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News Release

City commissioners approve purchase of used 2007 semi-tractor

Budgeted purchase of \$36,750 approved at special meeting on Wednesday

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (August 12, 2016) — The City Commission of Arkansas City voted 3-0 on Wednesday afternoon to authorize the purchase of a used 2007 Freightliner semi-tractor.

It is to be bought from Truck Center Companies, of Wichita, for an amount not to exceed \$36,750.

Assistant Public Works Director Mike Crandall said \$50,000 was budgeted in 2016 for a replacement truck. The City's current semi-tractor is 23 years old and has more than 650,000 miles on it.

The proposed truck to be purchased only has 378,345 miles on it and is less than 10 years old.

A 100-gallon fuel tank underneath the truck will be subdivided into 50-gallon fuel and oil portions.

The 50-gallon oil tank will be used to operate an attached low-boy trailer, which is used to haul large pieces of construction equipment, such as the City's Komatsu excavator, from job site to job site.

Public Services Superintendent Randy Jacobs cited the semi's low mileage, low cost and good mechanical condition as reasons for the upgrade. He said it has the horsepower to meet the City's needs.

Commissioners Jay Warren and Karen Welch were not able to attend Wednesday's meeting.

In other business Aug. 2, the City Commission:

- Witnessed the presentation of the Open Arms Award to the Arkansas City Police Department by the Arkansas City Area Chamber of Commerce representatives Kelly Dillner, Sarah Long and Mendy Pfannenstiel. The award was accepted on ACPD's behalf by Police Chief Dan Ward.
- Unanimously approved the following consent agenda items: approval of the July 19 regular meeting minutes as written; ratification of Oestmann's reappointments of Arty Hicks, Shawn

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Silliman, and Dena Ward to the Convention and Tourism Committee; a resolution authorizing the rescheduling of a City Commission meeting from 5:30 p.m. Aug. 16 to 5:30 p.m. Aug. 15.

- Voted 2-2 to disapprove a resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract agreement with TranSystems for a proposed traffic engineering services study of North First Street from Birch to Kansas avenues. Commissioner Jay Warren made the motion to approve the resolution and Commissioner Charles Tweedy III seconded it. Mayor Duane Oestmann and Commissioner Karen Welch cast the dissenting votes. Commissioner Dan Jurkovich was absent Tuesday.
- Voted unanimously to table discussion of the traffic study until Aug. 15, when TranSystems can present the estimated cost of including the Kansas Avenue-Summit Street intersection in it.
- Voted unanimously to approve an ordinance modifying Article 25 of the Zoning Regulations to combine the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Planning Commission, and amending Municipal Code to so reflect. Bob Mathews again spoke in opposition, while Planning Commission chairman Dr. Scott Rogers and member Albert Brown spoke in favor.
- Voted unanimously to approve a loan of \$654,977.50 to South Central Kansas Medical Center for payment of the Public Building Commission Series 2009 bond principal and interest payment. The loan, along with three previous such loans, is to be repaid at \$25,000 a month.
- Voted unanimously to approve the following personnel policy updates: Residency and Telephone Requirements, Loyalty Oath, Workplace Violence, and Weapons in the Workplace.
- Heard a first reading of an ordinance modifying Municipal Code Part II, Chapter 38, Article II, Sec. 38-21, concerning the composition and functions of the Historic Preservation Board.
- Heard a first reading of a charter ordinance exempting the City from the provisions of K.S.A. 12-4207 regarding public officials with the authority to sign and serve a notice to appear in Arkansas City Municipal Court.
- Unanimously approved a resolution authorizing the sale and conveyance of Quality Inn, 3232 N. Summit St., to Avsar Hotel Enterprise, Inc. The property had been owned by the City as part of Industrial Revenue Bonds issued in 2005 on behalf of the previous owner, which then were assigned to Avsar in 2009. Since those bonds now have been paid in full, State Bank of Kansas requested that the property be returned to Avsar and all encumbrances be released by the City.
- Unanimously approved a resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract agreement with Cornejo & Sons LLC, of Wichita, for construction of the North Summit Street and West Radio Lane improvement project, for an amount not to exceed \$1,800,693.05. The contract includes

paving improvements on Summit and new concrete intersection approaches on the side streets, from Kansas to Walnut avenues. A large water line also will be relocated out from under the street, which should help to address main breaks near Country Mart and Community National Bank & Trust. Radio Lane will be milled and receive a new 2-inch asphalt overlay, as well as new pavement markings, from 15th to Summit streets.

- Heard an update from City Manager Nick Hernandez regarding the chamber of commerce's request that its 2016 funding be restored in the amount of \$28,500 and that it receive at least \$20,000 in 2017. The commissioners directed him to find the money in this year's budget and look at the possibility of fulfilling the 2017 funding request during the Aug. 15 budget hearing.
- Heard from Finance Director Kathy Cornwell regarding the expiration of the current three-year contract for auditing services. The commissioners directed her and Hernandez to continue with the current auditing form for another year, but to shop around for other bids sometime in 2017.
- Discussed a pair of possible capital improvement purchases with Hernandez and Assistant Public Works Director Mike Crandall. The commissioners gave approval to begin looking into purchasing a used tractor-trailer, but Hernandez said that if it looked like the desired vehicle wouldn't be in stock until Aug. 15, he would call for a special meeting to approve the purchase.

In a special meeting July 26, the City Commission:

- Received a report on the proposed 2017 budget from Cornwell and Hernandez.
- Unanimously approved a resolution to approve the notice of budget hearing for publication, set the maximum level of the 2017 budget at 70.511 mills and set the date for a public hearing for the budget at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 15 in the commission room at City Hall, 118 W. Central Ave.
- Held a pair of executive sessions, totaling 25 minutes, to discuss confidential data relating to the financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts and individual proprietorships.

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