

REGULAR CALLED MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Boardroom

June 5, 2018

5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order Mayor James Calhoun
2. Invocation
3. Approval of Board Minutes from May 15, 2018
4. Consideration and Approval of Amtrak Resolution – Gary Brinkley
5. Second Reading, Title Only, Ordinance to Amend Land Use and Sign Regulations – Jennifer Story
6. Public Hearing- Hwy 7/51 Bridge – Assistant Mayor Byrd
7. Action Regarding Acceptance of Hwy 7/51 Bridge - Assistant Mayor Byrd
8. City Manager's Report – Gary Brinkley
9. Routine Business – Mayor Calhoun
10. Adjournment – Mayor Calhoun

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May 15, 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*

OTHERS:

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Asst. Mayor Byrd

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by, Director Jones seconded by Asst. Mayor Byrd to approve the minutes from the May 1, 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	"Aye"
Scott Byrd	"Aye"		

CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF MICRO SEAL BID FOR STREET PAVEMENT REHABILITATIONS 2018

Mr. Brinkley informed the Board the staff advertised for sealed bids to be received on May 10th at 3:00 pm for the unit pricing for the micro sealing of an estimated 28,000 to 30,000 square yards. The only bid received was Vance Brothers, Inc. of Conway, Arkansas with a unit price of \$2.95 per square yard. Vance Brothers has been doing the work in Arkadelphia for a number of years and staff is very pleased with the work performed. Staff recommends the acceptance of Vance Brothers, Inc. for the 2018 micro sealing work to be performed in Arkadelphia at a unit price of \$2.95 per square yard. Director Jones made the motion, seconded by Asst. Mayor Byrd to accept the proposed bid for Vance Brothers at \$2.95 per square yard as presented. **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	"Aye"
Scott Byrd	"Aye"		

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND LAND USE AND SIGN REGULATIONS

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

The Mayor called for the public hearing to begin at 5:34 p.m. Shelly Loe the Director of Arkadelphia Alliance spoke to the Board of Directors of her support on this Ordinance. It will help small businesses located in the downtown area of Arkadelphia. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 5:39 p.m.

CONSIDER AND ACTION REGARDING ORDINANCE TO AMEND LAND USE AND SIGN REGULATIONS

Staff is requesting placing the ordinance on its first reading to Consider an Action regarding ordinance to Amend Land Use and Sign Regulations. The Ordinance would allow for highway billboards along the I-30 corridor, exclusive of residential zoning. Director Chaney made the motion seconded by Director Jones to place the ordinance on its first reading. **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	“Aye”
Scott Byrd	“Aye”		

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

CONSIDER AND ACTION REGARDING ORDINANCE TO AMEND LAND USE AND SIGN REGULATIONS

Director Gosey made the motion seconded by Director Chaney to place the ordinance on its second reading title only at the next meeting. **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	“Aye”
Scott Byrd	“Aye”		

CONSIDER AND ACTION REGARDING THE CURRENT HWY 7 OUACHITA BRIDGE

There has been several questions regarding the City of Arkadelphia’s acceptance of the old Ouachita River Bridge from the Arkansas Department of Transportation. The concerns regarding the condition of the bridge and projected future rehabilitation expenses had been discussed at the August 2017 Board Retreat.

The Agreement with ArDOT is for the city to assume title of the bridge and assume all preservation and maintenance of the bridge. There is a \$148,000 reimbursement grant from ArDOT for bridge repurposing. The Agreement also covenants that the city will guarantee all work would be done in accordance to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and listed eight specific requirements. Once the new bridge is opened ArDOT, working the Architectural Historian for ArDOT, will convey title of the bridge to the city and the city will assume responsibility.

Staff brought it to the attention of the Board that the new bridge is opening and it is time to affirm the acceptance of the old bridge or respectfully withdraw from the Agreement and allow ArDOT to pursue other options.

With much discussion and concerns expressed, Director Chaney asked the Board if they would table this item until further information is given to the Board to make a decision on the future of the Ouachita River Bridge. Director Chaney made the motion, seconded by Director Gosey to table this item until next meeting. **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	"Aye"
Scott Byrd	"Aye"		

City Manager's Report
May 15, 2018

- May 4th we executed an agreement with Babe Ruth Baseball to host the SW Regional Baseball Tournament July 19-26. Our thanks to the Rotary Club for hosting the ceremony. This event is in conjunction with the Arkadelphia Baseball Commission. There will be between 10-12 teams from a six-state region here participating. Staff really wants this tournament to be highly successful so we can host the Babe Ruth World Series event in the future.
- In spite of the rain Crawfest was a success. Our thanks to the Alliance, Southern Bancorp, the Gossip Shop, and everyone who helped make Crawfest 2018 a success. Thanks to Chuck and Chief Jackson for their above and beyond help.
- The pool at the Aquatic Park has been filled up and now Mr. Volz has begun chemical balancing process that will occupy his thoughts the next five months.
- Please mow your grass. Code Enforcement, Officer Free is writing about 30 tickets a day for tall grass already. Officer Free is determined to keep a handle on tall grass issue this year.

- When Officer Free and I were working on how to improve the cleanup of Pine St we did learn the States protocol. They are responsible for the area between the sidewalk and highway. Their protocol is to mow it three times per year and spray it with herbicide three times per year. This process some years is enough but some it is not for an urbanized area. We need to contemplate a solution during years when the protocol is insufficient.
- This was my first time to be in town following the college graduations. On Saturday when it took: 45 to get from Southwest Auto mall to I-30, I was elated. That's a lot of folks in town and thus a huge opportunity for our merchants. We need to evaluate these events and see how we can maximize our offerings to these guests.
- What is your pleasure for the July 3rd Meeting? Move it or keep it?
- Dates to Remember:

Board of Zoning Adjustments/Planning Commission meets in these chambers on May 17th at 5:30 pm.

May 19th Household Recycling Event at County Fairgrounds 8a-12p.

May 22nd Blood Drive at Rec Center from 10am to 3 pm.

May 22nd Steak Soiree at OBU to raise money for Baptist Hospital.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Taylor Chaney, Ward 1- He is requesting more information on the River Bridge.

Delton Simpson, Ward 2 – He would not like to see the old bridge destroyed and is also willing to do what he can to see us keep the bridge.

Joann Nelson, Ward 4- Absent.

Jason Jones, Ward 5- Nothing.

Roland Gosey, Ward 6 Director at Large- He is concerned about the future of the River Bridge. Another concern of his is how Officer Free is writing tickets, to our citizen whose grass is not mowed in a timely manner. What is the City doing with the people that mow their grass and blow paper and grass along with everything else in the street?

Scott Byrd, Ward 3, Assistant Mayor- He is also concerned about the future of the River Bridge. There will be a Cemetery dedication a Veteran Memorial service, May 17, 2018 at 10:45 until 11:45, to be held at Murry Ruggles Funeral Home. He was happy to see the MLK time line.

James Calhoun, Mayor- He is also concerned about the future of the River Bridge as well. He wants to have a public hearing and have the public decide what needs to be done concerning the bridge. He wants us to keep in mind the AP Tax, other City's have one and he thinks it will help our City. He and City Manager Brinkley attended the National Day of Prayer held at 3rd Street Baptist. Along with the Judge, they presented a proclamation together. There was a Ribbon cutting held at the new pet store, on Clinton Street. The Chamber is real good about sending out information on all these events. There will be a fund raiser at OBU he will be attending to benefit Baptist Health Hospital.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business to discuss, Director Chaney made the motion seconded by Asst. Mayor Byrd to adjourn. **The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.**

James Calhoun, Mayor

Jennifer Story, City Clerk

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Jason Jackson
Chuck Fitzsimmons
Beverly Myers
Kenny Myers
Shelley Loe
Jamal Brown-Press

Office of the Mayor

ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS

Proclamation

WHEREAS. Last month, Congress enacted a funding bill that includes \$2,813 billion directly targeted at intercity rail programs— an increase of \$1.3 billion over the Fiscal 2017 level. That figure includes \$1.9 billion for Amtrak, including \$650 million for the NEC and \$1.3 billion for the National Network. This represents the largest appropriation in Amtrak’s 47 year history.

WHEREAS. It is with dismay that, in response to this record level of public investment, Amtrak has made several service-level decisions that call into question its commitment to the National Network. Amtrak announced in April that it is cutting back food and beverage service on two long distance services, and that it will be eliminating station agents in 15 National Networks communities. Additionally, President & CEO Richard Anderson has given public remarks that cast serious doubt on his support of long-distance trains, implying they should be broken up and replaced with state-supported corridor service.

WHEREAS. Our towns depend upon Amtrak. We have invested our own funds in train stations and passenger rail infra structure. We support the railroad’s strategy to grow passenger rail service along heavily-traveled corridors but insist it must happen in addition to National Network service, not at the expense of existing Amtrak communities. Therefore, it is absolutely necessary that Amtrak reaffirm its commitment to providing long term, sustainable train service to all Amtrak-served communities.

Therefore. Considering record public investment in passenger rail and recent actions by Amtrak management affecting National Network service, we the undersigned, call upon Amtrak to report to Congress and Amtrak-served communities how your organization will alter your long-term service line plans in response to this increase over base FY 2018 projection.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James Calhoun, Mayor of the City of Arkadelphia, State of Arkansas, do hereby

Set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.



Attest: _____

Date: _____



Office of the City Manager
700 Clay Street
Arkadelphia, Arkansas 71923
870-246-9864 phone
870-246-1813 fax

To: Arkadelphia Board of Directors
CC: Ed McCorkle, City Attorney
From: Gary Brinkley, City Manager
Date: May 31, 2018
Re: **SECOND READING** - Ordinance to Amend the Land Use and Sign Regulations

As a step towards improving our positioning along Interstate 30 as a destination for travelers to exit to fuel/eat/shop and overnight in Arkadelphia, attached please find an ordinance that will allow for highway billboard signage to be located within the city limits with significant restrictions.

Restrictions begin with the property must abut I-30 and be located within 700 feet of the I-30 Right-of-Way. Nothing will be allowed within Residentially zoned districts. Additionally, the ordinance is tied to the Highway Beautification Act of 1965 and as amended. This is one of the most restrictive/prescriptive acts and manages the state highway billboard program effectively. Arkadelphia will never have the staff to manage such a program thus tying the ordinance to this act is optimal.

We will also increase the permit fee from \$15 to \$250 plus application fee.


We look forward to this being the first step of many to create a commercial corridor that is designed for major retailers and hospitality providers which will lead to both positional and financial success for the City of Arkadelphia.

I welcome any questions you may have regarding the proposed ordinance.

Thank you.



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To: Arkadelphia Board of Directors
CC: Ed McCorkle, City Attorney
From: Gary Brinkley, City Manager 
Date: May 31, 2018
Re: Public Hearing Regarding Ouachita River Bridge

The purpose of the public hearing will be to allow the public the opportunity to express their thoughts and concerns regarding the acceptance of the bridge by the city.

Those wishing to speak will each be given five minutes and follow the After Meeting Open Forum Session procedures.



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To: Arkadelphia Board of Directors
CC: Ed McCorkle, City Attorney
From: Gary Brinkley, City Manager
Date: April 6, 2018
Re: Update on the 30-Day Clause

I will have an update for you on the Termination Clause from the Memorandum of Agreement with ArDOT at Tuesday nights meeting.

ArDOT's Historical Bridge Analysis Committee is meeting June 5th and the Ouachita River Bridge is on their agenda. They will notify us of their understanding after that meeting concludes at 3:30 pm.

Information Only



RECEIVED MAY 17 2018

VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

May 14, 2018

Mayor James Calhoun
700 Clay Street
Arkadelphia, AR 71923

Dear Mayor Calhoun,

Altice USA, Inc. (Suddenlink) hereby notifies your office that starting June 15, 2018, there will be changes to some monthly service fees and surcharges for certain new and existing Suddenlink residential customers. These changes are being made to align rates across the Suddenlink footprint and reflect ongoing investment in the Company's network, services and overall customer experience. Suddenlink's rates, which continue to be impacted by rising programming costs, are comparable to those other providers.

Included in this notice for reference is the list of new pricing for affected video products and services. Not all changes will apply to all customers, and this list represents the highest possible rate that could be charged. To limit the impact of the revised pricing, many existing Suddenlink customer bills will reflect a Special Discount, to ensure no customer's total bill for all Suddenlink products and services will increase by more than \$8.25 a month.

Additionally, there will be changes to the following ancillary fees:

- **Restoration Fee:** If a customer's service is interrupted for non-payment, the fee will increase to \$10.00 for single and double product customers and \$15.00 for triple product customers.
- **Installation Fee:** The prices paid by customers for standard and premium installations will increase from \$40.00 to \$99.00 and \$60.00 to \$129.00, respectively.

Customers are being notified at least 30 days in advance of the total increase in their bill through bill messages or inserts. In addition, current rate information is available on our website at www.suddenlink.com. As always, if you have any questions please feel free to call me at 318.202.0784

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ruthie Evans", written over a horizontal line.

Ruthie Evans
Suddenlink
Director of Operations

June 2018 Product & Service Rates

TV Services and Packages	Standard Monthly Rate
Limited Basic	\$39.24
Expanded Basic	\$55.64
Family Package	\$10.00
Movie Package	\$10.00
Sports & Information Package	\$10.00
Conexion Unica	\$10.00
HD Plus	\$8.00
Sports Programming Surcharge	\$5.15
HBO	\$19.00
Cinemax	\$17.00
Showtime/The Movie Channel	\$17.00

Equipment & Extras	Standard Monthly Rate
Standard Digital Receiver	\$10.00
High Definition Receiver	\$10.00
HD/DVR Receiver	\$17.00
TiVo Receiver	\$17.00
Safeguard (Wire Maintenance)	\$6.99
Cablecard	\$2.50