

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, January 5, 2021**, in the Commission Room at City Hall, located at 118 W. Central Ave. in Ark City.

Mayor **Karen Welch** called the meeting to order. Commissioners also present at roll call were Commissioners **Kanyon Gingham, Duane L. Oestmann, Scott Rogers** and **Jay Warren**.

City employees present at the meeting were City Manager **Randy Frazer** (*participating remotely via **GoToMeeting***), City Attorney **Larry Schwartz**, City Clerk **Lesley Shook**, Public Information Officer **Andrew Lawson**, Management Assistant **Mike Crandall** and Police Chief **Dan Ward**.

Citizens in attendance or observing included **Andrew Paton, Wyatt Paton, Christie Rogers, Grant Rogers, Dr. Nick Rogers, Harrison Taylor** and Cowley CourierTraveler reporter **John Shelman**.

Commissioner Warren offered the opening prayer. Mayor Welch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Approval

Commissioner Rogers made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Oestmann seconded the motion. A voice vote was **unanimous** in favor of the motion. Mayor Welch declared the agenda **approved** as presented.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Rogers made a motion to approve the consent agenda, consisting of:

1. Approving the **December 15, 2020**, regular meeting minutes as written.
2. Approving **Resolution No. 2021-01-3378**, authorizing a public meeting of the Governing Body to attend a **Land Bank Board of Trustees** meeting at **5 p.m. Tuesday, January 19, 2021**, in the Commission Room at City Hall, located at 118 W. Central Ave. in Arkansas City.
3. Ratifying Mayor Welch's appointment of **Emily Mitton** to the **Arkansas City Public Library Board of Trustees**.
4. Ratifying Mayor Welch's reappointments of **Shawna Allison** to the **Arkansas City Public Library Board of Trustees**, **Anita Judd-Jenkins** and **Frances "Rags" Smith** to the **Equal Opportunity and Accessibility Advisory Board**, and **Kevin Cox** and **J.W. Lozano** to the Historic Preservation Board.

Commissioner Warren seconded the motion. A voice vote was **unanimous** in favor of the motion. Mayor Welch declared the consent agenda **approved** as presented.

New Business

New Mayor

City Clerk Shook presented for discussion annual reorganization item No. 1, selection of the **mayor**.

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Commissioner Gingher made a motion to appoint **Commissioner Rogers** as mayor for **2021**.

Commissioner Oestmann seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mayor Welch declared the motion approved. Mayors Welch and Rogers exchanged seats.

Mayor Rogers praised the leadership shown by Welch in a very trying year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the hiring of a new city manager. City Manager Frazer echoed his comments.

New Vice Mayor

Mayor Rogers presented for discussion annual reorganization item No. 2, selection of a **vice mayor**.

Commissioner Welch made a motion to appoint **Commissioner Gingher** as vice mayor for **2021**.

Commissioner Warren seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mayor Rogers declared the motion approved and congratulated Vice Mayor Gingher.

Strother Field Commission

Mayor Rogers presented for discussion annual reorganization item No. 3, the appointment of three commissioners as voting *ex officio* representatives of Ark City on the **Strother Field Commission**.

Commissioner Welch made a motion to reappoint **Mayor Rogers, Commissioner Warren** and **Commissioner Welch** as representatives on the Strother Field Commission.

Commissioner Gingher seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mayor Rogers declared the motion approved.

Cowley First

Mayor Rogers presented for discussion annual reorganization item No. 4, the designation of a nonvoting *ex officio* representative to the **Cowley County Economic Development Partnership**.

Commissioner Gingher made a motion to reappoint **Mayor Rogers** to the Cowley First coordinating council. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion.

A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Rogers declared the motion approved.

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Regional Economic Area Partnership

Mayor Rogers presented for discussion annual reorganization item No. 5, the designation of a commissioner as a voting member of the **Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP)** of South-Central Kansas and either a commissioner or City Manager Frazer to serve as an alternate member.

Commissioner Welch made a motion to reappoint **Commissioner Gingher** as a voting member and **City Manager Frazer** as an alternate member of REAP. Mayor Rogers seconded the motion.

A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Rogers declared the motion approved.

Arkansas City Public Library Board of Trustees

Mayor Rogers presented for discussion annual reorganization item No. 6, the appointment of a commissioner as a voting *ex officio* member of the **Ark City Public Library Board of Trustees**.

Commissioner Gingher made a motion to reappoint **Commissioner Oestmann** to the Arkansas City Public Library Board of Trustees. Mayor Rogers seconded the motion.

A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Rogers declared the motion approved.

Visit Ark City Board of Trustees

Mayor Rogers presented for discussion annual reorganization item No. 7, the appointment of a commissioner as a voting *ex officio* member of the **Visit Ark City Board of Trustees**.

Mayor Rogers made a motion to reappoint **Commissioner Gingher** to the Visit Ark City Board of Trustees. Commissioner Welch seconded the motion.

A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Rogers declared the motion approved.

Traffic Safety Committee

Mayor Rogers presented for discussion annual reorganization item No. 8, the designation of a commissioner as a voting *ex officio* member of the **Arkansas City Traffic Safety Committee**.

Commissioner Gingher made a motion to reappoint **Commissioner Welch** to the Traffic Safety Committee. Mayor Rogers seconded the motion.

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A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Rogers declared the motion approved.

Cherokee Strip Land Rush Museum Board of Trustees

Mayor Rogers presented for discussion annual reorganization item No. 9, the designation of a nonvoting *ex officio* representative to the **Cherokee Strip Land Rush Museum Board of Trustees**. Commissioner Gingher already is a voting member of this board and cannot also be on it *ex officio*.

Commissioner Welch made a motion to reappoint **Commissioner Warren** to the Cherokee Strip Land Rush Museum Board of Trustees. Commissioner Gingher seconded the motion.

A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Rogers declared the motion approved.

Official City Newspaper

Mayor Rogers presented for discussion annual reorganization item No. 10, the designation of the **official City newspaper** for the publication of various legal notices as required by Kansas statute.

Commissioner Welch made a motion to designate **The Cowley CourierTraveler** as the City's official newspaper for publication of legal notices. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion.

A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Rogers declared the motion approved.

Official City Depositories

Mayor Rogers presented for discussion annual reorganization item No. 11, the designation of **official City depositories**.

Commissioner Oestmann made a motion to designate **RCB Bank** as the City's primary depository for banking services, with **Community National Bank & Trust, The Stock Exchange Bank** and **Union State Bank** also serving as potential depositories. Commissioner Welch seconded the motion.

A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Rogers declared the motion approved.

N.M. Iverson, Jr. Contract Resolution No. 2021-01-3379

Mayor Rogers presented for discussion a resolution authorizing the City to enter into an Independent Contractor Service Agreement with **N.M. Iverson, Jr.** for municipal judge services.

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City Manager Frazer provided an overview of the proposed changes, mainly that N.M. Iverson and Eric Rodney Iverson will split these duties in Municipal Court this year, alternating each month.

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

Mayor Rogers declared the motion **approved** and given **Resolution No. 2021-01-3379**.

Eric Rodney Iverson Contract **Resolution No. 2021-01-3380**

Mayor Rogers presented for discussion a resolution authorizing the City to enter into an Independent Contractor Service Agreement with **Eric Rodney Iverson** for municipal judge services.

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

Mayor Rogers declared the motion **approved** and given **Resolution No. 2021-01-3380**.

Amended KHRC Agreement **Resolution No. 2021-01-3381**

Mayor Rogers presented for discussion a resolution authorizing the City to enter into an amended grant agreement with the **Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC)** regarding Kansas Moderate Income Housing grant funds used to assist in the Compass Point Addition development.

City Manager Frazer said the main change is from single-family housing to rental duplexes.

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

Mayor Rogers declared the resolution **approved** and given **Resolution No. 2021-01-3381**.

City Manager Updates

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

- The next quarterly Traffic Safety Committee meeting is at **10 a.m. January 8** at the Water Treatment Facility, 400 W. Madison Ave. (**NOTE: This meeting was held virtually instead.**)
- The next RISE Cowley health coalition meeting will be at **10 a.m. January 12** via Zoom.

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- The next monthly Cowley County Legislative Committee meeting will be at **noon January 12** via Zoom or at the Winfield Chamber of Commerce office, located at 123 E. Ninth Ave.
- The next City Commission study session will be at **noon January 15**, starting at City Hall.
- The annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration of Unity will be a virtual event this year, planned for **3 p.m. January 17**. The event will be live-streamed on both Zoom and Channel 7.
- City Hall and all other City offices will be closed **January 18** in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The City will have 4-day sanitation and recycling only will be offered **Jan. 15**.
- The City Commission will convene as the Land Bank Board of Trustees at **5 p.m. January 19** in the commission room at City Hall, prior to its regular meeting at **5:30 p.m. January 19**.
- The City is researching another housing renovation program offered through the **South-Central Kansas Economic Development District (SCKEDD)**, targeting moderate incomes.
- City staff will meet with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment on **January 6** to discuss options and future regulatory requirements for the **Wastewater Treatment Plant**.
- City staff will meet with **AT&T** on **January 14** to try to resolve the downtown sewer delays.

Other Business

Public Information Officer Lawson provided several updates on the “**Crushing COVID**” campaign.

Adjournment

Mayor Rogers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion.

A voice vote was **unanimous** in favor of the motion. Mayor Rogers declared the meeting adjourned at **5:56 p.m.**

THE CITY OF ARKANSAS CITY BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS

Karen Welch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lesley Shook, City Clerk

Scott Rogers, Mayor

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