

**REGULAR CALLED
MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Boardroom

April 15th, 2004

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*
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 April 1st, 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 CITIZEN

Dr. Jim Ford was present to voice his support for the extension of the sales tax for the Youth Sports Complex.

Henry Wilson the president of the NAACP came forward to reactivate the previously presented proposal to re name Pine Street Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Mayor Hollingshead told Mr. Wilson the next step would be a public hearing on the matter and the Mayor would set the time and place for that.

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE POLICE AND FIRE FACILITY COMMITTEE

On Tuesday April 13th, 2004 the Police and Fire Committee met and a motion was made by Vice Mayor Sanders seconded by Director Rudolph to recommend to the full Board to proceed with the project with the plans as presented. At the request of the committee Jimmy Bolt was asked to look over the spec sheets and present to the Board. Mr. Bolt highlighted several issues and after a brief

discussion Director Calhoun made the motion seconded by Vice Mayor Sanders to proceed with instructing the architect Jerry Simmons of Twin Rivers to let out to bid the construction phase of the Police Station at 514 Clay Street. The invitation to bid should be run in the *Daily Siftings Herald*, *Arkansas Democrat*, and the *Sentinel Record*. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

DISCUSSION OF FIREWORKS/ITINERANT VENDOR/TRANSIENT MERCHANT LICENSING

Ed McCorkle, City Attorney was present to talk about these three issues. Mr. McCorkle gave the Board some facts and it was the consensus for him to work on something to have restrictions on hours of door to door sales and other registration regulations and bring back to the Board for review.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE WATER TREATMENT EXPANSION PROJECT

The Mayor opened the public hearing and Shep Russell from Friday, Eldridge, and Clark gave a summarization of the ordinance. After there where no other parties that wished to speak the public hearing was closed.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR THE WATER FILTER PROJECT

An ad was run in the state paper on March 3rd and 14th and the local paper on March 22nd for the letting out to bid the water filter project. Bids were opened on Tuesday April 13th, 2004. The bids were as follows:

BIDDER	LOCATION	AMOUNT
MD Limbaugh Const Co	Sikeston, MO	\$3,351,000
McInnis Bros Const Co Inc.	Minden, LA	\$2,846,880
Mobley Contractors, Co	Morrilton, AR	\$3,239,200
Cajun Constructors	Baton Rouge, LA	\$3,112,000

Dorinda Sutor, Water & Sewer Manager, stated it was the departments' and the committee's recommendation to accept the apparent low bid of McInnis Bros Const Co Inc. Director Hager made the motion seconded by Vice Mayor Sanders to accept the low bid of McInnis Bros Const Co Inc. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

FIRST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO LEVY 0.25% PARKS SALES TAX

Vice Mayor Sanders made the motion seconded by Director Hager to read the ordinance in its entirety. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.** The mayor called for the bond counsel attorney Shep Russell from Friday, Eldridge, and Clark to read the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A NEW ONE-FOURTH OF ONE PERCENT (0.25%) SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

Director Calhoun made the motion seconded by Director Phelps to place the ordinance on its second reading title only. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.** The mayor called for the bond counsel attorney Shep Russell from Friday, Eldridge, and Clark .to read the ordinance.

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Director Calhoun made the motion seconded by Director Kelly to place the ordinance on its third

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Director Hager made the motion seconded by Vice Mayor Sanders to adopt the ordinance. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

FIRST READING OF THE ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR 0.25% PARKS TAX

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FIRST READING OF THE ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO REFINANCE PARKS TAX

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ROUTINE BUSINESS

Ann Kelly- She reminded everyone to drive slowly, due to all the road construction going on in the city.

Don Hager-He updated everyone on the Water & Sewer Department; stating that a water line was being changed out Hunter Street and discussions are going on about sewer on Friendship Drive. The Arkansas One Call Board has asked Ms. Suitor to be the president for another year. He also announced that the Fire Chief was retiring.

Dick Rudolph-He reported that Buster Karr was the person to contact for Animal Control at 246-1803. The airport land acquisition is 100% funded. The Agri pad is almost completed. The dirt

work has started for the hangers. Street Slurry Seal project bid opening is set for 3 pm on April 22nd. The asphalt plant is changing over from diesel to natural gas. The large item pick up is a little behind due to the storm debris. Things will be back on schedule soon.

James Calhoun-The can the grease program that the paper wrote about was an excellent article and a great idea to protect the sewer system. He also reported being very anxious for the water park to open this year.

Vice Mayor Sanders-Reminded everyone that she checks in on all departments and she has seen a lot of improvements but also sees some things needing a ways to go.

Mayor Hollingshead-He thanked the TV crew from OBU who televise the Board meetings and thanked them for their hard work. He reminded the audience that tonight was the last televised meeting however all meetings are open to the public and he invited everyone to come to the meetings on the first and third Thursday of the month. Also there were some visitors that came through the city and they really bragged on the projects going on.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Ms. Coplen thanked Dr. Ford for speaking in support of the special election to extend the sales tax to finish the Youth Sports Complex.
- The pool will be filled in May all repairs have been completed.
- The festival is next weekend and everyone is looking forward to that event.
- There is clean up effort going from the recent storm. She thanked the citizens for their calls and their patience's during this time.

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 8:20 p.m.**

C. T. Hollingshead, Mayor

Rendi Currey, City Clerk

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Julian Jaeger
Kathy Phelps
Glen Beedle
Delores White
James Ford
David Thigpen
Bob Steimiller
Charles Cross
Shep Russell
Roy Ross
Brenda Gills
Henry Wilson
Delores White