

**REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Boardroom

April 17th, 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*
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 Hager to approve the April 3rd, 2003 minutes as presented. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote. The vote was as follows:**

Ann Kelly
Don Hager
Joe Phelps
James Calhoun

“Aye”
“Aye”
“Aye”
“Aye”

Dick Rudolph
Vice Mayor Sanders
Mayor Hollingshead

“Aye”
“Aye”
“Aye”

THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE REZONING A PORTION OF PINE STREET

At this time the Mayor called for the Clerk to read the ordinance title only.

AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS, IN A PART OF THE SW ¼ SE ¼ SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 19 WEST, AND A PART OF BLOCK 4 AND BLOCK 6, PARK HILL SUBDIVISION AND A PART OF MCNUTT AND BARKMAN SURVEY, AND A PART OF S.R. MCNUTT’S ADDITION AND A PART OF NELSON’S SUBDIVISION OF S.R. MCNUTT’S ADDITION, ALL TO THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS AND GENERALLY BEING PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTH AND SOUTH SIDE OF PINE STREET FROM 19TH STREET TO 23RD STREET, AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION PROCLAMATION

Mayor Hollingshead presented a proclamation to Barbara Coplen, City Manager, for Employee Appreciation Day.

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Rick Brumley came before the Board to recommend suspending the fee for out-of-town adult teams participation. A survey had been conducted and some surrounding cities do not charge an extra fee. Director Calhoun made the motion seconded by Vice Mayor Sanders to suspend the extra fee for out-of town adult teams this year and research the cost analysis for next year. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Ms. Coplen publicly thanked all the city employees for everything they do. She was proud to announce unlike other cities Arkadelphia has not had to lay off any employees.
- She also thanked the Board for being so supportive during her LEADAR program, she will be graduating Saturday the 26th of April and she appreciates the Board's understanding when she had to be away from the city.
- She reported there has been an out pouring of prayers and calls for the Daniels family and she appreciates all those.
- She reminded the Board of the Chamber Banquet Monday April 21st, 2003 at OBU Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m.
- Ms. Coplen stated rumors were not true about the selling of the land at the Sports Complex. Committee members are selling sponsorships and that may be the reason for the confusion.
- Ms. Coplen pledged her next project would be to see the Sports Complex completed.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Ann Kelly-She thanked the city employees for all there hard work. She really bragged on the work in her area and stated things were really looking great. Ms. Kelly also stated how proud she was of the President and how she thanked God for returning the POW's to us and wishes all would be returned unharmed.

Don Hager-He reported that he had attended the Water and Sewer Committee meeting on April 9th, 2003. He stated that the engineers have the filter project plans about 80 or 90% complete.

Joe Phelps- He reported he had attended the Youth Sports Complex Committee recently and wanted to express his appreciation to that committee. They have been working diligently to find sponsorships and raising money to complete the project.

Dick Rudolph-He urged the citizens to be reminded of mosquito season and to watch all breeding grounds for example containers, old tires, and anything that could collect water. He also requested the City Manager contact the Highway Department about putting in a box culvert at 16th and Pine where Center point has the hole dug. He also asked if Ms. Coplen had heard from Mike Ross about touring the fire and police building. Ms. Coplen told him she would be in contact his staff soon.

James Calhoun-He reported on the status of Officer J.R. Daniels, he had a heart attack in the line of duty on Sunday morning April 13th, 2003. He also commended the efforts of Teresa Joyce who administered CPR to Daniels on the scene. Calhoun also expressed his appreciation to the employees of the city and all the hard work they do. He mentioned he had seen the Aquatic Park cards in different places where you see tourist information and they look great and he can not wait

until he can purchase a season pass for his Grandchildren. He also urged the public to purchase season passes to the Aquatic Park.

Vice Mayor Sanders-She addressed the Pine Street situation, last year the same request was made to the Highway Department to repair the corner in question and the opposite corner was worked on and the Highway Department promised to return and fix the right one. She passed out a thank you card for the Board. She also wanted the city to take a look at the property they are responsible for before requesting others to clean their property up. She also requested the hiring at the Aquatic Park be done fairly.

C.T. Hollingshead-He stated the 489th Engineering Battalion with some Arkadelphia natives would be deployed this Saturday; he asked we keep them in our prayers. He also reminded everyone of Perritt's drug walk on Friday. He requested everyone give them a big wave or cheer if they pass them by to show support to their Say No to Drugs campaign.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Director Kelly made the motion, seconded by Director Calhoun to adjourn. **The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.**

C. T. Hollingshead, Mayor

Rendi Currey, City Clerk

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Attached List
Julian Jaeger
Henry Wilson
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Kathy Phelps