

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, March 1, 2022**, in the Commission Room at City Hall, located at 118 W. Central Ave. in Ark City.

Mayor **Kanyon Gingher** called the meeting to order. Commissioners also present at roll call were Commissioners **Charles Jennings, Scott Rogers, Diana Spielman** and **Jay Warren**.

City employees present were City Manager **Randy Frazer**, City Attorney Larry Schwartz (*participating remotely via GoToMeeting*), City Clerk **Lesley Shook**, Deputy City Clerk **Tiffany Parsons**, Public Information Officer **Andrew Lawson**, Public Services Superintendent **Tony Tapia** and Principal Planner **Josh White**. The Equal Opportunity and Accessibility Advisory Board was represented by chairwoman **Tammy Lanman-Henderson** and **Frances “Rags” Smith**.

Representatives of Community Developmental Disability Organizations (CDDOs) in attendance were **Mike Jones** (*Capper Foundation*), **Autumn James** (*Mosaic of South-Central Kansas*), **Lara McGrew** (*Twin Rivers Developmental Supports*), and **Crystal Irvin** (*ResCare Community Living*).

Other citizens observing in person or via GoToMeeting included **Noah Clark, Matt Conant, Rebecca Hirst, Duane Oestmann, Gabe Parker, Liz Shepard, Logan Tyler, Karen Welch** and Cowley CourierTraveler reporter **John Shelman**.

Citizen **Noah Clark** offered the opening prayer. Citizen **Gabe Parker** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda

At City Manager Frazer’s request, Commissioner Warren made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of **Arkansas City Public Library Board of Trustees** appointments as **Item 2** of the **Consent Agenda**. Commissioner Rogers seconded the motion. A voice vote was **unanimous** in favor of the motion. Mayor Gingher declared the agenda **amended**.

Commissioner Rogers then made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Spielman seconded the motion. A voice vote was **unanimous** in favor of the motion. Mayor Gingher declared the agenda **approved** as amended.

Awards and Proclamations

On behalf of Mayor Gingher, citizen **Logan Tyler** issued a proclamation that **March 2022** is **Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month** in Arkansas City. **Crystal Irvin, Lara McGrew, Mike Jones, and Autumn James** received copies of this proclamation on behalf of **ResCare, Twin Rivers, Capper Foundation** and **Mosaic**, respectively. McGrew spoke briefly about Twin Rivers. Also in attendance were Equal Opportunity and Accessibility Advisory Board members **Frances “Rags” Smith** and **Tammy Lanman-Henderson**, who serves as board chair.

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On behalf of Mayor Gingher, citizen **Rebecca Hirst** issued a proclamation that **March 7-11, 2022**, is **Severe Weather Awareness Week** in Arkansas City. **Tammy Lanman-Henderson** received the proclamation on behalf of the **USD 470** storm shelter supervisors.

Recognition of Visitors

Robert Feasel, 1435 N. First St., asked the commissioners what could be done about work that he claimed a local plumbing company had failed to complete and restore in an alley near his house.

City Manager Frazer said he would visit with Building Official Mike Bellis about the problem.

Liz Shepard, 425 N. First St., provided commissioners with an update on plans for Cowley College's **100th anniversary**, to include the purchase and placement of 34 orange street signs on campus.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Approving the **February 15, 2022**, regular meeting minutes as written.
2. Ratifying Mayor Gingher's appointment of **Latresha Swopes** and reappointment of **Lloyd Colston** to the **Arkansas City Public Library Board of Trustees**.

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

Mayor Gingher declared the consent agenda **approved** as amended.

New Business

Ravo Vac Sweeper Purchase Resolution No. 2022-03-3464

City Clerk Shook presented for discussion a resolution authorizing to purchase a **2021 Ravo Vac Sweeper** (street sweeper) from RED Equipment, of Independence, Missouri, for an amount not to exceed **\$255,000.00** (plus extended warranty).

Public Services Superintendent Tapia said the City will make a down payment and finance the remainder of the cost, which will help to offset that this unit will cost a little more than budgeted.

Commissioner Warren made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Spielman seconded the motion. A voice vote was **unanimous** in favor of the motion. Mayor Gingher declared the motion **approved** and given **Resolution No. 2022-03-3464**.

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City Manager's Report on Upcoming Activities

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

- The **statewide tornado drill** will be held at **10 a.m. March 8** as part of **Severe Weather Awareness Week**. Following this, future warning siren tests will be at **noon on Tuesdays**.
- The next **RISE Cowley** quarterly coalition meeting will be at **10 a.m. March 8** via Zoom.
- The next monthly **Cowley County Legislative Committee** meeting will be at **noon March 8** at the Winfield Area Chamber of Commerce office, located at 123 E. Ninth Ave. in downtown Winfield. (**NOTE: This meeting was later canceled.**)
- **Police Chief Eric Burr** will be the featured presenter at the Arkansas City Area Chamber of Commerce's "**Lunch Bites: State of Public Safety**" luncheon from **noon to 1 p.m. March 9** in the conference room at the Water Treatment Facility, located at 400 W. Madison Ave.
- The next **City Commission** study session will be at **noon March 11** in Frazer's office.
- The City Commission will convene as the **Land Bank Board of Trustees** at **5 p.m. March 15** in the commission room at City Hall, prior to its next regular meeting at **5:30 p.m. March 15**.
- The annual **Arkansas City Area Chamber of Commerce banquet** has been rescheduled for **5 to 10 p.m. March 19** at the historic Burford Theatre, located at 118 S. Summit St.

Adjournment

Commissioner Warren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Rogers seconded the motion. A voice vote was **unanimous** in favor of the motion. Mayor Gingher declared the meeting adjourned at **5:53 p.m.**

**THE CITY OF ARKANSAS CITY
BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS**

Kanyon Gingher, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lesley Shook, City Clerk

Prepared by:

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