

REGULAR CALLED MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Boardroom

June 19, 2018

5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order Asst. Mayor Scott Byrd
2. Invocation
3. Approval of Board Minutes from June 5, 2018 – Asst. Mayor Byrd
4. Update on Funding on Phase II for Hwy 7/51 Bridge- Asst. Mayor Byrd
Community Update Don Chaney
5. Action Regarding Phase II Study of Hwy 7/51 Bridge – Asst. Mayor Byrd
6. Consideration and Action regarding MOA for Hwy 7/51 Bridge –Asst. Mayor Byrd
7. Routine Business – Asst. Mayor Byrd
8. Adjournment – Asst. Mayor Byrd

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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June 05, 2018

5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS:

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

OTHERS:

Gary Brinkley, City Manager
Jennifer Story, City Clerk
Tammy Beeler, Treasurer
Nancy Anderson, Grants

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Director Jones.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by, Director Jones seconded by Asst. Mayor Byrd to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2018 regular called meeting of the Board of Directors. **The motion passed with a roll call vote and the vote was as follows:**

Taylor Chaney	“Aye”	Roland Gosey	“Aye”
Delton Simpson	“Aye”	Jason Jones	“Aye”
Joann Nelson	“Absent”	Mayor Calhoun	“Absent”
Scott Byrd	“Aye”		

AMTRAK PROCLAMATION

Asst. Mayor Byrd acknowledged Proclamation to be presented to Amtrak calling upon them to report their commitment to providing long-term, sustainable train service to all Amtrak-served communities in response to Congress’ 2018 funding bill increase over FY 2018 projections.

SECOND READING, TITLE ONLY, ORDINANCE TO AMEND LAND USE AND SIGN REGULATIONS

During the last meeting Director Gosey made the motion seconded by Director Chaney to place this ordinance on its second reading title only in the next regular meeting. The Mayor called for the Clerk to read and the Clerk read the ordinance title only.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED LAND USE ORDINANCE B-425, PART A – ZONING; CHAPTER V, ARTICLE 5-12 SIGN REGULATIONS

Director Chaney made the motion seconded by Director Chaney to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading title only. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.** The Asst. Mayor called for the Clerk to read the ordinance title only:

Taylor Chaney	“Aye”	Roland Gosey	“Aye”
Delton Simpson	“Aye”	Jason Jones	“Aye”
Joann Nelson	“Absent”	Mayor Calhoun	“Absent”
Scott Byrd	“Aye”		

Clerk Read the Ordinance Title Only.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED LAND USE ORDINANCE B-425,
PART A – ZONING; CHAPTER V, ARTICLE 5-12 SIGN REGULATIONS**

Director Chaney made the motion seconded by Director Jones to adopt the ordinance.

The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Taylor Chaney	“Aye”	Roland Gosey	“Aye”
Delton Simpson	“Aye”	Jason Jones	“Aye”
Joann Nelson	“Absent”	Mayor Calhoun	“Absent”
Scott Byrd	“Aye”		

PUBLIC HEARING- HWY 7/51 BRIDGE

Assistant Mayor Byrd adjourned the city board meeting and called the Public Hearing to order at 5:36 p.m. Before beginning he briefly reviewed the Procedural Rules for conducting open hearings by highlighting those wishing to speak must live or have land or a business within the city limits and keep their comments to five minutes.

The City Manager reported the ArDOT Historic Bridge Analysis Committee ruled a 90-day extension would be appropriate to allow the City of Arkadelphia time to contemplate acceptance of the Ouachita River Bridge. At the end of the 90 day period (September 4th), if not sooner, the City needed to decide to accept the bridge by signing a transfer of title document or send notification in writing of their intent to terminate the MOA.

Representatives from Michael Baker Int'l were present to answer questions about a Phase II Study and how it could help the board make their decision. The Phase II study would take approximately three months and cost between \$18,000 and \$20,000 to further diagnose structural concerns and adaptive reuse as a pedestrian or Bicycle Bridge.

Those speaking **for** the city of Arkadelphia keeping the Ouachita River Bridge – AHTD Bridge 01412 were as follows:

Mr. Don Chaney 220 Riverside Dr. Arkadelphia, AR	Tyler Freeman 213 Pinnacle Dr. Arkadelphia, AR	Mr. Bob Thompson President of Clark County Historical Association
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Their concerns were about losing a part of history and loss opportunities to expand tourism and park and trail development.

Those speaking **against** the city of Arkadelphia keeping the Ouachita River Bridge – AHTD Bridge 01412 were as follows:

Mr. Joe Palmere
2502 Yorkshire
Arkadelphia, AR

He questioned the city’s ability to adequately maintain the property, parks, trails, and streets they currently own without taking on more.

There being no further public comment, the Asst. Mayor closed the public hearing and called the city board meeting to order at 5:56 p.m.

ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF HWY 7/51 BRIDGE

Director Chaney made a motion seconded by Director Simpson to proceed with the Phase II Study subject to securing funding for the study by the June 19th city board meeting. **The motion passed on a 4-1 vote as follows:**

Taylor Chaney	“Aye”	Roland Gosey	“Aye”
Delton Simpson	“Aye”	Jason Jones	“No”
Joann Nelson	“Absent”	Mayor Calhoun	“Absent”
Scott Byrd	“Aye”		

City Manager’s Report

June 5, 2018

- We received an email from the Alliance on Friday, May 25th that Chairman Li of Sun Paper told his team to move forward on the Arkadelphia project.
- **Clarification** from the last Managers Report. Officer Free writes **Violations NOT Citations**. I misspoke at the last meeting and there is a significant difference in the definitions. I apologize for misspeaking.
- The Firemen’s Pension & Relief Board conducted their semi-annual meeting on May 17th. They approved the annual budget and voted not to incorporate into the LOPFI program. LOPFI requested the board’s consideration for incorporation, as they have in the past.
- On May 17 Ruggles-Wilcox had a very nice parade for Veterans from their funeral home to a new area at Rest Haven Memorial Gardens where they dedicated a portion for military veterans and their spouses. The new owners did not want Arkadelphia service personnel to have to go over an hour away to be buried at the national cemetery.
- The pool at the Aquatic Park was inspected by the Health Dept. on May 24th and is ready for business. Please check the website for pool hours. Not only are there open hours but many swim classes occurring as well as water aerobics this year.
- The Arkadelphia Public School Food Service along with the US Dept. of Agriculture is hosting Free lunches at the Rec Center for all kids under age 18.

Times are 11:45 am to 1:00 pm. Please pass this along to so every kid in Arkadelphia eats lunch at least 5 times a week.

- The new Hwy 7/51 Bridge opened for business on May 23rd. Final clean up and punch list completion should take until the end of June per the bridge contractor.
- On May 24th there was a follow up meeting between the city, ArDOT and Fish & Game to discuss the removal of construction material used for the building of the bridge to be repurposed for the stabilization of the bank at River Park. Our thanks to Mr. Don Chaney for his efforts in keeping this project moving forward.
- Officer Free and the ADC prisoners worked May 28 & 29 cleaning out the ditch off S. 10th by the Dept. of Human Services. We are grateful for this opportunity for the manpower to make such a difference in the drainage system that has so many needs.
- The fire department in concert with Officer Free burned a house at 1310 N. 10th. It was a house that needed condemnation and we were able to use it for fire training.
- On June 1st, Administration and Department Heads met with representatives from the Arkansas Municipal League Workers Compensation Department to facilitate an improved workers safety program. In 2016 the city suffered from loss time and this program will aid in minimizing lost time injuries and bring down our Workers Comp rates.
- MLK Park Update: We are receiving proposals from the engineer/landscape architectural firms to consider for the planning of the park. Met with Matt McNair this am with the Outdoor Recreation Grant Coordinator for the southern region of the State. We let him know of our process to bring forth an excellent park and he gave us his thoughts.
- The final Streetscape project for 6th St between Clinton to Carpenter is in the 100% plan review stage with ArDOT. There has been some feedback on the easements which is being worked out. We expect final approval in July and the bid to occur shortly after the final approval.
- Staff hopes to receive a Historic Preservation Grant to assist in the roof repairs at the Depot. Awards will be announced on June 11th via award letters. If selected it is a 2/3 1/3 grant with us paying 1/3 of the \$29,000 or \$9,570.
- A delay on the Feaster Trail extension was experienced beginning May 21st when an AT&T cable was cut. There will be a 30-day extension on the contract as we wait for AT&T to arrive and repair the cable. It is our understanding the cable was not marked when the locates were called in which was the cause of the damage.
- Dates to Remember:
 - June 6 at 10:30 am opening bids on Airport lighting package.
 - Deadline to receive all RFQ's for the MLK Memorial Park is June 8th.
 - Board of Zoning Adjustments/Planning Commission meets in these chambers on June 21st at 5:30 pm.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Taylor Chaney, Ward 1- He has been working with Arms Around Arkadelphia. He asked the City Manager if there is a MLK Park Committee, and Mr. Brinkley said he is working on bringing that to the Board in the near future.

Delton Simpson, Ward 2 – He has been working with his constituents on the concern of the public shooting off fireworks in their back yard. He has also been working with Arms Around Arkadelphia in the Gurdon area.

Joann Nelson, Ward 4- Absent.

Jason Jones, Ward 5- He explained why he voted no to not to going ahead on the Phase II study for the Ouachita River Bridge. He is concerned that the City will have long term expenses on the bridge.

Roland Gosey, Ward 6 Director at Large- He is receiving phone calls from citizens wanting to know why their water bills have gotten so high.

Scott Byrd, Ward 3, Assistant Mayor- He is also concerned about the Feaster sign on the Feaster trail. He thanked Chief Shorty Jackson for work well done on the Caddo River during the Holiday. He wants the Board to keep Director Nelson in our prayers.

James Calhoun, Mayor- Absent

ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business to discuss, Director Chaney made the motion seconded by to adjourn. **The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.**

Scott Byrd, Asst Mayor

Jennifer Story, City Clerk

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Joe Palmere
Harley Martinelli
Tim Knight
Carly H Linton
Mildred Smith
Jason Jackson
Al Harris
Chuck Fitzsimmons
Johnathan X
Fred Hayn
Mike Stengel
Don Chaney
Bob Thompson
Joshua Thompson
Caroline Luck
Henry Wilson
Tyler Freeman
Joe Mays- **Press**
Andrew Wright-**Press**



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TO: ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CC: ED MCCORKLE, CITY ATTORNEY
FROM: GARY BRINKLEY, CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: Agenda Item # 4 – Update on Phase II Funding
DATE: June 15, 2018

Mr. Don Chaney will be available to discuss the efforts to date on raising the necessary funding for the proposed Phase II Study of the Ouachita Bridge.



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TO: ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CC: ED MCCORKLE, CITY ATTORNEY
FROM: GARY BRINKLEY, CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: Agenda Item # 5 – Action Regarding Phase II Study ArDOT Bridge 01412
DATE: June 15, 2018

Pursuant to the funding being available, Board has the opportunity to approve the Phase II study by Michael Baker International. Attached is the Draft Scope for Study.

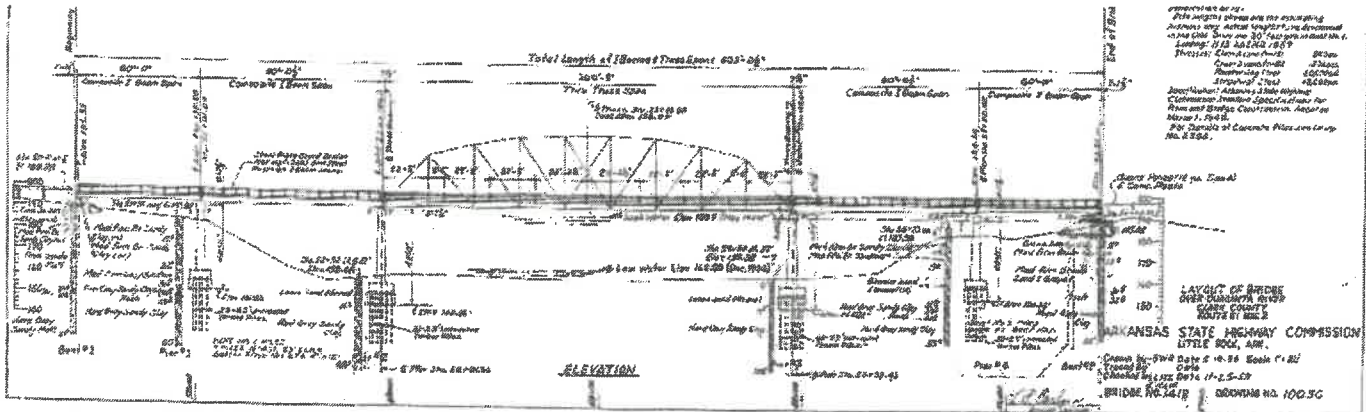
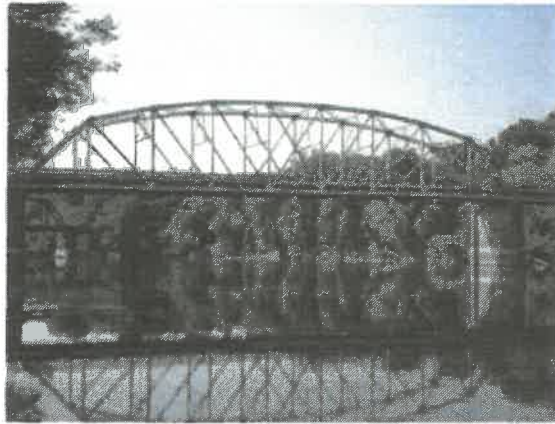
The scope of work list 7 items to be evaluated for the purpose of making the decision to move forward with the Memorandum of Agreement with the state in accepting or declining ownership of the bridge.

I would suggest there be a #8 which is any failures/issues that need immediate addressing and the associated cost. Items such as the decking releasing and falling into the river or other structural concerns that need immediate financial dedication need to be identified.

ATTACHMENTS: Draft Scope for Study

ArDOT Bridge 01412 (Arkadelphia, AR, Hwy 51, Ouachita River)

Evaluation of Factors Related to City Ownership of Bridge



DRAFT SCOPE FOR STUDY

June 7, 2018

ArDOT Bridge 01412 (Arkadelphia, AR, Hwy 51, Ouachita River)
Evaluation of Factors Related to City Ownership of Bridge

General Scope Description:

Phase 2 Study – Evaluate factors, considerations, and costs for modification of the bridge for pedestrian/bicycle traffic only.

Phase 2 Detailed Description:

- 1) Gather current and available information from ArDOT and others as needed to investigate the various factors related to conversion of the existing bridge to pedestrian/bicycle traffic only and the effect and/or limitations on the status as a Historic Bridge.
- 2) Determine what minimum modifications (i.e. railing, lighting, ADA requirements, etc.) to the bridge are required when Federal funds are used for conversion of the bridge to exclusive use by pedestrians and bicyclists. Detailed design calculations will not be performed.
- 3) Evaluate design and other factors needed to reconfigure the bridge approaches to accommodate pedestrian and bicycling traffic while preventing vehicular access.
- 4) Evaluate factors involved in allowing utilities to remain on the bridge.
- 5) Provide a high level cost estimate or range of potential costs for each of the above.
- 6) Determine which work items are eligible for reimbursement from ArDOT Historical Bridge funds.
- 7) Prepare and submit a written report, including recommendation(s) for using ArDOT Historical Bridge funds to assure maximum value to the City.



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TO: ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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FROM: GARY BRINKLEY, CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: Agenda Item #6 – Memorandum of Agreement ArDOT Bridge 01412
DATE: June 15, 2018

Pursuant to the results of agenda items 4 & 5, this item may not be necessary as the funding has been secured and the Phase II study approved.

Should that not occur, the Board must contemplate accepting the MOA and moving forward with the transfer of title for the bridge to the City of Arkadelphia, or contemplate declining the MOA and directing the City Manager to send written notification to ArDOT that the city is in not in position to accept ownership of the bridge.