

**REGULAR CALLED MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Boardroom
MEMBERS:**

February 18th, 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 Hagerich made the motion seconded by Director Baldwin to approve the February 4th, 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”

ATTENDING CITIZENS-TIM KAUFFMAN

Tim Kauffman spoke to the Board in regards to the Vote for Growth organization and introduced Billy Horton of Hard Count. Mr. Horton gave statistics of the wet/dry status.

ATTENDING CITIZEN-RICK MAYS

Rick Mays spoke to the Board in regards of not signing the petition for the wet/dry issue to go to a vote.

ATTENDING CITIZEN-JONATHAN HUBER

Jonathan Huber spoke to the Board about code enforcement issues being unfair.

CONSIDER THIRD READING OF TECHNICAL CODES ORDINANCES

During the last meeting the motion and second was made to put these ordinances on their third 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 Baldwin made the motion seconded by Director Calhoun to adopt both of the ordinances. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

PUBLIC HEARING-BOND ISSUE

The Mayor started the public hearing to hear both sides of the Bond Issue to refinance the current bonds to fund the Royal Theatre, Construction of the new Fire Department, and adding girls' softball fields at the Youth Sports Complex at 5:55. Several citizens spoke for and against both sides. The Mayor ended the hearing at 6:30.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE FOR BOND ISSUANCE-ROYAL THEATRE, FIRE STATION, GIRLS SOFTBALL FIELDS AT THE YSC

Mayor Hollingshead made the motion seconded by Director Baldwin to place the ordinance on its first reading. **The motion failed with a 3 to 2 vote with Hollingshead and Baldwin voting yes.**

CONSIDER EXTENDING THE FINANCING ORDINANCE OF THE ROYAL THEATRE BUILDING

Director Baldwin made the motion seconded by Mayor Hollingshead to place the ordinance on its first reading. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

The Mayor called for the Clerk to read the ordinance in its entirety:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FINANCING WITH SOUTHERN BANCORP CAPITAL PARTNERS FOR THE FINANCING OF THE LOAN TO PURCHASE 625 MAIN STREET, ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS:

Mayor Hollingshead made the motion seconded by Director Baldwin to place the ordinance on its second reading title only in the next regular meeting. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

Items 11 and 12 were struck from the agenda due to the Bond Ordinance not being passed

CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS OF CONDEMNATION

Sgt. Smith provided a Power Point presentation to the Board of the structures that are recommended for condemnation. The Board discussed and allowed the owners to discuss their plans for the structures. Each property **was** then voted on separately:

Director Calhoun made the motion seconded by Director Baldwin to adopt the resolution of condemnation on the property know as 133 N. 19th Street. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

Director Calhoun made the motion seconded by Director Baldwin to adopt the resolution of condemnation on the property know as 113 S. 25th Street. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

Director Calhoun made the motion seconded by Director Baldwin to adopt the resolution of condemnation on the property know as 106 N. 19th Street. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

Director Calhoun made the motion seconded by Director Baldwin to adopt the resolution of condemnation on the property know as North 19th Street parcel # 74-22271-000. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

Director Calhoun made the motion seconded by Director Baldwin to adopt the resolution of condemnation on the property know as 407 S. 9th Street. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Bolt commended Sgt. Smith for his work and stated that his job is one of the hardest within the City.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Brenda Hagerich-She thanked everyone for coming to the meeting tonight. Everyone has a right to their own opinion and she is glad that everyone wants to bring them forth. She believes if the Board meetings do not have these types of attendance then the Board is not held as accountable. Maybe in our own minds, the Board is accountable to each and every one of you. She believes that the citizens' attendance is very important and she encourages everyone to continue to come. "Having your opinions known by coming to the Board meetings, talking to us, calling us and have had letters from the last meeting. Frankly I have had nothing but positive comments and feedback from my comments at the last meeting. The citizens of Arkadelphia have a right to voice their opinions and I continue to encourage that. People are excited about this the fact that they feel there is some hope there is something is going on now that has not been. The fact that people do not want to be run by a few. I encourage for people to continue calling me. I encourage people to put their name in the hat for the Ward 2 vacancy deadline being February 25th. That is something that should be appointed by the Board not anointed by any one person. I am glad to see some of the possible candidates here this evening and I encourage everyone to get involved."

James Calhoun-"Mayor, this Board has to make tough decisions and we do not always agree. I have relatives and various friends and I do not agree with them sometimes but they are still my friends. I appreciate the people who serve on the Board and something that most people do not realize is this Board is not compensated in any form or fashion. We are not like the city council form of government were the aldermen are paid. We are volunteers essentially. We come down here and spend three or four hours of our time and they could double our salary every meeting and it still would not hurt the budget; because our salary is zero. I would encourage like Director Hagerich said we have this position open and if you live in Ward 2 put your name in the hat. There is going to be an election this fall an there is four of us up for reelection. I don't know if any of us have made up our mind but I will probably run again. After tonight I may reconsider. We need people to run for these offices and be willing come here and set and make these tough decisions. They are not easy and I did not sleep much last night after receiving this packet that is an inch and a half thick and trying to go through it twice. I appreciate you all for coming and sitting and being a part of this. We try to be here every time whether it is a fifteen minute or three hour meeting. Thank you all for coming and expressing your views even if I do not agree we are still friends and I appreciate you."

Ann Sanders-She stated she had a lot to say, "One of the things I have to say is Dr. Kluck asked why I attacked him; the reason is he attacked me along with Mr. Bolt and had it all in the Henderson paper. I did not tell either one of them anything. So if he can call my name out, have critics, and everybody read it in the morning paper; and he has not heard me say nothing. How can I control the whole Board? We have all these people, I don't know what they are going to do, but I know what I'm going to do and for my part Wesley Kluck works over at Ouachita. I don't

care if he is offended I am offended too. He puts my name in his mouth to smear my name but his name is sacred property. He is not in his place and Jimmy you are not in your place. To sit up and have somebody tell you stuff, I did not tell you how I was going to vote. I did not tell him that, but I tell you what you'll find out how I vote and next time you want to know something ask me don't go spreading my name around."

C.T. Hollingshead- "I want to thank all of you people for being here and I don't know how you stood it to sit here this long, but you did a fantastic job. Which ever side you were on with any issue you are committed to stay here and see it through. I wouldn't mind if every Board meeting was full like this. We need to know how the people of this community feel each and every one of us. If I ever get to the point where I tell you not to call me get me out of here. I may not agree, I have people call me sometimes and they get mad and I have to say we will have to agree to disagree but you people elected us to listen to you, to pay attention to you and we will not always agree with you and you will not always agree with us but our job as a Board is to serve and as long as I am mayor I will continue to serve. And with that I will entertain a motion to adjourn."

ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business to discuss, Director Hagerich made the motion seconded by Director Baldwin to adjourn. **The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**

C. T. Hollingshead, Mayor

Rendi Currey, City Clerk

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Dorinda Suitor
Chelley Fendley
Glen Beedle
Kyle Jones
Ritchie Smith
Bud Reeder
Billy Horton
Tim Kauffman
Fred Phillips
Rose Phillips
Brenda Gills
Mark Overturf
Ginger Overturf
Leslie Miller
Marilyn Bell
Connie Nelson
Karen Arnold
Ricky Arnold
Peggy Briggs
Clyde Briggs
Tiffany Hemm
Charles Egleston
Roland Gosey
Carrie Price
Phil Baldwin
Albert Neal
Sherry Kelly
Eddie Arnold
Tommy Potter
Paul Bryant
Betty Elkhart
James Freeman
Charles Newborn