

**REGULAR CALLED MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Boardroom
MEMBERS:**

November 17th, 2011

5:30 P.M.

OTHERS:

Jason Jones, *Ward 1 Director*
Johnny Harris, *Ward 2 Director*
Scott Byrd, *Ward 3 Director*
Roland Gosey, *Ward 4 Director*
Terry Sims, *Ward 5 Director*
James Calhoun, *Vice Mayor, At Large Director*
C. T. Hollingshead, *Mayor*

Jimmy Bolt, *City Manager*
Rendi Currey, *City Clerk*
Jamal Brown, *Press*

(See attached list)

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hollingshead called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

Vice Mayor Calhoun

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Director Sims seconded by Director Jones to approve the minutes from the November 3rd, 2011 regular called meeting as presented and the motion passed with a roll call vote and the vote was as follows:

Jason Jones	“Aye”	Roland Gosey	“Aye”
Terry Sims	“Aye”	James Calhoun	“Aye”
Mayor Hollingshead	“Aye”		

ATTENDING CITIZEN-HENRY WILSON

Mr. Wilson spoke in protest against the A & P ordinance.

Director Byrd arrived at 5:32 p.m. Director Harris arrived at 5:37 p.m.
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ATTENDING CITIZEN-LILLIAN BLACKMON

Mrs. Blackmon presented an alternate plan for an overall sales tax increase.

CONSIDER FUNDING REQUEST FROM THE ARKADELPHIA ALLIANCE

Mrs. Egleston spoke to the Board requesting continued support for the Diamond Lakes Visitor Center. Mrs. Nelson spoke to the Board requesting continued support for the Chamber of Commerce.

CONSIDER THIRD READING OF THE A&P TAX ORDINANCE

Mr. Bolt requested a change in the proposed ordinance. His recommendation was to remove the wording “in the county” in Section 5 (a) (3). This would keep the number of county residents on the Commission to two. Director Sims made the motion seconded by Director Jones to accept the recommendation. The motion passed with a roll call and the vote was as follows:

Jason Jones	“Aye”	Johnny Harris	“Nay”
Scott Byrd	“Aye”	Roland Gosey	“Aye”
Terry Sims	“Nay”	James Calhoun	“Aye”
Mayor Hollingshead	“Aye”		

During the last meeting Director Jones made a motion seconded by Director Sims to place the A & P Tax Ordinance on its third reading title only at this time. The Mayor called for the Clerk to read the ordinance title only at this time.

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A TAX OF ONE PERCENT (1%) UPON THE GROSS RECEIPTS OF HOTELS, MOTELS OR SIMILAR RENTAL ACCOMADATIONS AND RESTAURANTS OR SIMILAR BUSINESSES, PRESCRIBING THE USES THEREFORE, CREATING THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA ADVERTISEMENT AND PROMOTION COMMISSION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Director Jones made the motion seconded by Director Sims to adopt the ordinance. **The motion passed 5 to 2 with Harris and Byrd voting Nay.**

CONSIDER BIDS FOR WATER DEPARTMENT TRUCK

The Water and Sewer Department advertised a bid for a pick up truck. The bids were open on Monday November 14, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. The bids were as follows:

<u>BIDDER:</u>	<u>VEHICLE:</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
North Point Ford North Little Rock, AR	2012 Ford F-150	\$ 16,445.00
Landers Ford Benton, AR	2012 Ford F-150	\$ 17,610.00
Landers Chevrolet Benton, AR	2012 Chevrolet	\$ 18,410.00
Landers Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep Benton, AR	2012 Dodge Ram	\$ 18,788.00

Staff recommendation is to award the bid to North Point Ford for the 2012 Ford F-150 in the amount of \$16,445.00. Director Byrd made the motion seconded by Director Jones to award the bid to North Point Ford for the 2012 Ford F-150 in the amount of \$16,445.00. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

CONSIDER RENAMING DUPLICATE BLOCK OF 15TH STREET TO SOUTH 15TH COURT

Mr. Neal's residence is in a duplicate block of 15th Street and he believes if there was a 911 call placed from his home emergency personnel would have difficulty locating his residence; for this reason he is requesting a name change and ordinance 155 requires a street name be done by ordinance. Mayor Hollingshead made the motion seconded by Director Jones to place this ordinance on its first reading. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

The Mayor called for the Clerk to read the ordinance in its entirety:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS TO ADMEND THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS STREET MAP DATED JANUARY 2011 BY RENAMING A DUPLICATE BLOCK OF 15TH STREET(THE SOUTH 100 BLOCK) TO SOUTH 15TH COURT DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Vice Mayor Calhoun made the motion seconded by Director Harris to suspend the rules and place this ordinance on its second reading title. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

The Mayor called for the Clerk to read the ordinance title only:

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Vice Mayor Calhoun made the motion seconded by Director Harris to suspend the rules and place this ordinance on its third reading title. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

The Mayor called for the Clerk to read the ordinance title only:

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

Vice Mayor Calhoun made the motion seconded by Director Gosey to adopt the emergency clause. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

SUSPEND THE RULES

Mr. Bolt requested the Board suspend the rules to consider two resolutions which would authorize the City Manager to apply for grants. Director Jones made the motion seconded by Director Harris to suspend the rules to consider two resolutions. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

Mr. Kyle Jones, Grants Writer, spoke to the Board about the two grant opportunities that he had just learned about and apologized for the short notice. He requested the Board adopt the resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for a grant under the GIF Funded Community Enhancement Grant Program for the Farmer's Market. Director Byrd made the motion seconded by Director Gosey to adopt the resolution. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

The next resolution was a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for a grant under the GIF Funded Community Enhancement Grant Program for the Community Family Enrichment Center. Vice Mayor Calhoun made the motion seconded by Director Byrd to adopt the resolution. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

- Reminded everyone to shop local when shopping this holiday season.
- Reminded everyone that the Board meetings will change to the first and third Tuesday of the month in December and the first meeting will be December 6th.

- Staff continues to work on the 2012 Budget and I want to thank every department head for their exceptional level of dedication to their own departments while considering the needs of the entire city. Staff is at the stage of combining all departments to develop a proposed budget. If that phase I am still hopeful that we can have a meeting on November 22nd to review.
- Fire Station bids were opened today and came in \$80,000 over budget. Staff will be working to negotiate that down to get within our budget.
- As staff is looking for ways to reduce expenses without reducing services we requested bids for the grounds maintenance of Rose Hill cemetery. They have been opened and we are analyzing the results.
- Ms. Currey has requested feedback from Board Members on the Winter Conference. Please let her know soon she can register you for the conference.
- On behalf of the City of Arkadelphia I would like to thank each and every one of you who worked so hard on this years Rally on the Ravine. It was an overwhelming success. This community is so fortunate to have people like you all working towards the good of all. I appreciate the hard work and dedication that Leadership Clark County has given back to us.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Jason Jones, Ward 1-He reported that the Rally on the Ravine was a really great event. Caddo Valley was able to offer support to the Rally through their A & P Commission and Caddo Valley got a lot of advertisement from it.

Johnny Harris, Ward 2-He reminded everyone that even though the A & P Tax is not a popular item the Board suspended the rules and approved applying for \$81,000 for the community tonight.

Scott Byrd, Ward 3-He said that there are a lot on strong emotions about the A & P tax either way. He said this is a good Board and we have come together as a group even if we do not agree on the issue we treat each other with respect.

Roland Gosey, Ward 4-He reminded everyone that the first open forum is Tuesday November 29, 2011 at 6 p.m. He also reminded everyone that during that forum there will be rules in place and the performance of Mr. Wilson here tonight will not be tolerated. We want to help the city come together and do what is best for the city.

Terry Sims, Ward 5-She reported enjoying the Rally and she showed off her Flag Football trophy. She enjoyed the Pat Green concert and she even went back stage/

**James Calhoun, Vice Mayor, At Large Director-
Mayor Hollingshead, Mayor-**

Mr. Wilson started to interrupt the meeting and Director Sims motioned to adjourn before routine business was over.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business to discuss, Director Sims made the motion seconded by Director Jones to adjourn. **The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.**

C. T. Hollingshead, Mayor

Rendi Currey, City Clerk

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Al Harris
Kyle Jones
Glen Beedle
Lillian Blackmon
Ken Blackmon
Jodie Wyatt
Dick Rudolph
Debbie Sorrells
Connie Nelson
Julian Jaeger
Tim Kauffman
Gerald Browning
Betty Eckhart
Vickie Egleston
Mary Ross
Henry Wilson
Brenda Gills
Albert Neal