

**REGULAR CALLED
MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Boardroom

May 20th,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, *Ward 4 Vice Mayor*
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

Director Rudolph made the motion seconded by Director Hager to approve the May 6th and 14th, 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”	Ann Sanders	“Aye”
Mayor Hollingshead	“Aye”		

CONSIDERATION OF THE VOTE ON THE PROPOSED NAME CHANGE OF PINE STREET TO DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DR.

In a previous meeting the President of the local chapter of the NAACP presented a proposal to change the name of Pine Street to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. There was a public hearing held on May 13th to discuss both sides of the issue. After a brief discussion, Director Hager made the motion seconded by Director Kelly to reject the NAACP’s proposal to change Pine Street to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. **The vote passed 6 to 1 with Vice Mayor Sanders voting “nay”.**

FIRST READING OF THE BOND ORDINANCE FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT

Ryan Bowman, Friday, Eldredge, and Clark, was present to read the ordinance. Vice Mayor Sanders made the motion seconded by Director Rudolph to place the ordinance on its first reading to be read in its entirety. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

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EXTENSIONS, BETTERMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO
THE WATER FACILITIES OF THE CITY OF**

**ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS; AUTHORIZING THE
ISSUANCE OF A WATER AND SEWER REVENUE BOND FOR
THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE COST OF
CONSTRUCTION; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE
PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BOND; AND
PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.**

Vice Mayor Sanders made a motion seconded by Director Hager to place the ordinance on its second reading title only. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

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Vice Mayor Sanders made a motion seconded by Director Hager to place the ordinance on its third reading title only. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

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

CONSIDER SETTING PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED ANNEXATION

Anita Wiley, Planning Officer, presented to the Board a request to set a date for a Public Hearing for the matter of proposed annexation ordinance for property located at 114 Stephenwood Drive. After a brief discussion Director Rudolph made a motion seconded by Vice Mayor Sanders to set the date on June 24th, 2004. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

CONSIDER BIDS FOR THE TAXIWAY LIGHTING REHABILITATION

Ads were run in the *Daily Siftings Herald* and the *Arkansas Democrat* on April 26th and May 3rd, 2004. Bids were open on May 13th, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. The results are as follows:

BIDDER	AMOUNT
Rick McGinty	\$161,276.00
Texarkana Industrial Power	\$174,410.00

Supply	
Jaco Airfield Construction Inc	\$182,360.00
McGrew Electric Inc.	\$192,595.00
All Service Electric	\$203,082.28

Jimmy Bolt, Public Works Director, presented the bids and recommends awarding Rick McGinty Company Inc., with a bid of \$161,267 pending approval from the FAA. Director Calhoun made the motion seconded by Director Rudolph to accept the recommendation from the Public Works Director. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

CONSIDERATION OF THE BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ads were run in the *Daily Siftings Herald* and the *Arkansas Democrat* on April 19th and 23rd and April 18th and 25th, 2004. Bids were open on May 13th, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. The results are as follows:

NAME	LOCATION	BID AMOUNT
Seale Construction Co.	Sparkman, AR	\$384,000
Tru-Star Properties	Conway, AR	\$446,118
Harrington Construction Co.	Arkadelphia, AR	\$412,275
Arka-Tex Remodeling	Little Rock, AR	\$499,000
Contech Construction	Texarkana, TX	\$472,000

After a brief discussion Director Calhoun made a motion seconded by Director Rudolph to reject the bids due to them being over budget. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Ann Kelly- She updated everyone on the investment the Reuse Committee had made recently with the Gurdon Grocery Store. That business should be up and running without a long delay.

Don Hager-He updated everyone on latter truck 1 being back in service. He praised the efforts of the new mechanic at the street department. He reported that recently the fire department went through some training on terrorism. The Water Department will be getting ready for a pre construction meeting for the water treatment improvement project. He reminded everyone to get out and vote on Tuesday.

Joe Phelps-He stated he had attended the Parks and Rec meeting and the committee expressed their support for the tax and asked everyone to get out and vote.

Dick Rudolph-He reported a group from the Arkansas Soil and Water district had toured and discussed the possibility of a grant for the flood control at Millcreek. He reported that one appraisal had come in on Mr. Abraham's land. He stated that some of the Slurry Seal had to be put down twice so some streets would be thicker than others. He stated the Planning Commission was working on many projects that would be presented to the Board in the near future.

James Calhoun-He reported the pool would be opening Memorial Day weekend. He has been telling youth pastors where ever he goes about the Aquatic Park and they seem very interested in a field trip. A time and date for the Police and Fire committee has been set for Tuesday noon. Everyone is invited. He also would like to consider changing the date for the meeting in June.

Vice Mayor Sanders-She reported doing some research in Little Rock and Washington D.C. and no one is looking to move industry to Arkadelphia. She wants to find out what the city can do to bring more industry into Arkadelphia. She also wants to get busy talking about options for the NAACP's proposal.

Mayor Hollingshead-He stated he was glad to have Vice Mayor Sanders back. He stated the Parks and Rec Department were doing a lot of positive things and thanked the Parks committee for all their hard work.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Ms. Coplen reminded everyone about the Streetscape bids and to not get discouraged about the Police Department construction bids.
- Aquatic Park will open Saturday May 29th. The park will host several schools before the opening such as Prescott and Goza.
- The Rec Center's air is fixed. There had been a problem but it has been resolved.
- She stated that our children are our most valuable asset and it is very important the tax pass to finish the Sports Complex.
- She introduced the Interim Fire Chief Buddy Manning. Applications are being taken for the position and a choice will be made soon.
- The mechanic at the Street Department has fixed a police car and everyone is thankful of that.
- She ended by thanking the employees for their hard work, the public for their involvement, and the Board for their support.

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 8:00 p.m.**

C. T. Hollingshead, Mayor

Rendi Currey, City Clerk

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Dorinda Suitor
Vicki Stovall
Don Clark
Ryan Bowman
Brenda Gills
Roy Ross
Roland Grosey
Pam Halbrook
Trish Halbrook
Kathy Phelps
Debbie Payne
Lawrence Phillips
Wendy Schaeffer
Willard Reed
Gracie Reed
Vivian Harris
James and Charlene Nelson
Classee Brownlee
Ethel Stephens
Dorothy Griffith
Henry Wilson
Arthur Todd
Glen Beedle
Anita Wiley
Rosboro Hendrix
Kasey Summerville
Charles Newborn
Doug Nelson
Jabban O'Marsh Mullins
Elizabeth Ross
Estelle Forte
Lewis Shepherd
Rex Williams