

**REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Boardroom

May 1st, 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*
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 17th, 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”

ATTENDING CITIZEN-HENRY WILSON

Mr. Wilson came before the Board to compliment them, the City Manager and the city employees for the excellent job they are doing opening the Aquatic Park. At that time the City Manager introduced just a few of the new employees for the park. They are as follows Karen Johnson, Aquatic Park Manager, Jerry Harvell, Concessions Manager, Steve Huselton, Assistant Director/Sports Program Supervisor, and Kyle McMahon, Aquatic Park Assistant Manager.

SUSPEND THE RULES

Director Calhoun made the motion seconded by Vice Mayor Sanders to suspend the rules and discuss the selling and discharging of fireworks. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.** Al Harris, Chief of Police came before the Board to review the current ordinance and code about selling and discharging fireworks, currently it is illegal to sell fireworks inside the city limits of Arkadelphia and it is also illegal to discharge them inside the city limits. After a brief discussion it was the consensus of the Board to have the city attorney look into updating the old ordinance.

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

An ad was run in the *Daily Siftings Herald* for three openings for the Parks & Rec Advisory Committee. Four letters of interest were received one of the interested parties is the son-in-law to Director Calhoun. The statute is unclear as to the legality of nepotism. Director Rudolph has sent

a request to Senator Malone for an Attorney General's opinion on the matter before the vote takes place therefore he made the motion seconded by Director Kelly to table the issue until after the opinion is received. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR NAMING OF REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Anita Wiley, Planning Officer came before the Board to speak on the matter. Mrs. Wiley stated that the Neighborhood Redevelopment District subcommittee had recommended naming this district for identification, possible funding, and zoning procedures. On April 10, 2003 the Planning Commissions' commissioners voted unanimously to recommend that the City Board of Directors name the district "University Heights". Director Calhoun made the motion seconded by Vice Mayor Sanders to accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

CONSIDERATION OF THE BID RESULTS FOR THE STREETScape PROJECT

Jimmy Bolt, Public Works Director was present to report that an ad was run in the state wide paper on April 10 and 24, 2003 letting out to bid the Streetscape Project. Sealed bids were open at 10:00 a.m. this morning. McClelland Engineers' prepared the bid tabulations below:

Bidder	Location	Bid A	Bid B	Total
Harrington Const Co Inc.	Arkadelphia, AR.	\$281,081.37	\$354,151.82	\$635,233.19
Township Builders, Inc.	Little Rock, AR.	\$303,562.00	\$355,953.00	\$659,515.00
Ideal Const Co.	Crossett, AR.	\$335,870.00	\$384,788.00	\$720,658.00
McV, Inc.	Little Rock, AR.	\$354,871.00	\$406,963.40	\$761,834.40

Staffs' recommendation pending Arkansas State Highway Department's approval; award the bid to the apparent low bidder, Harrington Construction. Director Rudolph made the motion seconded by Vice Mayor Sanders to award the bid to Harrington Construction pending approval from the Arkansas State Highway Department. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Ms. Coplen stated the City was very fortunate to get a local contractor for the Streetscape project.
- The City of Arkadelphia is moving forward and progressing.
- The Aquatic Park is on schedule to open on May 24th, 2003.
- Ms. Coplen thanked the Board for their support.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Ann Kelly- She reminded the citizens that it is that time of year for everyone to clean up their yards, mow, sweep off the porches, and general outside cleaning.

Don Hager-He reported that he had attended the Water meeting in Hot Springs this past week and was enthusiastic about the knowledge he had obtained.

Joe Phelps- He reported being surprised to learn the Arkadelphia Police Department had radar sat up in the school zones, his thought was they had already been doing that. He asked if the Police could patrol on West Pine more were there is a lot of speeding going on. He reminded every one that the grant application to possibly help with the Sports Complex is due by August 15th, 2003. He also made a request to sweep around Town Hall he is experiencing gravel when he is trying to enter the

building in his wheel chair.

Dick Rudolph- He thanked Connie Nelson and the 2025 Commission for all the work that has been done on the Streetscape project. He expressed his hopefulness in finishing the Sports Complex as soon as possible. He inquired as to when the Personnel Handbook would be finished. The City Manager reported that the handbook has been written, it has gone to the City Attorney, and also goes to a group of employees on the committee for approval. The estimated time for the handbook to be put in place is sometime in the fourth quarter.

James Calhoun-He reported on the tour of the Police and Fire facility that Congressman Ross made the week prior. Congressman Ross reported that there was not much money available however he would help the City of Arkadelphia any way he could because he saw the need for a new facility during his tour.

Vice Mayor Sanders-She reported the city employees are owed a lot more thank you's than they are receiving. She also reported on Dorinda Suitor receiving state and national awards during the meeting in Hot Springs. Sanders stated the meeting in Hot Springs is very informative and all the staff gets educated at different levels. She asked the citizens of Arkadelphia to clean the sidewalks in front of their houses, cut the grass off the sidewalks and keep it looking good.

C.T. Hollingshead-He stated this was the last televised Board meeting of the season. Dave Ozman and a new class will be back this fall when school starts back. Hollingshead asked for a round of applause for Ozman and his class.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Mayor Sanders made the motion, seconded by Director Kelly 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
Julian Jaeger
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Kathy Phelps
Al Harris
Anita Wiley
Aaron Stewart
Lawrence Phillips
Kyle McMahon
Karen Johnson
Jim Johnson
Steve Huselton
Jerry Harvell
Rick Brumley