

City Commission of Arkansas City — Special Meeting Minutes

The Arkansas City Board of City Commissioners met in special session at **12 p.m. Friday, August 30, 2019**, in the Commission Room at City Hall, located at 118 W. Central Ave. in Arkansas City.

Mayor **Jay Warren** called the meeting to order. Commissioners also present at roll call were Commissioner **Kanyon Gingher**, Commissioner **Duane L. Oestmann** and Commissioner **Karen Welch**. Commissioner **Dan Jurkovich** resigned via written letter prior to the **August 6** meeting.

City employees present were City Manager **Nick Hernandez**, City Clerk **Lesley Shook**, Public Information Officer **Andrew Lawson**, Management Assistant **Mike Crandall**, Finance Director **Kathy Cornwell**, City Treasurer **Jennifer Waggoner**, Police Chief **Dan Ward**, Environmental Services Superintendent **Rod Philo**, and Human Resources Manager **Marla McFarland**.

Citizens in attendance were **Lloyd Colston**, **Brandon Every**, **Ken Harader**, **Anita Judd-Jenkins**, **Dan Jurkovich**, **Travis Pearman**, Dr. **Scott Rogers**, **Jim Sybrant**, **Charles Tweedy** and Cowley CourierTraveler reporter **John Shelman**.

Business

City Commission Vacancy

Mayor Warren said **Michael Ard** had withdrawn his name from consideration for personal reasons and presented for discussion the six remaining applicants — **Lloyd Colston**, **Anita Judd-Jenkins**, **Bob Mathews**, **Travis Pearman**, **Jim Sybrant** and **Charles Tweedy**. All but Mathews attended.

Mayor Warren said he thinks Tweedy is the best person to fill the last four months of Dan Jurkovich's term. Commissioner Gingher said she has heard from residents about the East Chestnut Avenue bridge situation and she thinks Sybrant would be the best choice for that issue.

Commissioner Oestmann said he thinks Judd-Jenkins would bring valuable state contacts to the bridge discussion. Commissioner Welch agreed with Mayor Warren about Tweedy being the best fill-in, but also said she respected Commissioner Oestmann's assessment of Judd-Jenkins' ability.

Mayor Warren called on outgoing Commissioner Jurkovich to join the other four commissioners on the dais in case he was needed to cast a tiebreaking vote. Jurkovich took a seat at the dais.

Mayor Warren made a motion to appoint **Charles Tweedy** to the vacancy. Commissioner Welch seconded the motion. A voice vote resulted in only two yea votes, from Mayor Warren and Commissioner Welch. Commissioner Gingher, Commissioner Jurkovich and Commissioner Oestmann did not cast either yea or nay votes. Mayor Warren declared the motion failed.

Commissioner Gingher made a motion to appoint **Jim Sybrant**. Commissioner Welch seconded the motion. A voice vote resulted in three yea votes from Commissioner Gingher, Commissioner Welch and Commissioner Jurkovich, who cast his vote in accordance with **Section 7 of Charter Ordinance No. 29**. Mayor Warren and Commissioner Oestmann did not cast either yea or nay votes. Mayor Warren declared the motion approved.

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City Clerk Shook administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Sybrant. Jurkovich stepped down from the dais, as his service was now complete, and Commissioner Sybrant took his seat.

Commissioner Sybrant said he understood how hard this decision was and promised to work for the next four months to find a way to reopen the East Chestnut Avenue bridge. He asked Judd-Jenkins to wait for him after the meeting so they could discuss her ideas and contacts.

Commissioner Oestmann said he appreciated that, but asked Commissioner Sybrant to consider all issues facing the City over the next four months, not just the East Chestnut Avenue bridge issue.

Commissioner Oestmann asked Commissioner Sybrant to coordinate his individual efforts with the rest of the City Commission and with City Manager Hernandez.

September 3, 2019 Agenda

City Manager Hernandez provided a brief overview of items on the **September 3** meeting agenda.

Adjournment

Commissioner Welch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Oestmann seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mayor Warren declared the meeting adjourned at **12:15 p.m.**

THE CITY OF ARKANSAS CITY BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS

Jay Warren, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lesley Shook, City Clerk

Prepared by:

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