

City Commission of Arkansas City — Special Meeting Minutes

The Arkansas City Board of City Commissioners met in special session at **4 p.m. Tuesday, July 6, 2021**, at Paris Park Pool, located at 600 W. Fifth Ave. in Arkansas City.

Mayor **Scott Rogers** called the meeting to order. Commissioners also present at **4 p.m.** were Commissioner **Duane L. Oestmann**, Commissioner **Jay Warren** and Commissioner **Karen Welch**. Commissioner **Kanyon Gingham** joined the meeting in progress at **4:05 p.m.**

City employees present at the meeting were City Manager **Randy Frazer**, City Attorney **Larry Schwartz**, Public Information Officer **Andrew Lawson**, Finance Director **Jennifer Waggoner** and Public Services Superintendent **Tony Tapia**.

Recreation Commission members in attendance were President **Andrew Paton**, Secretary **Jason O'Toole**, **Sandra Davis**, Superintendent **Landon West** and Aquatics Director **Debbie Davidson**.

Also in attendance were Lamp Rynearson consultant **Andy Smith** and Cowley CourierTraveler reporter **John Shelman**.

Business

Paris Park Pool Evaluation

For most of the meeting, the attendees reviewed the recently received Facility Evaluation Report for Paris Park Pool. Andy Smith, with Lamp Rynearson, went over the high points of the report.

After the meeting, some commissioners tour the conditions at the pool and in the bathhouses.

There was much discussion about water loss at the pool, life and safety issues, Americans with Disabilities Act problems, and other concerns.

The commissioners reached a verbal consensus that it time to start doing something about these matters and most of them favored new construction over renovation, since both are estimated in the **\$6 million** range. Smith said that with careful planning and good time, the pool might not even be out of commission for a single season even if new construction is chosen.

Both boards agreed there need to be some town hall meetings and community surveying in the near future to determine what the community will support financially and what the needs are.

Adjournment

Commissioner 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 special call meeting adjourned at **4:38 p.m.**

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THE CITY OF ARKANSAS CITY BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS

Scott Rogers, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lesley Shook, City Clerk

Prepared by:

Andrew Lawson, Public Information Officer