

REGULAR CALLED MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Boardroom

November 19, 2019

5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order Mayor Scott Byrd
2. Invocation
3. Approval of Board Minutes from November 5, 2019 – Mayor Byrd
4. Year End Chamber Update – Shelley Loe
5. Consider Fire Dept. Purchase – Gary Brinkley
6. Resolution Supporting HJR 1018 of 2019 – Gary Brinkley
7. City Manager's Report – Gary Brinkley
8. Routine Business – Mayor Byrd
9. Adjournment – Mayor Byrd

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MEMBERS:

Taylor Chaney, *Ward 1 Director*
Chris Porter, *Ward 2 Director*
Vacant, *Ward 3 Director*
Joann Nelson, *Ward 4 Director*
Jason Jones, *Ward 5 Director (Absent)*
Roland Gosey, *Assistant Mayor*
Scott Byrd, *Mayor*

OTHERS:

Gary Brinkley, *City Manager*
Jessica Davis, *City Clerk*
Tammy Beeler, *City Treasurer*

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Assistant Mayor Gosey

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 26, 2019

A motion was made by Director Chaney, seconded by Director Porter to approve the minutes from the October 26, 2019 Annual Retreat 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	Absent
Joann Nelson	“Aye”	Mayor Byrd	“Aye”
Ward 3	Vacant		

MOVE ARKADELPHIA FORWARD RECOGNITION

Mr. Brinkley introduced Ms. Shelley Loe, Chamber Exec. Director, Dr. Lewis Shepherd, and Dr. Wesley Kluck, Co-Chairs of Moving Arkadelphia Forward to the Board in recognition of their leadership regarding the local sales and use tax initiative vote. The Board thanked this leadership group for their participation leading the community in the recent sales and use tax election.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF PROMOTIONS OF APD OFFICERS

Police Chief, Jason Jackson updated the Board on the recent promotion panel interviews and introduced the new Corporal, Officer Randy Lau and new Sergeant officer Alvin Johnson to the Board and public. He presented each of them their uniform pins. Chief Jackson also thanked the interview panel for their assistance.

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF 8 POLICE VEHICLES

Mr. Brinkley informed the Board of the following two bids received for the 8 police vehicles:

Steve Landers Chrysler	\$295,899.52
Southwest Auto Group	\$291,699.52

Southwest Auto group submitted the winning bid.

RESOLUTION FOR GUM SPRINGS WATER UTILITY

Mr. Brinkley requested the Board’s approval for a Resolution to approve and adopt the Categorical Exclusions and Facility Plan for the Gum Springs Water Utility Improvements. A motion was made by Director Porter, seconded by Assistant Mayor Gosey to approve the Resolution.

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	Absent
Joann Nelson	“Aye”	Mayor Byrd	“Aye”
Ward 3	Vacant		

PUBLIC HEARING FOR OBU

Mayor Byrd adjourned the meeting entered into the public hearing regarding the bonds to be issued by the Arkadelphia Public Education Facilities Board at 5:39 pm. Mayor Byrd called for any comments or questions regarding the matter. Dr. Ben Sells of OBU gave a brief explanation of the opportunity to refinance the current bonds and reduce the debt so as to create more flexibility in their financial planning. The public hearing was closed at 5:42 pm and the meeting was called back into order.

RESOLUTION FOR OBU

Mr. Brinkley requested the Board approve a Resolution regarding the issuance of bonds by the Arkadelphia Public Education Facilities Board. A motion was made by Assistant Mayor Gosey, seconded by Director Nelson to approve the Resolution.

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	Absent
Joann Nelson	“Aye”	Mayor Byrd	“Aye”
Ward 3	Vacant		

DECLARE VACANCY AND CALL FOR ELECTION FOR WARD 3

Mr. Brinkley requested the Board declare a vacancy for Ward 3 and call for an election. Letters of Interest will be accepted in the City Clerk's office until 9:00 am on November 18, 2019. A motion was made by Assistant Mayor Gosey, seconded by Director Nelson to declare a vacancy in Ward 3 and call for an election.

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	Absent
Joann Nelson	"Aye"	Mayor Byrd	"Aye"
Ward 3	Vacant		

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

November 5, 2019

- Thank you to everyone who was able to attend Mayor Calhoun's retirement ceremony this afternoon. It is always nice to take a moment and say thank you to people who have dedicated so much of their time to making Arkadelphia a Great Place to Call Home.
- Our thanks to the Ross Foundation and all those who participated in the ribbon cutting of the Ross Pavilion at DeSoto Bluff. It was a perfect weather day and an excellent ceremony.
- Many thanks to the staff who facilitated the Board Retreat on the 26th and the Board members who were able to attend.
- It was our pleasure to accommodate some 1,461 participants at the Safe Trick or Treat at the Rec Center on 10/31. Our thanks to all the groups who participated with candy, book, and other handouts.
- Our Sweeper Truck has been received and is on the streets. We are still on the dating process between staff and machine. I'm sure they will become very comfortable with each other shortly. You know, every piece of equipment has its unique characteristics. Staff is very appreciative of the new equipment and modern technology.
- We received the aerator/seed spreader/turf builder machine on Monday. Staff has already purchased the rye seed and started installing it on the small baseball fields today. There will be a learning curve but this is one of the key pieces of equipment staff needs to begin the proper management of our turf fields.
- I will be out of the office attending Arkansas City Managers Conference in Texarkana, AR Wednesday through Friday.

Dates to Remember:

- Offices will be closed on Monday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day. We wish each one of you a safe and happy holiday.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Taylor Chaney, Ward 1 – He thanked Mayor Calhoun for all he has done and also thanked the Officers and Move Arkadelphia Forward individuals for their hard work. He congratulated the Badger Band on their 4th State Championship. He saw the Badger Football team was there to support the band. He is really liking the unity we have right now.

Chris Porter, Ward 2 – He echoed Director Chaney’s comments regarding the unity we have right now. His son is on the football team and had a great time cheering the band on. The cohesiveness is good to see.

Joann Nelson, Ward 4 – Her grandson plays for the Badgers. She agreed with everything Director Chaney and Porter had to say about the band and football team.

Jason Jones, Ward 5 – Absent

Roland Gosey, Assistant Mayor – He thanked Dr. Shepherd and Dr. Kluck for their efforts on the Move Arkadelphia Forward campaign.

Vacant, Ward 3 –

Scott Byrd, Mayor – He thanked Jason McCready for his efforts in leading the Trash Wars event. He said Jason did a very good job and collected a lot of trash. He thanked the individuals that participated in the Move Arkadelphia Forward campaign and also congratulated the Police Officers on their promotions.

Go Tigers!

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Director Nelson made the motion, seconded by Assistant Mayor Gosey to adjourn. **The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.**

Scott Byrd, Mayor

Jessica Davis, City Clerk

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Jason Jackson
Don Roe
Jason Hunt
David Green
Keith Beason
Shalonda McCoy
Chuck Fitzsimmons
Liyah Smith
Shelley Loe
Lewis Shepherd
Junior Rodemeyer
Bruce Bell
Carrie Burt
Henry Wilson
Bill Sutley – **Press**
Joe May - **Press**



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To: Arkadelphia Board of Directors
CC: Ed McCorkle, City Attorney
From: Gary Brinkley, City Manager
Date: November 6, 2019
Re: Year End Chamber Update

Tuesday night Ms. Shelley Loe, Executive Vice President at Arkadelphia Alliance and Area Chamber of Commerce will be here to give you her annual update.

Staff and the Chamber have worked together on numerous projects this year and it has been a productive season for both organizations.

Thank you.



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To: Arkadelphia Board of Directors
CC: Ed McCorkle, City Attorney
From: Gary Brinkley, City Manager
Date: November 6, 2019
Re: Fire Dept. Rescue Equipment Update

Pursuant to Resolution R-19-13 you have appropriated the funds to purchase the Fire Department Rescue/Extraction Tools.

As an update, staff opened bids on November 8th at 2:00 pm. The bid that best met the bidding requirement was Xtrication Xtreme, LLC at \$49,100.38. MES Rusty Long provided a bid of \$43,676.37.

Upon evaluation of the bids per the specifications, Xtrication Xtreme, LLC met 97.06% of the 68 specifications. MES met 64.71% of the 68 specifications.

Based on the meeting of the specifications, local service representatives (Arkadelphia & Bismarck) and the lifetime warranty, Xtrication Xtreme, LLC is the best qualified bid and we have accepted their bid.

We anticipate receipt of the tools on in a couple of weeks.

Thank you.

Attached: Bid Tabulations

**City of Arkadelphia
700 Clay Street
Arkadelphia, AR 71923**

**Bid Tabulation for
2019 Fire Dept. Rescue/Extraction Tools
Bid Opening November 8, 2019 @ 2:00 p.m.**

BIDDER	AMOUNT		
XTRIGATION XTREME, LLC	\$49,100.38		
MES RUSTY LONG	\$43,636.37		

AFD Extracation Tool Bld Spec Criteria

	Xtracation Extreme, LLC	MES
ISO Registered		
1	Y	Y
2	Y	Y
3	Y	Y
4	Y	Y
5	Y	Y
6	Y	Y
Subtotal	6	6

	Xtracation Extreme, LLC	MES
Battery Power Spreader		
1	Y	Y
2	Y	Y
3	Y	Y
4	Y	N
5	N	Y
6	Y	N
7	Y	Y
8	Y	Y
9	Y	Y
10	Y	N
11	Y	N
12	Y	Y
13	Y	N
Subtotal	12	8

	Xtracation Extreme, LLC	MES
7" Cutter Batty		
1	Y	Y
2	Y	Y
3	Y	N
4	Y	Y
5	Y	N
6	Y	Y
7	Y	Y
8	Y	Y
9	Y	N
10	Y	N
11	Y	Y
12	Y	N
Subtotal	12	7

	Xtracation Extreme, LLC	MES
HD 9" Ext. Cutter		
1	Y	N
2	Y	Y
3	Y	Y
4	Y	Y
5	Y	N
6	Y	Y
7	Y	Y
8	Y	Y
9	Y	N
10	Y	N
11	Y	Y
12	Y	N
Subtotal	12	7

	Xtracation Extreme, LLC	MES
Straight Blade Cut		
1	Y	Y
2	Y	Y
3	Y	Y
4	Y	N
5	Y	N
6	Y	Y
7	Y	Y
8	Y	Y
9	Y	Y
10	Y	N
11	Y	N
12	Y	Y
13	Y	N
Subtotal	13	8

	Xtracation Extreme, LLC	MES
Btty Power Ram		
1	Y	Y
2	Y	N
3	N	N
4	Y	Y
5	Y	Y
6	Y	Y
7	Y	Y
8	Y	N
9	Y	Y
10	Y	N
Subtotal	9	6

	Xtracation Extreme, LLC	MES
26 pair Xtr. Gloves		
1	Y	Y
Subtotal	1	1

	Xtracation Extreme, LLC	MES
Btty Power Tool Kit		
1	Y	N
Subtotal	1	1

Total	66	44
% Compliant	97.06%	64.71%

**AFD Extraction Tool Bid Spec Criteria
Additional Considerations**

	Xtraction Extreme, LLC		MES	
Base Bid	\$	49,100.38	\$	43,636.37
Tax	Inc		Inc.	
Additional Consideration:				
Batteries*		20		10
Chargers**		10		6
Warranty		Lifetime		10 Year



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To: Arkadelphia Board of Directors
CC: Ed McCorkle, City Attorney
From: Gary Brinkley, City Manager
Date: November 6, 2019
Re: Resolution for HJR 1018 of 2019

Before you tonight is a resolution supporting HJR 1018 for 2019.

House Joint Resolution (HJR) 1018 supports the continuance of the ½ cent sales tax level for streets and bridges that is currently in place under Amendment 91, set to expire on June 30, 2023. THIS IS NOT A NEW TAX. It is a continuation of a tax that has been very successful for both the state and Arkadelphia in addressing transportation needs.

The attached schedule shows that should this funding mechanism cease, Arkadelphia stands to lose \$225,000 annually in Street Funding.

Your approval is recommended.

Thank you.

ANNUAL LOSS OF REVENUE IF HJR1018 FAILS

Arkadelphia-----	\$ 225,000.
Bentonville-----	\$ 1,040,000.
Cave Springs-----	\$ 93,000.
Centeron-----	\$ 327,000.
Clarksville-----	\$ 205,000.
Des Arc-----	\$ 36,000.
Gasssville-----	\$ 45,000.
Hope-----	\$ 212,000.
Jacksonville-----	\$ 596,000.
Marion-----	\$ 260,000.
Mayflower-----	\$ 47,000.
Mountain Home-----	\$ 262,000.
Prescott-----	\$ 70,000.
Sheridan-----	\$ 104,000.
Sherwood-----	\$ 656,000.
Siloam Springs-----	\$ 357,000.
Ward-----	\$ 111,000.

Estimates based on population and sales tax revenue as of September 1, 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. R-19-

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS SUPPORTING THE HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1018 OF 2019 (HJR 1018 OF 2019), PURPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO CONTINUE A LEVY OF A ONE-HALF PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX FOR STATE HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES; COUNTY ROADS, BRIDGES AND OTHER SURFACE TRANSPORTATION; AND CITY STREETS, BRIDGES, AND OTHER SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AFTER THE RETIREMENT OF THE BONDS AUTHORIZED IN ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 91, AS A SPECIAL REVENUE TO BE DISTRIBUTED UNDER THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY REVENUE DIRTRIBUTION LAW.

WHEREAS, Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 91, levies a one-half percent sales and use tax to provide additional funding for the state's four-lane highway system, county roads, and city streets; and

WHEREAS, the one-half percent sales and use tax under Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 91, is due to expire on June 30, 2023 unless a new constitutional amendment is passed; and

WHEREAS, HJR 1018 proposes that the sales and use tax levied under Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 91, be continued to provide special revenue for use of maintaining repairing, and improving the state's system of highways, county roads, and city streets; and

WHEREAS, without continuation of this sale and use tax the state will be unable to meet severe and pressing needs to maintain and improve the state's system of state highways, count roads, and city streets; and

WHEREAS, the continuation of the one-half cent sales and use tax will ensure future investment in the state highway system, county roads, and city streets; and

WHEREAS, this investment will create jobs, aid in economic development, improve quality of life, and provide additional transportation infrastructure, including specifically, a four-lane highway construction plan designed to connect all regions of the state; and

WHEREAS, it is beneficial for all municipalities to support HJR 1018 as a necessary funding mechanism for our travel-infrastructure all will serve as an economic boon for the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the City of Arkadelphia, Arkansas:

Section 1. That we do hereby support the legal proposals found in HJR 1018 of 2019, as well as its adoption by the people of the State of Arkansas at the next general election.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ___ day of November, 2019.

Scott Byrd, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jessica Davis, City Clerk

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and compared copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the City at its regular meeting place at 5:30 o'clock p.m. on the 5th day of November, 2019.

City Clerk

(SEAL)