

**REGULAR CALLED MEETING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Boardroom  
MEMBERS:**

**February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**5:30 P.M.**

**OTHERS:**

Brenda Hagerich, *Ward 1*  
vacant, *Ward 2*  
Deidra Baldwin, *Ward 3*  
Anthony Owen, *Ward 5(absent)*  
James Calhoun, *Director At Large*  
Ann Sanders, *Vice-Mayor Ward 4*  
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 Calhoun made the motion seconded by Director Baldwin to approve the January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 regular called meeting as presented. **The motion passed on a roll call vote. The vote was as follows:**

**Brenda Hagerich**  
**James Calhoun**  
**Mayor Hollingshead**

**“Aye”**  
**“Aye”**  
**“Aye”**

**Deidra Baldwin**  
**Ann Sanders**

**“Aye”**  
**“Aye”**

**CONSIDER ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF DIRECTOR HAGER**

Director Hager has issued his letter of resignation and the City Attorney advises the Board of Directors to formally accept his resignation. Director Calhoun made the motion seconded by Director Baldwin Director Hager’s resignation and to declare a vacancy in Ward 2. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

Director Calhoun made a motion second Director Baldwin to advertise the vacancy in Ward 2 for two weeks in the local paper with a deadline of February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and the Board to elect someone to fill the vacancy during the March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 regular Board of Directors meeting. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

**CONSIDER SECOND READING OF TECHNICAL CODES ORDINANCES**

During the last meeting the motion and second was made to put these ordinances on their second reading title only in this meeting.

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

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT VARIOUS STANDARD CODES RELATING TO THE FABRICATION, ERECTION, CONSTRUCTION, ENLARGEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LOCATION, AND USE OF RESIDENTIAL, BUSINESS, COMMERCIAL, AND INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURES, THEIR APPURTENCES AND ACCESSORY STRUCTURES, ALOS CONCERNING THE INSPECTION ACTIVITY OF THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS, AND ENFORCEMENT OF BUILDING PROVISIONS AS PROVIDEDIN SAID**

**CODES, INCLUDING THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS THEREFORE PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR FEES AND PERMITS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION OR REMOVAL OF BUILDINGS; FOR FEES AND PERMITS FOR ELECTRICAL, GAS, PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL WORK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Director Calhoun made the motion seconded by Director Baldwin to place the ordinance on its third reading title only in the next regularly scheduled meeting. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

**CONSIDER GRANT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING GROUP LIVING INC.**

Group Living Inc. is a private non-profit organization that provides over 100 full and part time jobs to our community. The need for funding for this project is a result of a devastating fire in 2005 that changed the organization forever. This represents a major reinvestment in our downtown with the Beehive probably representing the largest retail draw downtown. The need for construction became more urgent when the city bought the old Royal Theater building and Print Mania bought the building that housed Beehive. The grant is through the Arkansas Economic Development Commission and is for \$776,842.00. Staff recommends approval for: *A Resolution in support of the Economic Development efforts currently underway by Group Living, Inc., a not-for-profit organization serving people with developmental disabilities, in Arkadelphia, Clark County, Arkansas for the past 36 years.* Director Calhoun made the motion seconded by Vice Mayor Sanders to approve the resolution. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

**CONSIDER OPTIONAL LEASE TERMS- COMMUNITY FAMILY ENRICHMENT CENTER**

The original lease agreement with the Community Family Enrichment Center, Inc was for a ten year term which expires March 31<sup>st</sup> 2010. Part of the lease included the option of an additional ten year term if the lessee has met its mission. The missions stated in the agreement includes: educational, recreational, health and social services programs. To staffs' knowledge the center has exceeded expectation by providing service through pre-k and adult education programs. The center works to provide food for the youth of the center, and community, that otherwise might go hungry. The center provides a meeting place for weddings, anniversaries, presentations and other social activities. Ms. Wright and representatives from various programs gave a brief presentation. This center is alive and well thanks to the staff and board members of the Community Family Enrichment Center. Staff recommends board approval of extending the ten year lease agreement date November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2000 between the City of Arkadelphia and Community Family Enrichment Center, Inc through March 31<sup>st</sup> 2020. Director Hagerich made the motion seconded by Vice Mayor Sanders to approval of extending the lease as staff recommends. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

**CONSIDER CHANGING THE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR THE SANITATION**

The holidays that fall on Mondays or Fridays require the department to operate the commercial routes with at least a skeleton crew. The size of the skeleton crew will change from time to time depending on employee training and what time of year the holiday falls. This department employees 13 full time employees and in some cases up to 9 employees will be required to work, in others cases only 2 or 3 maybe required. For the most part this depend on if the universities and the Arkadelphia School District is open. If changes are approved staff recommends a commitment to change. It took twenty years or so for the public to become accustomed the schedule and will take time and patience on our part as we adjust to the schedule. The department will just skip the holiday and not reschedule the missed day. Adjusting the schedule would only

cause more confusion to our customers. Staff recommends that the Sanitation Department take off all holidays. Vice Mayor Sanders made the motion seconded by Director Calhoun to accept staff recommendation. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

**SUSPEND THE RULES**

Director Calhoun made the motion seconded by Vice Mayor Sanders to Suspend the Rules and place on the agenda a Resolution of Memorial and Thanks. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

**RESOLUTION OF  
MEMORIAL AND THANKS**

**WHEREAS** Sam Watson of Arkadelphia passed from this walk of life Saturday, January 30, 2010 at the age of 80 years and;

**WHEREAS** Sam Watson served for eight years on the City of Arkadelphia Board of Directors, four of which he served as Mayor of Arkadelphia and;

**WHEREAS** Sam Watson along with his wife, Ruby, who preceded him in death in 2007, owned and operated Phillip's RX Drug Store in Arkadelphia for more than twenty years and;

**WHEREAS** Sam Watson was very involved in the City of Arkadelphia including his church where he served as a Deacon and Church Treasurer. He supported athletic teams of Arkadelphia including the Badgers, Tigers, and Reddies by sponsoring sports broadcasts for about 20 years. He also supported organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Arkadelphia and;

**WHEREAS** Sam Watson showed his compassion by going on several medical mission trips to other nations serving as pharmacist and also provided medication to many pastors and missionaries at no cost from his pharmacy.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Arkadelphia City Board of Directors adopt this Resolution of Thanks to the memory of Sam Watson who gave himself to make Arkadelphia a Great Place to Call Home.

**AND BE IT RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to Sam Watson's son, Sammy Watson, Jr.

Director Calhoun made the motion seconded by Vice Mayor Sanders to adopt the resolution. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

## **CITY MANAGERS REPORT**

This document is the Finance and Administration Activity Report as required by state law. 2009 was a year that continued to provide stability to our workforce from the policies adopted by this Board in 2009 which included the 2009 budget. The City continues to provide a high level of service to the citizens of Arkadelphia and the surrounding community.

Arkadelphia continues to see substantial investment dollars invested in the city through construction activities. Construction investments from 2002 were about \$3,700,000. From that time forward there is a stable trend of continued investments in the city. 2003 saw investments dollars through construction activities increase to about \$6,500,000, 2004 - \$7,000,000, 2005 - \$11,500,000, 2006 – \$6,800,000, 2007 - \$5,000,000, -2008 \$28,000,000 and \$12,000,000 in 2009.

The Board has shown its funding commitment to current departments in the city. After fulfilling that goal the Board committed itself to several ground breaking and innovative projects. They include perusing reopening the Royal Theatre by buying the old building, approving the bluff development feasibility study, purchasing hybrid police cruisers, approved a study to pursue zero waste strategies. Some of these efforts have already resulted in savings for the city and caused private investments to increase. The Board is to be commended for taking calculated and limited risk as we work to grow our community and save it from the potential of having declining population and university enrollment.

As I reflect back on 2005 I remember finding out that the city had spent its reserves and was basically \$200,000 in debt and for the most part our citizens had lost confidence in the administration. Today we are in a greatly improved financial condition and have improved our public relations because the administration and the Board work together by listening to our citizens and using sound financial decisions.

If there is a change of direction desired please voice your concerns to me.

- I would like to commend the Street Department for their work to prepare for the potentially bad weather next week. They always anticipate the worse and are ready for whatever Mother Nature brings.
- The meetings with Cromwell the last two days have gone really well with a lot of input from members of our community and I look forward reviewing the study.
- A public hearing will be held on February 18<sup>th</sup> concerning the issuance of bonds for refinancing of our current bond, construction of the Royal Theatre, construction of a new fire station and construction of girls softball fields.

## **ROUTINE BUSINESS**

**Brenda Hagerich**-She thanked for coming to the meeting tonight. She stressed the importance of economic development. She reminded everyone that the CCSP was developed in 2006 and there was \$300,000 spent on the plan that included the Leadership Class which did a survey about the dry county status; 571 people were surveyed and some huge statistics were taken from that survey. The Board just approved \$40,000 to the Alliance. \$400,000 was spent on consultants to grow Clark County; however no one wants to talk about it. Therefore I encourage everyone to sign the petition and get the issue on the ballot for a vote.

**Deidra Baldwin**-She stated she was very proud of the new police cruisers and the officers look like they are very proud of them. She also added that the hybrids were not part of the recall with the faulty gas peddles.

**James Calhoun**-He is also very excited about the new police cruisers. He attended the meeting with Cromwell about the Bluff property feasibility study and is very excited about that. And he encouraged everyone in the audience to sign the sign in sheet and thanked them for attending tonight.

**Ann Sanders**-She reminded everyone that we live in a democracy and no **one** should be threatened for signing the petition. She said no one tells her what to do and she is capable of speaking for herself. She feels like the Bluff Property was a bad decision on the Boards part and she voted for it, but regrets it now and believes the property is washing away.

**C.T. Hollingshead**-He remembers attending the Watson's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and was proud of the resolution read here tonight. He was glad to see such a crowd here tonight. He feels that the Board will continue to do what is best for the City and its great employees.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no more business to discuss, Vice Mayor Sanders made the motion seconded by Director Calhoun to adjourn. **The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.**

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C. T. Hollingshead, Mayor

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Rendi Currey, City Clerk

**REGULAR CALLED MEETING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Boardroom**

**February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**5:30 p.m.**

Dorinda Suitor  
Glen Beedle  
Kyle Jones  
Bud Reeder  
Donny Manning  
Henry Wilson  
Lawrence Phillips  
Jane Lucas  
Lisa Hunt  
Pat Wright  
Kasey Summerville  
Glen Hill  
Leslie Miller  
Tiffany Herring  
Roland Gosey  
Larry Harris  
Sheri Rogers  
Sue Tatum  
Gerald Browning  
Charles Newborn  
Barbara Newborn  
Herman Thomas  
Tim Kaughman  
Doug Nelson  
Dinah Arnold  
Eddie Arnold