

**REGULAR CALLED
MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Boardroom

March 18th, 2004

7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

OTHERS 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*

Barbara Coplen, *City Manager*
Rendi Currey, *City Clerk*
Nancy Anderson, *City Treasurer*
Wendy Plyler, *Press*
Jimmy Bolt, *Public Works Director*

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 Hager to approve the March 4th, minutes as presented. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote. The vote was as follows:**

Ann Kelly
Joe Phelps
James Calhoun
Mayor Hollingshead

“Aye”
“Aye”
“Aye”
“Aye”

Don Hager
Dick Rudolph
Vice Mayor Sanders

“Aye”
“Aye”
“Aye”

ATTENDING CITIZENS

Henry Wilson, President of the NAACP came before the Board to invite them to the next meeting of the NAACP. The meeting will be March the 30th at 7 pm at the Arkadelphia Family Enrichment Center.

ADDRESS CITIZEN CONCERNS DORINDA SUITOR

Dorinda Suitor, Water and Sewer Manager, came before the Board to discuss some recent citizen concerns. Justification was made for the hiring of additional employees, purchasing equipment, and vehicle maintenance practices.

CONSIDERATION OF POLICY FOR STREET RENAMING

In a previous meeting this issue was tabled until further review. Jimmy Bolt, Public Works Director, came before the Board asking for approval on the proposed policy for considering street renaming requests. After a brief discussion Director Calhoun made the motion seconded by Vice Mayor Sanders to accept the policy for the renaming of streets. This would not include the recent discussion of the NAACP request to rename Pine Street Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. **The motion passed**

unanimously on a roll call vote.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS ON THE SEWER VAN WITH CAMERA

An ad was run in the *Daily Siftings Herald* on February 25th, 2004 inviting bidding on a 1998 van with sewer camera for the Water Department. One bid was received from Malvern Waterworks for \$35,000. It is the recommendation of the Water and Sewer Committee and the department to purchase the van. After a brief discussion Director Hager made the motion seconded by Vice Mayor Sanders to accept the bid of \$35,000 for the sewer van with camera. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

CONSIDERATION OF THE WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The vacancies were advertised in the *Daily Siftings Herald*. There were two letters of interest received after the deadline. It is the opinion of the city attorney that the Board can appoint without advertising. The Mayor asked the clerk to pass out ballots and the Board write in there appointment for the two positions vacant. The results were as follows:

Dr. Peggy Dorris to complete the term of Bill Goff which expires 2/17/06.

Dr. James Ford a full five year term which expires 2/17/09.

CONSIDERATION OF CHANGE ORDER FOR STREETSCAPE

Jimmy Bolt, Director of Public Works Department, came before the Board requesting approval on change orders 1, 2, and 3. All of these change orders have been previously approved however; they are being combined and resubmitted to the AHTD for reimbursement. This recommendation is for a paperwork cleanup. After a brief discussion Director Rudolph made the motion seconded by Vice Mayor Sanders to accept the change order 1 for Streetscape in the amount of \$79,999.40. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACT WITH GARVER ENGINEERS FOR AIP PROJECT

Jimmy Bolt, Director of Public Works Department, came before the Board requesting approval for the Mayor to execute a contract with Garver Engineers' for engineering services for design services and construction observation for the proposed Airfield Taxiway Lighting Project in the amount of \$39,400. Vice Mayor Sanders made the motion seconded by Director Rudolph to accept and approve the Mayor executing the contract with Garver. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

REPORT FROM GLEN BEEDLE

Glen Beedle, Grants Administrator, came before the Board to give a report on his recent LEADAR National Study Tour.

DISCUSSION OF DOOR TO DOOR VENDORS

The Mayor requested discussion of this issue. The city attorney supplied some information for the Board to review. After a brief discussion Director Rudolph made the motion seconded by Vice Mayor Sanders to have the city attorney investigate the matter thoroughly and come back with a recommendation as soon as possible. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

DISCUSSION OF REINSTATING ROUTINE BUSINESS

The Mayor requested discussion of this issue. Around the table discussion about the structure of routine business was discussed. Director Hager made the motion seconded by Director Kelly for the Mayor to research and set the guidelines of routine business and bring back to the Board to vote. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Ms. Coplen announced several events taking place at the Rec Center. Basketball clinic put on by Sydney Moncrief, Lawn and Garden show, a 3 on 3 basketball tournament, and a sportsman expo benefit for Bro. Gary Turner.
- The Aquatic Park staff will be hiring summer 2004 employees soon.
- Glen Beedle is being cross trained in the treasures position.
- The Public Works Department is working out great and helping other departments.
- Every department is working well together and helping one another in a team effort.
- She thanked the Board for their support and her employees for all their hard work.
- She announced Rotary club was donating a sign for the Aquatic Park and the ground breaking is tomorrow at 12:30.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business to discuss, Director Kelly made a motion seconded by vice Mayor Sanders to adjourn. **The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**

C. T. Hollingshead, Mayor

Rendi Currey, City Clerk

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Brenda Gills
Dorinda Suitor
Florine Jones
Elizabeth Brim
Gary Prather
Henry Wilson
Dorothy Howard
Calvin Watson
Jabbar Mullins
Roslin Hindrix