the City puts off buying large equipment, the more the need will pile up in future years.

Mayor Oestmann said this purchase should take care of this need for at least the next 10 to 12 years.

Commissioner Tweedy asked if the Public Works Department does all of its own oil changes. Jacobs said yes.

Commissioner Tweedy made a motion to approve the resolution. Mayor Oestmann seconded the motion.

Commissioner Jurkovich asked if there were any local dealers who could supply this truck. Crandall said no.

A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Oestmann declared the resolution approved and given Resolution No. 2016-08-3044.

Adjournment

Mayor Oestmann moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Tweedy seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Oestmann declared the meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

THE ARKANSAS CITY
BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS

Duane L. Oestmann, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lesley Shook, City Clerk

Prepared by:

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