

**REGULAR CALLED MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Boardroom

April 2, 2019

5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order Mayor James Calhoun
2. Invocation
3. Approval of Board Minutes from March 19, 2019 – Mayor Calhoun
4. New Fire Chief Update – Gary Brinkley
5. Condemnation of 320 N. Clark Street – Gary Brinkley
6. City Manager's Report – Gary Brinkley
7. Routine Business – Mayor Calhoun
8. Adjournment – Mayor Calhoun

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MEMBERS:

Taylor Chaney, *Ward 1 Director*
Chris Porter, *Ward 2 Director*
Scott Byrd, *Ward 3 Director, Assistant Mayor*
Joann Nelson, *Ward 4 Director*
Jason Jones, *Ward 5 Director*
Roland Gosey, *Ward 6, At Large Director*
James Calhoun, *Ward 7, Mayor*

OTHERS:

Gary Brinkley, *City Manager*
Jessica Davis, *City Clerk*

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Director Porter.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES FROM MARCH 5, 2019

A motion was made by Assistant Mayor Byrd, seconded by Director Gosey to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2019 regular called meeting of the Board of Directors.

The motion passed on a roll call vote and the vote was as follows:

Taylor Chaney	“Aye”	Roland Gosey	‘Aye”
Chris Porter	“Aye”	Jason Jones	“Aye”
Joann Nelson	“Aye”	Mayor Calhoun	“Aye”
Scott Byrd	“Aye”		

REQUEST TO SPEAK ON CONDEMNATIONS

Mayor Calhoun invited Mr. Henry Wilson up to address the Board regarding his personal views on condemnations in Arkadelphia.

Mr. Wilson presented his views to the Board.

CONDEMNATION PROCESS

Mr. Brinkley addressed the Board to explain two options for securing a lien on property that has been condemned and not removed by the owners. There was a brief discussion held.

CONDEMNATION OF 320 NORTH CLARK STREET

Mr. Brinkley addressed the Board and suggested Mr. Johnny Harris be allowed to continue to improve his property. Mr. Harris has made some efforts to meet standards and bring his property into compliance. A brief discussion was held.

GUM SPRINGS MEMORANDUM OF INTENT

Mr. Brinkley requested the Board approve the Memorandum of Intent to consolidate Arkadelphia and Gum Springs Water Utilities and for the Mayor to execute the necessary documents.

A motion was made by Assistant Mayor Byrd, seconded by Director Chaney to approve the Memorandum of Intent and for the Mayor to execute the documents. **The motion passed on a roll call vote and the vote was as follows:**

Taylor Chaney	“Aye”	Roland Gosey	“Aye”
Chris Porter	“Aye”	Jason Jones	“Aye”
Joann Nelson	“Aye”	Mayor Calhoun	“Aye”
Scott Byrd	“Aye”		

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

March 19, 2019

- Follow up. You may recall at our last meeting the building was on partial power. We were fortunate that the short in the HVAC unit on the lower level of Town Hall was not damaged when wires shorted out. The majority of the expense will be associated with the ballasts that were blown when the short and power surges occurred. We simply wired around the ballasts and moved to LED lights. A move we have been doing as ballasts go out and needs to occur throughout the building.
- The curb and gutter and sidewalk project along High School Road is completed. The fencing to go along the creek has been ordered and hope it be installed within the next 14 days.
- Our thanks to the Rotary Sunrise Club and Dr. Sandifer for sponsoring and supporting the men and women who work in Sanitation, Streets, Water Utility and Grounds for the city and county. This year's non-uniformed employees' luncheon was held on March 8th. Dr. Sandifer had enough door prizes for everyone in attendance to have a door prize. Coach Eldridge did a great job speaking to the group. We hope this appreciation luncheon continues in perpetuity.
- Our thanks to Mayor Ivory of Gum Springs and the Water Utility Committee for their work on the Memorandum of Intent. Staff will continue to update you on the progress which may take six to ten months to complete.

- It was my pleasure to be in Little Rock recently with the Alliance meeting with Senators, Representatives and others at the Capital. The new Leadership Clark County class was there and I am really excited about this group and what they can do to aid in the transformation of Clark County to a prosperous place for us to live, work and play.
- We are moving through interviews for the Fire Chiefs job with the first round being completed this week. Second round interviews will commence next week with a decision coming shortly after that round of interviews.
- Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the Ground-Breaking Ceremony for the new Fairfield Inn and Suites last Thursday. It would appear the preponderance of the site work has been prepped. We look forward to the next 12 months as we see the hotel come out of the ground and ready for occupancy.
- The repairs of the culver on Pine between 15th & 16th have gone quickly and the road may be open by the time we leave tonight.

Dates to Remember:

- We have survived the Spring banquet season and I have no major upcoming events to report!
- The dedication of the new 51/7 Bridge to be known as the Veteran's Memorial Bridge will be Friday, March 29th at 11:00 am. Please let Jessica know if you plan to attend as they have requested an RSVP.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Taylor Chaney, Ward 1 – He thanked Mr. Wilson for his comments. The pictures reminded him of Arms Around Arkadelphia. He thinks those projects begin around the end of May or beginning of June. Contact David McAllister.

Chris Porter, Ward 2 – He expressed his appreciation for the Board. He has been here long enough to see how things work and feels it is done with a good spirit and with the intent to help people. He said it is good to be a part of “how can we help” even through the negative side of it. He also thanked all of the First Responders. He appreciates all that they do.

ROUTINE BUSINESS (cont.)

Joann Nelson, Ward 4 – She is glad to here.

Jason Jones, Ward 5 – He is glad it is Spring Break and is thankful his friend Roland is ok after his tragedy last week.

Roland Gosey, Ward 6 Director at Large – He thanked the Arkadelphia Fire Department for everything they did to put out the fire at his business. It was not a total loss and he is grateful for that. Plans are underway to rebuild. They will be back in business. He has many people to thank.

Scott Byrd, Ward 3, Assistant Mayor – He is preparing for his trip. His motorcycle is being shipped overseas and he will reunite with it in Normandy.

James Calhoun, Mayor – He hopes everyone enjoys the rest of their Spring Break. He enjoyed the Non Uniformed Employee Appreciation Luncheon that was held for Sanitation and Water Utility employees. He was happy to be at the hotel groundbreaking.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Director Nelson made the motion, seconded by Assistant Mayor Byrd to adjourn. **The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.**

James Calhoun, Mayor

Jessica Davis, City Clerk

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Jason Jackson
Vanilla Hannah
Jonathon Boyce
Mike Volz
Lewellyn Terry
Henry Wilson
Keith Beason
David Green
Jason Nelson
Bill Sutley- **Press**

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To: Arkadelphia City Board
Cc: Ed McCorkle, City Attorney
From: Gary Brinkley, City Manager
Date: March 27, 2019
Re: New Fire Chief Update

I will provide you a verbal update as to the status of the process at the Board Meeting.



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To: Arkadelphia City Board
Cc: Ed McCorkle, City Attorney
From: Gary Brinkley, City Manager
Date: March 26, 2019
Re: Condemnation of 320 N. Clark

I met with the owner of the property on Monday, March 25th upon his return to town.

The owner of the property has made additional modifications to meet the minimum standard for the storage facility.

The sag in the roofline has been modified. The flashings around the doors has been installed. The underpinning has been reset and the building has been painted to provide a waterproofing of the exterior finish.

At this time, staff would recommend removing 320 N. Clark from our condemnation list.

Should this fall back into a substandard condition, staff will recommend you note the facility a nuisance and advise our attorney to pursue a confirmation of nuisance with the Circuit Court. It is our hope that following this incident, this will not be necessary in the future.

We welcome any question you may have regarding our recommendation.