

ORDINANCE NO. 0-00-06

AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS ON THE QUESTION OF ISSUING BONDS UNDER AMENDMENT NO. 62 TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING ALL OR A PORTION OF THE COST OF PARK AND RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS; LEVYING A NEW ONE PERCENT (1%) SALES AND USE TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETIRING SUCH BONDS; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the City of Arkadelphia, Arkansas (the "City") has determined that the City is in need of park and recreational improvements, including new facilities and improvements to existing facilities; and

WHEREAS, the park and recreational improvements include particularly, without limitation, a new youth sports complex consisting primarily of ball fields and related facilities, an aquatic park consisting of an outdoor swimming pool and related improvements at Feaster Park, a new gymnasium and physical fitness center at Feaster Park and improvements at River Park, and any necessary land acquisition, and parking, landscaping, maintenance, furnishings, drainage, lighting, concession and utility improvements therefor (the "Park and Recreational Improvements"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined that it would be in the best interest of the City to issue capital improvement bonds under the authority of Amendment No. 62 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas ("Amendment 62") and Title 14, Chapter 164, Subchapter 3 of the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated (the "Authorizing Legislation") in the maximum principal amount of \$5,915,000; and

WHEREAS, such principal amount includes expenses of authorizing and issuing the capital improvement bonds and a debt service reserve; and

WHEREAS, the Park and Recreational Improvements constitute capital improvements of a public nature under the Authorizing Legislation; and

WHEREAS, the City can pay the principal of and interest on the capital improvement bonds from the proceeds of a new one percent (1%) sales and use tax to be levied under the authority of the Authorizing Legislation solely for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Ordinance is to submit to the electors of the City the question of issuing the capital

improvement bonds for the Park and Recreational Improvements under Amendment 62 and the Authorizing Legislation (the "Bonds") at a special election to be called for that purpose and to levy a sales and use tax at the rate of one percent (1%) on the receipts from the sales at retail within the City of all items which are subject to taxation under the Arkansas Gross Receipts Act of 1941, as amended (A.C.A. §§26-52-101, et seq.), and the receipts from storing, using, distributing or consuming within the City tangible personal property under the Arkansas Compensating Tax Act of 1949, as amended (A.C.A. §§26-53-101, et seq.) (collectively, the "Sales and Use Tax");

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of the City of Arkadelphia, Arkansas:

Section 1. There be, and there is hereby called, a special election to be held on August 1, 2000, at which election there shall be submitted to the electors of the City the question of issuing the Bonds under Amendment 62 and the Authorizing Legislation to finance all or a portion of costs of the Park and Recreational Improvements in the maximum principal amount of \$5,915,000, to be payable from collections of the Sales and Use Tax remaining after the State of Arkansas deducts its administrative charges.

Section 2. In order to provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds and all obligations of the City in connection therewith, there is hereby levied the Sales and Use Tax. The levy of the Sales and Use Tax shall not become effective until the special election called in Section 1 above has been held and the issuance of the Bonds is approved by the voters. The Sales and Use Tax shall be levied and collected only on the first \$2,500 of gross receipts, gross proceeds or sales price from a single transaction. "Single transaction" is defined according to the nature of the goods purchased as follows:

A. When two or more devices in which or by which any person or property is, or may be, transported or drawn, including but not limited to, on-road vehicles, whether required to be licensed or not, off-road vehicles, farm vehicles, airplanes, water vessels, motor vehicles, or non-motorized vehicles, and mobile homes, are sold to a person by a seller, each individual unit, whether part of a "fleet" sale or not, shall be treated as a single transaction for the purpose of the Sales and Use Tax.

B. The charges for utility services, which are subject to the Sales and Use Tax, and which are furnished on a continuous service basis, whether such services are paid daily, weekly, monthly or annually, shall be computed in daily increments, and each such daily charge increment shall be considered to be a single transaction for the purposes of the Sales and Use Tax.

C. For sales of building materials and supplies to contractors, builders or other persons, a single transaction, for the purposes of the Sales and Use Tax, shall be deemed to be any single sale which is reflected on a single invoice, receipt or statement, on which an aggregate sales (or use) tax figure has been reported and remitted to the State of Arkansas.

D. When two or more items of major household appliances, commercial appliances, major equipment and machinery are sold, each individual unit shall be treated as a single transaction for the purposes of the Sales and Use Tax.

E. For groceries, drug items, dry goods and other tangible personal property and/or services not otherwise expressly covered in this Section, a single transaction shall be deemed to be any single sale which is reflected on a single invoice, receipt or statement, on which an aggregate sales tax figure has been reported and remitted to the State of Arkansas.

Section 3. The question of issuing the Bonds shall be placed on the ballot for the election in substantially the following form:

If the bonds are approved, there will be levied within the City a new 1% sales and use tax, the net collections of which remaining after the State of Arkansas deducts its administrative charges, shall be used solely to retire the bonds and obligations with respect thereto. The bonds may be issued in series from time to time.

PARK AND RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS AND TAX

An issue of bonds of the City of Arkadelphia in the maximum principal amount of \$5,915,000 to finance all or a portion of the cost of park and recreational improvements, including particularly, without limitation, a new youth sports complex consisting primarily of ball fields and related facilities, an aquatic park consisting of an outdoor swimming pool and related improvements at Feaster Park, a new gymnasium and physical fitness center at Feaster Park and improvements at River Park, and any necessary land acquisition, and parking, landscaping, maintenance, furnishings, drainage, lighting, concession and utility improvements therefor, and, in order to pay the bonds, the levy and pledge of a new 1% local sales and use tax within the City.

FOR the Bonds and Tax

AGAINST the Bonds and Tax

Section 4. The election shall be held and conducted and the vote canvassed and the results declared under the law and in the manner now provided for municipal elections unless otherwise provided in the Authorizing Legislation and only qualified voters of the City shall have the right to vote at the election.

Section 5. The results of the election shall be proclaimed by the Mayor, and the Proclamation shall be published one time in a newspaper having a general circulation in the City, which Proclamation shall advise that the results as proclaimed shall be conclusive unless attacked in the courts within thirty days after the date of publication.

Section 6. A copy of this Ordinance shall be given to the Clark County Board of Election Commissioners so that the necessary election officials and supplies may be provided. A certified copy of this Ordinance shall also be provided to the Commissioner of Revenues of the State of Arkansas as soon as practical.

Section 7. The Mayor and City Clerk, for and on behalf of the City, be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary to call and hold the special election as herein provided and, if the issuance of the Bonds is approved by the electors, to cause the Sales and Use Tax to be collected in accordance with the Authorizing Legislation, and to perform all acts of whatever nature necessary to carry out the authority conferred by this Ordinance. Friday, Eldredge & Clark, LLP shall assist the City officials as Bond Counsel in calling and holding the special election.

Section 8. If the Bonds are approved, the City intends to negotiate with Stephens Inc., which has assisted the City in preparation of the Bond size and repayment structure, for the sale of the Bonds.

Section 9. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be separable and if any provision shall for any reason be held illegal or invalid, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 10. All ordinances and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

PASSED: June 1, 2000.

ATTEST:

Cyndia Burruss
City Clerk

APPROVED:

C. T. Hollingshead
Mayor

(SEAL)

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, hereby certifies that the foregoing pages are a true and perfect copy of Ordinance No. 0-00-06, passed at a regular session of the Board of Directors of the City of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, held at the regular meeting place of the Board of Directors at 7:00 o'clock p.m., on the 1st day of June, 2000, and that the Ordinance is of record in Ordinance Record Book No. 4, Page 413, now in my possession.

GIVEN under my hand and seal this 6th day of June, 2000.

Cynthia Burress
City Clerk

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