

Arkansas City Commission Meeting Minutes

The Arkansas City Board of City Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday January 7, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers at City Hall. Those present at roll call were Commissioners Chad Giles, Dan Jurkovich, Jean Snell, Charles Tweedy III, and Mayor Jay Warren. Also present at roll call were City Manager Nick Hernandez, City Attorney Tamara Niles, Management Assistant Taggart Wall, Finance Director Kathy Cornwell, Public Works Director Eric Broce, and City Clerk Lesley Shook.

Pastor Fry offered the opening prayer.

Mayor Warren led the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Additions/Deletions and Approval

Commissioner Tweedy III moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Snell seconded the motion. Voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Warren declared the agenda approved.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Tweedy and seconded by Commissioner Jurkovich that the consent agenda be approved, and to include the following items:

1. Approval of December 17, 2013 regular meeting minutes and December 27, 2013 special call meeting minutes as written.
2. Mayors Appointments
 - Sue Gregg, Cowley County Council on Aging, Inc.

Voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Warren declared the consent agenda approved.

Old Business

Amend Comprehensive Fee Schedule Resolution No. 2014-01-2870

City Clerk Shook presented for consideration a Resolution amending the Comprehensive Fee Schedule. City Manager Hernandez noted this item is a continuation of a discussion at the Friday worksession. The resolution presented authorizes a 2% increase in utility rates for the next five years as well as several other changes discussed at the previous meeting in regards to fingerprinting fees, rezoning publishing fees, and vacation publishing fees. Commissioner Jurkovich made a motion to approve the Resolution amending the comprehensive fee schedule. Commissioner Snell seconded the motion. Voice vote resulted in four ayes and one nay, with Commissioner Giles voting nay. Mayor Warren declared the resolution adopted and given Resolution No. 2014-01-2870.

New Business Flint Hills Frontiers Project Memorandum of Understanding

City Clerk Shook presented for consideration approval of the Flint Hills Frontiers Project Memorandum of Understanding. Jeff Adams, Regional Planner for the Flint Hills Frontiers Project made a PowerPoint presentation to the Commission. The vision of the project is to conserve the tallgrass prairie for its scenic beauty and valuable

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environment, encourage growth and new opportunities in existing communities, and welcome visitors to share the beauty and great stories of our homeland. The Frontiers Project began on March 1, 2012 and will end on February 22, 2015. The commissioners were invited to attend a meeting on February 19, 2014 from 9:30 am to 3:00 p.m. at the Rock Springs 4H Center in Junction City, KS. Following the presentation, the consensus of the commission was to take the item under advisement.

**Sanitary Sewer Line Repair
5th and Central
Resolution No. 2014-01-2871**

City Clerk Shook presented for consideration a Resolution authorizing a contract with Nowak Construction Company, Inc. to repair the collapsed sanitary sewer line at 5th and Central. City Manager Hernandez noted the repair of the sewer is complicated and needs to be approached from a matter of not tearing up the road bed or its surroundings. The sewer line is 16 feet deep and in order to safely repair, a wide and long channel would need to be dug thus creating substantial expense. Nowak Construction has the ability to do a process called “pipe reaming”. This method of repair utilizes a directional drill, specializing tooling and techniques to grind and remove the existing pipe as the replacement is pulled into place. Only minimal digging to make connections will need to be made. Public Works Director Broce stated the replacement line has a life expectancy of 75 to 100 years. Following discussion, Commissioner Giles made a motion to authorizing contract with Nowak Construction Company to repair the collapsed sanitary sewer line at 5^h and Central at a cost not to exceed \$16,000.00. 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. 2014-01-2871.

City Manager Updates

The gym at the Northwest Community Center will be closed off Thursday January 9th for repairs. A new epoxy floor coating will be applied in addition to several other cosmetic improvements. The Thursday night activities will be on a scheduled.

The next upcoming worksession is January 17th and the topic of discussion will be economic incentives.

Adjournment

Commissioner Jurkovich moved to adjourn. Commissioner Snell 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