

**REGULAR CALLED MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Boardroom
MEMBERS:**

April 7th, 2011

5:30 P.M.

OTHERS:

Jason Jones, *Ward 1 Director*
Johnny Harris, *Ward 2 Director*
Brad Godwin, *Ward 3 Director (Absent)*
Roland Gosey, *Ward 4 Director*
Terry Sims, *Ward 5 Director*
James Calhoun, *Vice Mayor, At Large Director*
C. T. Hollingshead, *Mayor*

Jimmy Bolt, *City Manager*
Rendi Currey, *City Clerk*
Jamal Brown, *Press*

(See attached list)

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hollingshead called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

Director Jones

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Calhoun seconded by Director Gosey to approve the minutes from the March 17th, 2011 Regular called meeting and the March 29th, 2011 Special called meeting as presented and the motion passed with a roll call vote and the vote was as follows:

Jason Jones	“Aye”	Johnny Harris	“Aye”
Roland Gosey	“Aye”	Terry Sims	“Aye”
James Calhoun	“Aye”	Mayor Hollingshead	“Aye”

ATTENDING CITIZEN – HENRY WILSON

Mr. Wilson asked the Board members to follow the law and change School Street back to Peake and W.P. Malone Road back to Shepherd Drive.

Director Harris made the motion seconded by Director Gosey to suspend the rules and place on the agenda for discussion. **The motion failed 4 to 2.**

**CONSIDER BIDS FOR THE 2011 ONE TON TRUCK FOR THE STREET
DEPARTMENT**

An invitation for bid was advertised and two bids were received. Bids were open publicly on March 30, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. Those bids are as follows:

BIDDER	LOCATION	AMOUNT
Landers Chevrolet	Benton, Arkansas	\$20,872.00
North Point Ford/Lincoln-Mercury	North Little Rock, Arkansas	\$23,572.00
Gildner Autogroup	Arkadelphia, Arkansas	\$ 23,498.00 (received late) 10:40 a.m.

This truck is an unbudgeted request to replace the GI. The GI is unsafe to operate and the new equipment will be safe for our employees. Staff recommends awarding the bid to Landers Chevrolet in Benton, Arkansas in the amount of \$20,872.00. Vice Mayor Calhoun made the motion seconded by Director Sims to purchase the truck that was unbudgeted to replace the GI and award the bid to Landers Chevrolet in the amount of \$20,872.00. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

CONSIDER LOCAL INCENTIVE - THE PLAZA

Eddie Arnold was present to answer any questions the Board had on the project that will provide assisted living to its tenants. Staff has worked with developers to encourage development in Arkadelphia. We have set internal policies that work to remove roadblocks to development. In many cases this was, and still is, just helping navigate developers through our set of rules. We are similar to other communities our size but there are always differences too. Developers that come to us wanting to know the rules of development are assisted to the best of our abilities. Along with the thoughts of removing barriers, the Board of Director approved a local incentive policy to help encourage job creating and to help excite the economy. The Plaza---*an Assisted Living Experience*, is an example of how we can show developers that we are willing to help when a project bring something of lasting value to our community. The investment of \$5,000,000 for construction and the creation of 25 to 40 service jobs, with wage levels of \$8-16 per hour, are tremendous in a time we see jobs evaporating from industry. State law limits us on how we can offer incentives, but I do believe that in return for creating 25 jobs we can offer to fund the two water taps and one sewer tap in the amount of \$5,425 (the actual cost) because such taps would remain in our possession. Staff recommends approving a local incentive in the amount of \$5,425 to offset the cost of the water and sewer taps form the project known as the Plaza. Vice Mayor Calhoun made the motion seconded by Director Jones to approve the local incentive to the Plaza in the amount of \$5,425. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

625 MAIN STREET PROPERTY REPORT

The Clark County Arts and Humanities Council is the only organization that has confirmed interest in occupying the old Royal Theatre building at 625 Main Street. The proposed contract would be for a 3 year term with an option for an additional 3 years. It is being considered by the CCAHC before presentation to the City of Arkadelphia Board of Directors. The second term would require Board approval too. In return for occupying the building the CCAHC would be required to open the Arkadelphia Arts Center and provide a safe, non-threatening art educational and art recreational environment for students and families. Director Calhoun has suggested that the Board consider holding a public hearing at 5:30 just before the next regular meeting to give the public an opportunity to voice their opinions on the subject. Staff intends to place this contract for services on the next regular agenda. Vice Mayor Calhoun made the motion seconded by Director Gosey to hold a Public Hearing on this matter at the next regular called meeting April 21st, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

CONSIDER BIDS FOR SLUDGE REMOVAL AT BACKWASH PONDS

The Water & Sewer Utilities recently advertised an invitation to bid requesting proposals for services to remove sludge from the backwash ponds at the water treatment plant. Bids were opened and read publicly on March 7th at 10:00 a.m. The bid tabulation is as follows:

BIDDER	PRICE
Terra Renewal LLC 1100 E. Campbell Road Richardson, TX 75081	\$29,780.00
Miller Lagoon Service 57 Riverside Lane Mt. Ida, AR 71957	\$39,899.00
Oros & Busch Application Technologies P.O. Box 37 Defiance, MO 63341	\$42,800.00

Staff recommends awarding the bid to Terra Renewal LLC in the amount of \$29,780.00. Director Jones made the motion seconded by Director Sims to accept staff recommendation. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

Since our last meeting my time has been dominated by two items:

- I have been working to developed possible nominees for the newly created Racial and Cultural Diversity Committee and the development of the first two agendas.
- I have reviewed the fire station cuts required with both the Chief and with Twin Rivers Architects. I am working to ensure the plans will retain the essential elements required to accomplish the missions of firefighting operations and rescue operations. I do expect this process to take a bit of time and I intend to keep the board informed.
- I want to report that starting yesterday the Sanitation Department began a city wide pickup and plan to pick up on every street any large items put out. A lot of us are doing spring time trimming and this will get every body in the city. I would like to remind everyone to call 246-1804 and leave your address and item description to be picked up.
- A reception to welcome the new Executive Director for the Arkadelphia Promise, Jason Jones, will be held on April 12th from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at the Ross Foundation building.
- The Arkadelphia Police Department is participating in a take back program of unwanted prescription Drugs on April 30th from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Jason Jones, Ward 1- No report.

Johnny Harris, Ward 2-He thanked Mr. Wilson for speaking and stated that at some point the issue will have to be addressed.

Roland Gosey, Ward 4-He stated that the board needs to take the advice of the City Attorney. Everybody is not going to be happy with the decisions the Board makes. We need to follow our own rules.

Terry Sims, Ward 5-She stated that she had a problem voting to suspend the rules not necessarily the subject itself.

James Calhoun, Vice Mayor, At Large Director-He stated he was happy to hear of the upcoming drug take back collection. He received a “good call” today on the Sanitation Department. The caller was so glad to get her brush removed and they didn’t even know when they had come to get it. He stated that somewhere down the line an increase will have to occur. Currently citizens receive twice a week pick up, trash bags 3 times a year, recycling, and large item pickup for only \$10 a month. We need to talk about an increase.

C.T. Hollingshead, Mayor-He reminded everyone of the Perritt Drug Walk in the morning at 9. He believes that drugs are our children biggest enemy and we should support the awareness of staying drug free. I have enjoyed the drug walk for 12 years and will continue to support as long as I am able to walk.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business to discuss, Director Jones made the motion seconded by Director Harris to adjourn. **The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.**

C. T. Hollingshead, Mayor

Rendi Currey, City Clerk

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Glen Beedle
Al Harris
Dick Rudolph
Kenny Myers
Beverly Myers
Albert Neal
Brenda Hagerich
Larry Hagerich
Brenda Gills
Henry Wilson
Gerald Browning
Darnell Harris
Leon Harris
Kyle Jones
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Bud Reeder
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