

**REGULAR CALLED
MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Boardroom

October 21st, 2004

7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ann Kelly, *Ward 1*
Don Hager, *Ward 2*
Joe Phelps, *Ward 3*
James Calhoun, *Director at Large*
Ann Sanders, *Vice-Mayor, Ward 4*
C. T. Hollingshead, *Mayor*

Barbara Coplen, *City Manager*
Rendi Currey, *City Clerk*
Donna Hilton, *Press*
Jimmy Bolt, *Public Works Director*
Glen Beedle, *Interim Treasurer*

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 October 7th, minutes as presented. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote. The vote was as follows:**

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

DISCUSS SWEARING IN OF ELECTED OFFICIAL

Mayor Hollingshead asked for input on the swearing in of the elected official for Ward 5 at the next regular called Board of Directors meeting. It was the consensus of the group, that the votes would not be certified at the time of the next meeting therefore, this discussion should take place during the November 18th meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION

There has been some research done and several surrounding cities have decided to change the Trick or Treating activities from Sunday October 31st to Saturday October 30th due to many church activities and safety issues. After a brief discussion Director Calhoun made the motion seconded by Vice Mayor Sanders to encourage the citizens of Arkadelphia to Trick or Treat on Saturday October 30th instead of Sunday October 31st. **The motion passed on a roll call vote with Director Phelps voting “Present”.**

APPROVAL FOR THE 2005 TRAILS FOR LIFE GRANT PROGRAM

Rick Brumley came before the Board requesting permission to apply for the 2005 Trails for Life Grant Program. This grant is funded by the tobacco settlement money and is a grant for \$35,000. The City of Arkadelphia applied for this grant last year and was selected in the top 10 but was turned down. This grant is a non matching grant. Director Kelly made the motion seconded by Vice Mayor Sanders to approve the applying for the grant and signing of the resolution attached. **The motion**

passed on a roll call vote with Director Hager voting “Nay”.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR THE RADIO EQUIPMENT AND TOWER FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Bids were advertised in the *Daily Siftings Herald* on October 11th and 18th. Bids were open on October 20th and one bid was received from:

Mid-South Communications Hot Springs, AR

in the amount of \$10,837.40 for the radio tower and \$6,406.60 for the relocation and installation of all dispatch equipment. After a brief discussion the motion was made by Vice Mayor Sanders seconded by Director Hager to accept the bids from Mid-South Communications. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

APPROVAL TO SELL FIRE EQUIPMENT

Last year during the ISO inspection there was no credit given for the 1964 American LaFrance ladder truck. At this time the Fire Department is requesting permission to put out for bid this piece of equipment. Director Calhoun made the motion seconded by Vice Mayor Sanders to put out for bid to sell the 1964 American LaFrance ladder truck. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Ann Kelly-She reported looking forward to the work the water department will be doing at 4th and Caddo.

Don Hager- He passed out bottled water with the City of Arkadelphia logo label on the bottle. Those will be distributed next Thursday night at the city's safe Halloween at the Rec Center. Those will also be given out at the schools during educational events. He reported the filter expansion project at the water treatment plant was seven days ahead of schedule. Also crews have made repairs to the 16 inch main that was damaged by contractors laying TV cable, repairs were made with little inconvenience to customers.

James Calhoun-He reported getting some feed back from citizens about raising the sanitation rates. People are willing to pay more before giving up the amount of service they are getting at this time. He wishes to address this by putting it on the agenda at the second meeting in November. He ended by announcing an Arkadelphia merchants meeting coordinated by the Chamber of Commerce on Monday the 25th at 5:15 p.m. and Tuesday the 26th at 8:15 a.m. at Thrio's to coordinate Christmas decorations and encourage local shopping all are invited to attend.

Ann Sanders-She inquired about vacation buy back and employee appreciation. Ms. Coplen let her know that she is working on a vacation buy back report for them for next meeting and the employee appreciation are given out during the month of December. Ms. Sanders also reported that Jackson Rogers won second place in a utility damage prevention operator skills challenge.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Ms. Coplen reported being in contact with the Department of Correction about some furniture for the new Police building.
- She reported that Glen Beedle was working on September figures for the months end and would be sending those out soon.
- She has been looking into a vacation buy back for 2004 and would like to look at September figures before presenting it to the Board.
- She was excited to report that Streetscape is near completion.
- Thursday October 28th from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. the Rec Center will host a safe Trick or Treat. She invited all to come out and join in the fun.
- She announced that flu shots would be given out at the Rec Center November 3rd at 8:00 a.m. There are only 500 doses available and they will be given out only to those who meet criteria. The shot clinic is being administered by the Clark County Health Department with

- assistance by the city and other volunteers.
- She encouraged citizens to join in at the Rec Center as they walk across America. All walkers write their laps down after walking and the staff mark the miles on a map.
 - She reported giving the Department Heads a deadline of November 1st to get their budget disks turned into Glen, at that time meetings will be set up. She has instructed them to list capital critical needs first.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business to discuss, Vice Mayor Sanders made a motion seconded by Director Kelly to adjourn. **The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**

C. T. Hollingshead, Mayor

Rendi Currey, City Clerk

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Julian Jaeger
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