

**REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Boardroom

June 5th, 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, *Public Works Director*
Nancy Anderson, *City Treasurer*
Wendy Plyler, *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

Director Calhoun made the motion seconded by Director Rudolph to approve the May 15th, 2003 minutes as presented. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote. The vote was as follows:**

Ann Kelly	“Aye”	Dick Rudolph	“Aye”
Don Hager	“Aye”	Vice Mayor Sanders	“Aye”
Joe Phelps	“Aye”	Mayor Hollingshead	“Aye”
James Calhoun	“Aye”		

ARKY AWARDS

Larry Corn received the Arky award for March. The family of J.R. Daniels accepted the posthumously awarded Arky award for the month of April.

ATTENDING CITIZEN-GLEN GOOD

Mr. Glen Good lives on 26th Street in Arkadelphia. He came before the Board to request help in fixing the erosion problem in his yard into Millcreek. Jimmy Bolt was on hand to assure the Good's the city would look into the problem however it would be August before the equipment could successfully get in the creek and fix it properly.

CONSIDERATION OF THE CHANGE IN MEETING DATES FOR JUNE

It was the consensus of the Board to change the regular scheduled board meeting from June 19 to June 17 due to the conflicting scheduling of the Arkansas Municipal League Convention.

CONSIDERATION OF THE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FIREFIGHTER PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

Jim Pumphery, Safety Director, requested the Board approve a resolution supporting firefighter physical examinations. Director Rudolph requested he start to work on a similar resolution for the police officers. Vice Mayor Sanders made the motion seconded by Director Rudolph to adopt the

proposed resolution. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

DISCUSSION OF THE ROLES OF THE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Director Phelps initiated the discussion about the roles of the committees and commissions. Director Phelps is the liaison to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and he stated that several of the members feel their suggestions and ideas are being changed or discarded without any discussion or explanation. It was the consensus of the Board to discuss the committees' roles and their purpose as set forth by ordinance, one by one, alphabetically, over a course of several meetings starting with the Airport advisory committee July 3rd, 2003. The committees will be notified before these meetings and they will be encouraged to attend.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSALS FROM COKE AND PEPSI

Barbara Coplen spoke briefly about each proposal and informed the Board of Ed McCorkle's recommendation not to enter into a long term agreement with anyone. After a brief discussion of the legality of contracts the soft drink companies have produced for signature, it was decided that Mr. McCorkle would do some extensive research on the subject. Director Rudolph made the motion seconded by Director Kelly to table the discussion until the July 3rd meeting. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Ms. Coplen reported that there has been fifty tons of debris picked up from the recent storm with the very strong winds that was not determined to be a tornado. Entergy brought in help from Houston to work on all the power outages in the city. She extended her appreciation to all the employees who helped with all the recent rain storms and wind storms. She appreciates the way all the departments work together during a crisis.
- She reported the Aquatic Park is doing very well so far with admissions taking in approximately \$8800.00 and concessions at \$6000.00 thus far in a 10 day period. She reported that over 3000 people have come through the gate. Also family season passes are selling very well however people are saying the individual season pass is too expensive. The staff is still working on a few discipline problems, but they are doing a great job of weeding out the troublemakers.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Don Hager-He reported that he had been away for 9 days and he assured all that he understood the meaning of the city's creed "A Great Place to Call Home."

Joe Phelps- He reported that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee met Tuesday evening and Scott Byrd has withdrawn his request to stay on the committee. Dr. Byrd feels he has served his usefulness. Director Phelps feels the city will feel a loss without his leadership. Now that the Aquatic Park is open he asked that everyone remember that the city has another part of the project to complete and that would be the Youth Sports Complex. David Thigpen has sent an e-mail out about Summit Bank sponsoring the Civic Center in Hot Springs with \$600,000 and he made the observation that maybe Arkadelphia Sports Complex has not been marketed enough and he asks that the City Board support the Youth Sports Complex Sub-Committee on the mission to find sponsorships to finish this project. Director Phelps asked the City Manager to make a very strong effort to work with this committee as soon as possible so the project can be completed. He said that the citizens on all committees need to be supported because they are the ones with the dreams.

Dick Rudolph-He reported he had received the Attorney General's opinion on the issue of committee members being related to Board Members and the AG's opinion is that no one related to a city board director can be appointed to an advisory committee, commission, or committee.

Therefore Director Rudolph would like the City manager and the City attorney to decide to run a new ad for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee vacancies or appoint the positions with the original letters of interest received. He requested that Jimmy Bolt clean up the right of way on the Airport excess road. He also asked that the citizens get rid of the standing water in their yards to cut down on breeding areas for mosquitoes.

James Calhoun-He reported that he loves the Aquatic Park. He has gone by there everyday and he is proud to see something working that some said would never work. He reminded everyone that no one is getting in free. His family has all bought season passes. He is very thankful for Karen Johnson, Jerry Harvell, Rick Brumley, and all the staff at the park. He also reported that there are still things to do with the Aquatic Park such as decision making items with the soft drink proposals, but as soon as that is taken care of the next project to be completed would be the Recreation Center and then the Youth Sports Complex. He assured the Youth Sports Complex Committee that they will be moving forward with the project as soon as possible.

Ann Sanders-She stated that she would like for the Board to make their own decisions and not ask the Attorney General every time there is something they are not confident in. She would like the City Attorney to advise the Board, however there are several things that can be decided on by the Board without any outside influence.

C.T. Hollingshead- He stated that when the City Attorney advises that the Board seek an Attorney General's opinion unless the Board votes him down, he will follow the advice of the City Attorney. He reported going to Malvern and speaking to classes for Career Day. He distributed information on the Aquatic Park and the children were very excited. He thinks the Aquatic Park, the Recreation Center, and Youth Sports Complex will a great investment for the young people of the area.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Director Rudolph made the motion, seconded by Director Kelly to adjourn. **The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.**

C. T. Hollingshead, Mayor

Rendi Currey, City Clerk

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Attached List
April Hager
Jim Pumphrey
Dorinda Suitor
Larry Corn
Julian Jaeger