

**REGULAR CALLED MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Boardroom
MEMBERS:**

December 17th, 2009

5:30 P.M.

OTHERS:

Brenda Hagerich, *Ward 1(absent)*
Don Hager, *Ward 2*
Deidra Baldwin, *Ward 3*
Anthony Owen, *Ward 5*
James Calhoun, *Director At Large*
Ann Sanders, *Vice-Mayor Ward 4(absent)*
C. T. Hollingshead, *Mayor*

Jimmy Bolt, *City Manager*
Rendi Currey, *City Clerk*
Joe Phelps, *Press*

(See attached list)

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hollingshead called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

Director Calhoun

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Director Hager made the motion seconded by Director Baldwin to approve the December 3rd, 2009 regular called meeting as presented. **The motion passed on a roll call vote. The vote was as follows:**

Don Hager	“Aye”	Deidra Baldwin	“Aye”
Anthony Owen	“Aye”	James Calhoun	“Aye”
Mayor Hollingshead	“Aye”		

PRESENTATION FROM HENDERSON SMALL BUSINESS

Lonnie Jackson, Center Director, Small Business and Technology Development Center, presented a Power Point presentation and thanked the Board for their continued support.

CONSIDER SECOND READING ORDINANCE ANNEXING LAND TO THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA

The Mayor called for the Clerk to read the ordinance title only:

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY, GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS PART OF THE SW ¼ OF SECTION 6 AND THE NW ¼ AND NE ¼ OF SECTION 7, ALL IN TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 19 WEST, TO THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS, AND MAKING THE SAME A PART OF THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA, AND ASSIGNING SAME TO WARDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Director Calhoun made the motion seconded by Director Hager to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading title only. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.** The Mayor called for the Clerk to read the ordinance title only:

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Director Calhoun made the motion seconded by Director Hager to adopt the ordinance. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

Director Calhoun made the motion seconded by Director Hager to adopt the emergency clause. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

CONSIDER RESOLUTION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS HIGHWAY 51 AND 12TH STREETS

Staff requested that AHTD review the intersection of 12th and Pine Street because of safety concerns after accidents continue to occur. They reviewed and found that the signal meets the requirements and is eligible for an upgrade. By adopting the resolution before the Board it will allow AHTD to move forward with the programming of the project. The estimate of \$130,000 is given and the city being responsible for 10% of the construction cost and 100% of any right-of-way or utility associated expenses. This resolution also authorizes staff to make expenditures of funds associated with this project. Staff recommends approval of the resolution: Rehabilitation of Traffic Signals Highway 51 and 12th Street. Director Hager made the motion seconded by Director Owen to adopt the resolution. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

CONSIDER BOND REFINANCING RESOLUTION

Staff has selected Stephens Inc. and Friday, Eldredge & Clark to provide financial services and bond counsel as we proceed with refinancing our 2003 bond and issuing approximately 2.6 million in new bonds for construction. Carey Smith from Stephens spoke to the Board about the process if the resolution is passed and also offered to answer any questions the Board might have. The Royal Theatre and a new Fire Station are the primary construction projects with the remainder of the funds utilized in the youth sports complex.

The proposed architectural design and construction budgets are:

Royal Theatre	\$1,250,000
Fire Station	\$1,049,000

\$250,000 is intended to be utilized as a grant match to secure a matching grant of \$250,000 for a total of \$500,000. This is intended to be used for building two girls softball fields, and concession/restrooms. A small portion of those funds will be utilized for additional pavement, a transformer and other infrastructure needs. This is a fully funded and approved 2010 budget item. Staff recommends approving the resolution authorizing the offering of capital improvement bonds. Director Hager made the motion seconded by Director Baldwin to adopt the resolution for bond refinancing. **The motion passed 4 to 1 with Calhoun voting no.**

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

- I have invited Ms Carrier the Executive Director of the Arkadelphia Regional Economic Development Alliance to come and speak to us about the ongoing economic development activities during our January 21st Board of Directors meeting.
- I want to announce Kyle Jones as the city's new grant and research assistant; he will be starting his duties next week.
- I want to thank everyone involved with the flu clinics at the recreation center. It was a successful event that involved many public servants and volunteers.
- I want to congratulate Roger Wingfield on being named fireman of the year.
- I want to give a bit of praise to Director Hagerich for her work as the president of the organization working to raise funds for the single parent scholarship fund.

- I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Don Hager-He had missed everyone, but is thankful for having a job in these economic times.

Deidra Baldwin-Reminded everyone to shop local for those last minute Christmas gifts.

Anthony Owen-He apologized for his absences. He is in law school but will be making arrangements to make more meetings next year. He appreciates the cat trap and has caught one cat and a few other varmints. He inquired about the Goza School Caddo Street crossing. Mr. Bolt said that would be an item for the Safe Routes to school grant and more information will come. He ended by saying Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

James Calhoun-He stated he is thankful for the city's administration and staff for their great work. Cities like Little Rock and Hot Springs have to cut services and lay employees off. He wants to continue to be very conscious of what we are doing with the city's money during these economic times. He announced that the sewer problem at Goza School is a school problem not a city problem. He closed by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and reminded everyone that you can purchase an Aquatic Park pass at the old rate until 12/31/09 and they make great Christmas gifts.

Mayor Hollingshead-He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and reminded everyone to shop local. If our businesses are successful our city will be successful. He ended by announcing that the Chamber is moving and they will be located on Pine Street in Dr. Shuck's old office stop by and see their new building.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business to discuss, Director Owen made the motion seconded by Director Hager to adjourn. **The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.**

C. T. Hollingshead, Mayor

Rendi Currey, City Clerk

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Dorinda Suitor
Glen Beedle
Chelley Fendley
Blake Baldwin
Lonnie Jackson