

**REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Boardroom

November 6th, 2003

7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ann Kelly, *Ward 1*
Don Hager, *Ward 2*
Joe Phelps, *Ward 3*
Dick Rudolph, *Ward 5*
Ann Sanders, *Vice-Mayor, Ward 4*
C. T. Hollingshead, *Mayor*

OTHERS PRESENT:

Barbara Coplen, *City Manager*
Rendi Currey, *City Clerk*
Nancy Anderson, *City Treasurer*
Wendy Plyler, *Press*

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hollingshead called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Mayor Hollingshead

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Mayor Sanders made the motion seconded by Director Hager to approve the October 16th and 30th, 2003 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”
Vice Mayor Sanders	“Aye”	Mayor Hollingshead	“Aye”

ATTENDING CITIZEN-LARRY CAIN

Larry Cain came before the Board to express his opinion of the new FBO lease with Henderson. His opinions were not those of the Airport Committee. Mr. Cain would like to see better negotiations between Henderson and the City of Arkadelphia before the lease is signed in 2004.

APPROVAL OF THE HENDERSON STATE UNIVERSITY LEASE FOR THE AIRPORT

On October 28th the Airport Advisory Committee voted to recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the signing of the FBO lease with Henderson. After a brief discussion Director Kelly made a motion seconded by Director Hager to authorize the City Manager to sign the FBO lease with Henderson. **The motion passed on a 4 to 2 vote with Directors Phelps voting no and Director Rudolph voting present.**

OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE 5TH AND CLAY PROPERTY FOR POLICE

Mayor Hollingshead excused himself from the discussion and vote on this subject due to a possible conflict of interest. Ms. Coplen updated the Board on the offer made on the basis of the Board approval. There was a counter in the amount of \$300,000 contingent on Board approval, financing, and items needed for building. After a brief discussion Director Rudolph made a motion seconded

by Director Hager to accept the offer and acceptance on the building at 5th and Clay Street for the Police department. **The motion passed on a 4 to 2 vote with Vice Mayor Sanders voting no and Mayor Hollingshead abstaining.**

PUBLIC HEARING – REFINANCING THE TOWN HALL BONDS

Nancy Anderson, Treasurer, updated the Board on the steps she had taken to refinance the Town Hall bonds as elected in a prior meeting. A resolution has been prepared by Friday, Eldridge, and Clark pending Board approval. These bonds will be issued to provide all or a portion of the funds necessary to refund the City's Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds (Civic Center Project), Series 1999, finance the acquisition, renovation, furnishing, and equipping the 5th and Clay location for the Police department, finance the renovation and expansion of the fire department building, pay expenses of issuing the bonds and fund a debt service reserve. The city proposes to repay the Bonds with franchise fees collected by the City from utilities. The debt will be \$125,000 yearly.

Director Rudolph made a motion seconded by Director Hager to adopt the resolution prepared by Friday, Eldridge, and Clark and forward it back to the firm. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

RECOMMENDATION OF PROPOSED TAX FOR YOUTH SPORTS COMPLEX

David Thigpen a representative from the Youth Sports Complex Committee came before the Board and read a prepared statement that asked for their continued support and discussed the committee's plans to come forward in early 2004 to present a plan for funding potentials.

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE ON REC CENTER FEES, RULES AND PROCEDURES, AND STAFFING POSITIONS

Rick Brumley updated the Board on the Rec Center and presented staff and committee recommended fees, rules and procedures, and staffing positions. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to break down each subject to a vote. Director Phelps made a motion seconded by Director Hager to set a fee for an activity card for the Rec Center; adults \$5 and seniors and children \$3. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

Director Phelps made a motion seconded by Director Hager to accept the room and gym fees for rental as presented. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

Director Hager made a motion seconded by Director Kelly to accept the rules and procedures as presented. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

Director Phelps made a motion seconded by Vice Mayor Sanders to accept the staffing positions with the addition of one full time employee. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

APPROVAL OF A CHANGE ORDER FOR STREETScape

Ms. Coplen reported that the change order to install concrete crosswalks, isolate electrical system, and install concrete pavement was voted on and recommended to the City Board by the 2025 Commission in their last meeting. Vice Mayor Sanders made a motion seconded by Director Kelly to accept the change order from McClelland in the amount of \$53,471.31. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Ms. Coplen wanted to thank OBU for the topsoil that will be placed at the Rec Center
- The County brought in some dirt for the curb and gutter on 23rd
- Twin Rivers Health and Rehab is building a new wing and they would like to give the city some grass

- Budget drafts will be out in a few days

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Director Kelly made the motion, seconded by Director Hager to adjourn. **The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.**

C. T. Hollingshead, Mayor

Rendi Currey, City Clerk

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Attached List
Julian Jaeger
Elwood Newborn
David Thigpen
Rick Brumley