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Press Release

Commission recognizes Arkansas City paramedic for her award

Reception held Wednesday to honor Rice, the 2015 Paramedic of the Year

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (November 5, 2015) — The City Commission of Arkansas City on Tuesday night recognized a local paramedic during its regular meeting at City Hall, 118 W. Central Ave.

Brandy Rice, a firefighter-paramedic with the Arkansas City Fire-EMS Department (ACFD), was given a plaque during the ceremony. A reception in her honor was held Wednesday afternoon in the commission room, with cake, snacks and punch being served.

This summer, Rice was named the 2015 Paramedic of the Year by the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) and EMS World, sponsored by Nasco.

The NAEMT/Nasco Paramedic of the Year award recognizes a paramedic who demonstrates excellence in the performance of emergency medical services (EMS).

The honor is part of NAEMT's and EMS World's 2015 National EMS Awards of Excellence, which recognize the recipients for their outstanding achievements and contributions in emergency health care.

Rice has worked for 10 years as a full-time firefighter-paramedic for ACFD and part-time as an emergency room technician for South Central Kansas Medical Center.

She teaches several EMS and community CPR classes, has implemented a Vial of Life program, and is involved in many other organizations that benefit the safety and health of community members. She also planned and coordinated the activities for National EMS Week in May with local businesses.

In other business, the commission:

- Heard from Michelle Dykes, Jill Sullivan, Mary Lou Fisk and Connie Dykes regarding the playground equipment that was removed recently from Catalpa Park at 11th Street and Catalpa

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Avenue. Mayor Chad Giles said Catalpa Park and all of the City's other parks will be discussed at a study session at noon Nov. 13 in the city manager's office at City Hall.

- Voted unanimously to approve the following consent agenda items: approval of the Oct. 6 and Oct. 20 meeting minutes as written; and a resolution scheduling the Nov. 13 study session.
- Unanimously approved a resolution setting a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 15 to determine if structures located at 203 E. Madison Ave., 1818 N. Sixth St., 310 North C St., 1221 S. Third St., 1011 South A St., 703 N. Third St., 1313 South J St., 716 S. Seventh St., and 606 S. Summit S. are unsafe and dangerous. Notice of the public hearing will be published in the Traveler.
- Unanimously approved the purchase of a standby generator from Cummins Mid-America, of Wichita, for an amount not to exceed \$14,500. A bid for installation will be approved later.
- Unanimously approved the purchase of a valve exerciser from Key Equipment and Supply Company, of Wichita, for an amount not to exceed \$17,160.
- Voted 3-2 to approve the purchase of a used Komatsu bulldozer from Berry Tractor, of Wichita, for an amount not to exceed \$129,000. Commissioners Brandon Every and Dan Jurkovich cast the dissenting votes.
- Unanimously approved the purchase of a used 2007 Nissan Frontier crew cab pickup truck from Zeller Motor Company, for an amount not to exceed \$13,149.
- Voted unanimously to ratify Giles' appointments of Mariah Sefel to the Arkansas City Public Library Board of Trustees and Sara Williams to the Convention and Visitors Bureau board.
- Instructed City Attorney Tamara Niles to draft an ordinance to modify existing municipal code to outlaw engine braking within the City limits.