

Arkansas City Commission Meeting Minutes

The Arkansas City Board of City Commissioners met in special session on Friday, December 27, 2013, at Noon in the Commission Chambers at City Hall. Those present at roll call were Commissioners Jean Snell, Charles Tweedy III, and Mayor Jay Warren. Absent were Commissioners Chad Giles and Dan Jurkovich. Also present at roll call were City Manager Nick Hernandez, City Attorney Tamara Niles, Management Assistant Taggart Wall, Finance Director Kathy Cornwell, Chief Bobby Wolfe, and City Clerk Lesley Shook.

Mayor Warren led the pledge of allegiance.

New Business

Public Hearing and Taxable IRB Beef Processing Facility Resolution No. 2013-12-2869

City Clerk Shook requested the commission hold a public hearing and Consider a Resolution determining the advisability of issuing Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, renovation, and equipping of a portion of a Beef Processing Facility in Arkansas City. Mayor Warren opened the public hearing. With no public comments received, Mayor Warren closed the hearing.

Commissioner Chad Giles arrived at the meeting.

Joe Norton from Gilmore & Bell, the City's bond counsel, stated the resolution presented declares the intent of the city to assist in financing of Creekstone's improvements partially caused by a recent fire. The Industrial Revenue Bonds are payable solely and only from the rental received from the company to the City. There will be a third party financial fiscal agent or trustee that will administer the funds. State statute prohibits any public money or tax dollars to be used to pay bonds. The city will be a conduit issuer. There will be a title transfer to the City and state law provides that any property that's purchased with bond proceeds is exempt from an applicable sales taxes that might be otherwise paid. The City has the ability to grant up to 100% ten year ad valorem property tax abatement on the improvements financed with the proceeds of the bond. This exemption will not apply to any part of the existing facility.

Following discussion, Commissioner Giles moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Tweedy III seconded the motion. Voice Vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Warren declared the resolution adopted and given Resolution No. 2013-12-2869.

Adjournment

Commissioner Giles moved to adjourn. Commissioner Tweedy III seconded the motion. Voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Warren declared the meeting adjourned.

THE ARKANSAS CITY
BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS


Jay Warren, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lesley Shook, City Clerk