

**REGULAR CALLED MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Boardroom
MEMBERS:**

April 15th, 2010

5:30 P.M.

OTHERS:

Brenda Hagerich, *Ward 1*
Johnny Harris, *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

A motion was made by Director Hagerich seconded by Director Baldwin to approve the minutes from the April 1st, 2010 meeting as presented and the motion passed with a roll call vote and the vote was as follows:

Brenda Hagerich
Deidra Baldwin
Ann Sanders

“Aye”
“Aye”
“Aye”

Johnny Harris
James Calhoun
Mayor Hollingshead

“Aye”
“Aye”
“Aye”

**CONSIDER THIRD READING OF THE ORDINANCE FINANCING THE 2010
CUSTOM PUMPER TRUCK**

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

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FINANCING WITH REGIONS FOR THE
PURCHASE OF A PIERCE MANUFACTURING 2010 CUSTOM PUMPER
TRUCK AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES:**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF WHO WILL BE CUSTODIAN OF THE CITY MANAGER’S
PERSONNEL FILE**

After some discussion Director Hagerich made the motion seconded by Director Harris to table the issue until the City Attorney can be available for discussion. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

CONSIDER THE RESOLUTION OF CONDEMNATION – DEATON CLEANERS

Nancy Tucker the current owner of the property at 7th and Caddo Streets more commonly know as the Deaton Cleaners building gave the Board an update of the property. Bill Phelps a member of the board for Historic Preservation also spoke to the Board about the soundness of the building. Director Hagerich made the motion seconded by Director Baldwin to remove the order

of condemnation on the property at 7th and Caddo. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

CONSIDER AIRPORT PAVEMENT REHABILITATION CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER

Peter Dumais, City Engineer, presented a reconciliation order to the Redstone contract. While performing the rehabilitation of the airport pavement per grant AIP 3-05-0002-010-2009 it became apparent that the subsoil softness was worse than first anticipated. Garver Engineers suggested correcting the problem while the equipment was on site. This change order is 100% reimbursable through the grant however requires Board approval. Director Baldwin made the motion seconded by Director Calhoun to approve the reconciliation order to the Redstone Contract. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

CONSIDER RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE MUNICIPAL JUDGES RETIREMENT FUND ACCOUNTS

Mr. Bolt presented a plan to the Board to pay off the loan debt on the property at 625 Main Street earlier than anticipated After some discussion, Director Hagerich made the motion seconded by Director Harris to advertise the property at 625 Main Street for purchase or lease and all proposals to be sent to the Board of Directors for review within a 60 day period and continue with financial arrangement of the property as is at the present time. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

CONSIDER FUNDING OPTIONS FOR THE YSC IMPROVEMENTS

No action taken on this item. Consensus of the Board is to receive more input from the community.

CONSIDER FUNDING OPTIONS FOR THE FIRE STATION 1 REPLACEMENT

Staff presented some options to the Board for the funding of the demolition and reconstruction of Fire Station 1. After some discussion Director Calhoun made the motion seconded by Mayor Hollingshead to proceed with the Fire Station with the idea of refinancing the existing bond issue finance fee revenue bonds adding up to 1.1 million dollars for the Fire Station for a period of no more than fifteen years. **The motion passed 5 to 1 with Vice Mayor Sanders voting “No”.**

CONSIDER PHONE SYSTEM BIDS

During the fire suppression failure on January 8th, 2010 the phone system was damaged. Staff has advertised for bids in the state and local paper and on the website. Below is the bid tabulation:

BIDDER	LOCATION	AMOUNT
I.T. Works	Texarkana, TX	\$27,333.96
Tech Systems Inc.	Bismarck, AR	\$16,400.00
V. Wright Solutions Inc.	Pine Bluff, AR	\$20,779.00
DCS Telcom	Magnolia, AR	Bid 1 \$8,775.00 Bid 2 \$7,350.00

Staff recommends awarding the bid to DCS Telcom in the amount of \$7,350.00. Director Calhoun made the motion seconded by Director Hagerich to accept staff recommendation. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

- On April the 13th I entered into my 12th year of service with the City of Arkadelphia. I enjoy working for our community and for the Board to provide services for the people of our community. I feel truly blessed and honored to have your support as I work to carry out the Board's policies.
- Staff met with Cromwell to review the Desoto Bluff development feasibility study. To remain in compliance with our grant we expect to receive the final product before the end of the month.
- Staff continues to promote the "2010 Census It's In Our Hands". I want to encourage everyone to fill the forms out and mail them back. Please encourage others to do the same. This will effect federal funding for schools and other infrastructure needs.
- I had the opportunity to give a presentation on city government and my management style to the second Clark County Leadership class. I want to thank the sponsors and congratulate those participating for investing the time and effort to better themselves and our community.
- The Mayor, City Clerk, Director Calhoun and I participated in the Perritt Drug Walk. I believe we all enjoyed the opportunity to participate with others in our community in this "just say no" event.
- The Mayor and I attended the Arkansas Leadership Prayer Breakfast at the Governor's Mansion this week. I hope that our leadership will continue to make an effort to attend this annual event.
- Please use caution at the intersection of 6th and Main Street because the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department has removed the stop signs on Highway 67 at that intersection.
- In the information section is Director Owen's resignation letter that stated effective July 16th he will no long be able to serve our community as a Board member representing Ward 5.
- Also in the information section is a thank you from the Stand Foundation for providing sponsorship of the leadership program by allowing use of the Recreational Center.
- This is our last televised meeting until the fall semester. I am glad that people continue to watch our meetings. I hope that they will continue to follow our course of actions by attending our meetings or read about the city in news articles.
- I would like to turn it over to Kyle Jones to report on his activities so far this year.

January 1 – April 15, 2010 Research/Grants report given by Kyle Jones

- Successfully Negotiated Memorandum of Understanding with Clark County for Department of Justice Grant. Secured Department of Justice Grant Funds. (The City will be advertising for bids on the Security Cameras in the near future.)
- Received grant funds for Caddo Bluff feasibility study.
- Received funds for Zero Waste Program Development.
- Received Matching Grant Reimbursement for mitigation and clearing at the Arkadelphia Municipal Airport.

- Applied for Safe Routes to Schools Mini-Grant. We hope to receive \$1,000 to help pour sidewalks along Caddo Street near the front entrance Goza Middle School and the rear entrance at Peake Elementary.
- Re-established contact with the Arkansas Historical Preservation Program
- Conducted Historical Preservation Participation Survey for Downtown Historical District. Ralph Wilcox and Holly Hope have notified me that at the beginning of the new fiscal year in July a contractor will be hired to conduct the building surveys.
- Currently performing a full review of the current job descriptions and evaluations for the each department in the City of Arkadelphia; the process will be completed by the end of 2010.
- Attended Zero Waste Plan formulation meetings, submitted Final Comments on Zero Waste Plan and look forward to hearing from Tim Brockway by the end of this month.
- Attended 2010 Winter Municipal League Conference, received training and grant information.
- Attended FEMA Kick-off Conference in Hope, AR.
- Attended FEMA Disaster Relief Workshop in Arkadelphia, AR.
- Attended Grants Network Web Demonstration (online).
- Attended Community Development Block Grant Workshop in Hope, AR.
- Attended Outdoor Recreation Grant Workshop in Hot Springs, AR.
- Attended Economic Development Conference in Little Rock, AR.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Brenda Hagerich-“I appreciate what Kyle is doing for some three years I have been in touch with Ralph Wilcox by email regarding tin need for Arkadelphia to move toward historic commercial district and historic preservation efforts. So I am glad to hear that; that is good. Maybe I have not sat up here all these Thursday nights for nothing. Also I have recently been concerned about what for me and it may not affect anyone else on the Board but I have not been able to put my finger on it until just this last week. And that is that on the agenda that we get we address certain items that need to be addressed however until we get to this section of our meeting which is labeled “routine business” there is really nothing else available for Board members to speak up regarding concerns. And because the community is now interested and coming to meetings and watching the meetings more and calling some of us quit a bit I don’t know how others feel but I would like to hear about making a place on our agenda where we would just have Board discussion. Maybe Director Harris or Baldwin or any of us have had calls or had contact with citizens who have a concern and would like to have that brought forth at the present time there is no place for that. Now because we are here to address not only concerns from city employees but also our constituents; I would like to see something placed on the agenda and sometimes there may not be anything. We may say well no we don’t have anything and go around and nobody has anything to discuss. I would like that prior to “routine business”. Routine business I don’t even know what that is because there is no such thing as just routine business up here because it is different every time. So routine business is like maybe some perfunctory comment and we all feel like we have to say something but maybe it is really meaningless. I would like to see a spot on the agenda every meeting for Board open discussion. I don’t know how everyone else feels about it but that is something I would like to see that done. Because some of the things I would’ve liked to discuss in that segment I have been able to discuss tonight because interrelated topics but that might not always be the case. I might have wanted to discuss the economic development tax and it may have not been tied to anything and then that throws it into routine business but that’s at the end and we’ve been here an hour and a half two hours and by then people are tired. Some people may turn off their sets sometimes the cameras turn off when we’re going long. So I would like to see that to be a part of our agenda every month just open discussion amongst the Board in front of our citizens.

Johnny Harris-“Here recently I have made a decision to kind of visit all of the different areas of the city. This past week I went downstairs to visit the Water personnel down there and I visited

with the three ladies now I am aware the different water systems in Arkadelphia that supplies water to. We found out that there are a number of meters that they send out to. We were able to discuss about the intake where the water comes in and the four different ponds where the water how it is treated before it gets ready to go back into the Ouachita. One of my objectives is to go to all the different departments and see how they operate. I think there are 25 people that work for the Water Department. A lot of people in Arkadelphia did not know that. What different persons do how they feel what their concerns are and we were able to schedule a meeting with the Sanitation workers. They just want to talk they don't want their names called but they want to voice their concerns. The other thing that I have heard recently since I have been on here is that the Board makes the news probably as much or more than some of the other news. So hopefully at some point we won't be the persons on the front page of the daily paper every day we will be able to take care of some of those things in some type of meeting before it comes here because once it hits the airways it reflects Arkadelphia. That is one of my commitments is to visit the different parts of the city so I will know all the different agencies and how they function.

Deidra Baldwin-“I just want to thank Nancy Tucker for her vision and I am excited about what she is doing and the new board she has and I just hope she comes back and keeps us another update as she progresses.

James Calhoun-“I had the opportunity I was invited by Mr. Bolt to be with him on the radio program on Monday morning. Had to get up early and get down there. I found out I did not have to be there as early as he told me but beat him there by a while. Enjoyed being on with Sherry Kelly we talked about the A&P tax that day and I got not a lot but I got two or three people that heard it and commented to me about it. Once again we need input from our citizens and as with anything they more vocal usually are the opposition. I mean that is just a known thing. So those that are in favor and think that this is a good thing we need to hear from them as well as the opposition tell how you feel. Then on a personal note I missed the last Board meeting that was the night that my mother past away and I just want to say how much I appreciate the Board members, Mr. Bolt, and others that expressed their sympathy at that time and since then the citizens we have received so many cards and other memorial from citizens of Arkadelphia. Some drove down for the visitation at Start City also for the funeral the next day. Thank you very much. Mom was 91 years old and she lived a long full life you are never ready to give them up but she is where she wanted to be. Thank yall.

Ann Sanders-“I have some things that need to be discussed before we come in here. Some things have gotten out of hand. Like Johnny was saying on the front page but a lot of things that were on the front page could have been solved if somebody would only listen. I am in favor of us having one good meeting before the meeting. It's always done anyway. Meeting before the meeting and meeting after the meeting. So I want this one if we can get here a few minutes early as Board members because there are some concerns that I really want to see addressed. It is a matter of opinion you know your opinion and 50 cents will buy you a cup of coffee if you get it at the welfare but if you don't you won't get it. I think we have quit a bit of stuff that needs to be dealt with and for somebody else's part may not have nothing to say but I do. And I want to say it. A lot of this stuff that I need to discuss is plain ole disrespect it is not by outside people it is right up in here; just plain old disrespect. We have personnel barking up hill the Board is at the top of the food chain; nobody under the Board has the right to try to tell the Board what to do or try to posture and gesture all while the Board members are speaking. For my part I have very good peripheral vision and I developed that down there at the sheriff's office with Mr. Harris back there. I learned a lot when I was down there. And I learned how to cover my own back I put a wall at my back so I won't be hanging open waiting for somebody to trust when all you got to trust is the man up there that is the only one I trust. We need to have some discussion on some of this.

C.T. Hollingshead-“I want to congratulate the 673 students from OBU that turned out for the Tiger Serve Day. They went around and worked in our community. It is kind of a yearly thing. They had an announcement in the paper a few weeks ahead of time to send in requests for elderly people to have a yard cleaned and stuff. Appreciate that and it was also good to look in the paper

the other day that Danfoss formally Scroll Technology had put a hundred and fifty people back to work. That was a fantastic thing to see. With that I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business to discuss, Vice Mayor Sanders made the motion seconded by Director Baldwin to adjourn. **The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.**

C. T. Hollingshead, Mayor

Rendi Currey, City Clerk

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Ricky Arnold
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Ritchie Smith
Al Harris
Glen Beedle
Mike Volz
Brenda Gills
Kyle Jones
Gerald Browning
Henry Wilson
Danny Layton
Jeffrey Becker