

**REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Boardroom

March 6th, 2003

7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ann Kelly, *Ward 1*
Don Hager, *Ward 2*
Joe Phelps, *Ward 3*
Dick Rudolph, *Ward 5*
James Calhoun, *Director at Large*
Ann Sanders, *Vice Mayor, Ward 4*
C. T. Hollingshead, *Mayor*

OTHERS PRESENT:

Barbara Coplen, *City Manager(absent)*
Rendi Currey, *City Clerk*
Jimmy Bolt, *City Engineer*
Nancy Anderson, *Treasurer*
Melissa Tuckfield, *Press*
(*See Attached Sheet*)

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hollingshead called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Director Calhoun

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Mayor Sanders made the motion, seconded by Director Calhoun to approve the February 20th, 2003 minutes as presented. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote. The vote was as follows:**

Ann Kelly	“Aye”	Don Hager	“Aye”
Joe Phelps	“Aye”	Dick Rudolph	“Aye”
James Calhoun	“Aye”	Vice Mayor Sanders	“Aye”
Mayor Hollingshead	“Aye”		

ATTENDING CITIZENS

- Dr. Martin Halpern a professor at Henderson State University, Professor Chris Ward from Ouachita Baptist University, and Veda Morgan all read prepared statements supporting a Peace Petition put together by a group not in favor of going to war over the current conflict with Iraq and requested the Board sign it.
- Professor Wayne Bowen from Ouachita Baptist University read a prepared statement against the Peace Petition and requested the Board not to sign it.
- Arkadelphia Chief of Police, Al Harris read some excerpts from letters from his son, a Marine Captain and son-in-law an Army Captain who are stationed in Kuwait.

Mayor Hollingshead called for discussion from the Directors. Unanimously the Board agreed that the constituents they talked to all agreed they should vote the Peace Petition down. Vice Mayor Sanders made the motion seconded by Director Calhoun to suspend the rules and place the Peace Petition on the agenda. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

Director Calhoun made the motion seconded by Director Phelps to reject the Peace Petition. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ARMED FORCES

Larry Cain came before the Board and read the proposed resolution in support of the Armed Forces. Vice Mayor Sanders made the motion seconded by Director Kelly to adopt the resolution. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

DISCUSSION FORWARDED FROM THE POLICE AND FIRE FACILITY COMMITTEE

Director Calhoun spoke for the committee and stated that they were not ready for discussion of this matter until some more investigating. Director Calhoun made the motion seconded Vice Mayor Sanders to postpone discussion of a lease with First Baptist Church for the Superior Federal Building until a later time. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Mrs. Anderson updated the Board on Ms. Coplen's travels and reported that she would be returning on March 8th, 2003.
- She commended the Street Department for their efforts during the ice and snow, and also the clean up of the salt and sand after the ice and snow was gone.
- South Central Electric sponsored some safety training that the city employees got to attend.
- Thanks went out to Director Rudolph for the framed Constitution and Bill of Rights in memory of Jonathan Lookadoo III.
- She announced that curb and gutter work on Caddo Street would be starting up Friday and cautioned citizens driving in that area to be aware of the detour signs and workers on the street.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Ann Kelly- She stated she was very proud of Mrs. Anderson for the outstanding job she was doing as acting City Manager.

Don Hager- He agreed with Ms. Kelly about Mrs. Anderson. He commended the Street Department for their efforts during the snow and ice. He and his associate Mack McCarty feed the Street Department employees and any city employee who could get to the Street Department on Tuesday February 25th, 2003, day two of the snow and ice. He wanted to thank several for the donations of food and material needed to feed the employees:

- Brookshire's
- Western Sizzling
- Sav U Mor
- Ideal Bread
- Ann Sanders
- Dick Rudolph

Joe Phelps-He reported he had attended the Parks and Recreation monthly meeting on Tuesday March 4th, 2003. He announced marketing plans were in the development stages for the Aquatic Park and the park is still on schedule to open on Memorial Day weekend.

Dick Rudolph- He praised the efforts of Director Hager, Jimmy Bolt, and Nancy Anderson for their performance during the recent bad weather.

James Calhoun- He echoed the sentiments of the other Board members for the efforts of Mrs. Anderson, Jimmy Bolt, and Street Department employees.

Ann Sanders- She thanked the Board for the card and contents she had received tonight She appreciated them both and she reported her husband's health does not seem to be improving. She commended the Street Department and also the Board for their professionalism.

C.T. Hollingshead-He stated he was honored to serve on this Board. He also thanked Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Bolt, volunteer fire fighters, and all city employees for a job well done.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Director Kelly made the motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Sanders to adjourn. **The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.**

C. T. Hollingshead, Mayor

Rendi Currey, City Clerk

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Attached List

John Crawford

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Ronnie Anderson

Al and Patsy Harris

Dub Wingfield

Linda Calhoun

Julian Jaeger

Glen Beedle

(countless others whom did not sign in)