

REGULAR CALLED MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Boardroom

November 5, 2019

5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order Mayor Byrd
2. Invocation
3. Approval of Board Retreat Minutes from October 26, 2019 – Mayor Byrd
4. Move Arkadelphia Forward Recognition – Gary Brinkley
5. Public Recognition of Promotions in APD- Chief Jackson
6. Consider Purchase of 8 Police Vehicles – Gary Brinkley
7. Resolution for Gum Springs Water Utility – Gary Brinkley
8. Public Hearing for OBU – Mayor Byrd
9. Resolution for OBU – Gary Brinkley
10. Declare Vacancy and Call for Election for Ward 3 – Mayor Byrd
11. City Manager's Report – Gary Brinkley
12. Routine Business – Mayor Byrd
13. Adjournment – Mayor Byrd

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BOARD MEETING

- **Workshop - Conference Room 2
Branding Discussion – Zimney Media**

BOARD RETREAT MEETING

Dawson Building 7

October 26, 2019

9:00 A.M.

MEMBERS:

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

OTHERS:

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

Assistant Mayor Gosey was conducting a funeral and unable to attend.
Director Nelson was attending a funeral and unable to attend.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Byrd called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

INVOCATION

Director Chaney

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 15, 2019

A motion was made by Director Jones, seconded by Director Chaney to approve the minutes from the October 15, 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	Absent
Chris Porter	"Aye"	Jason Jones	"Aye"
Joann Nelson	Absent	Mayor Byrd	"Aye"
Ward 3	Vacant		

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR FUNDING KICK START

Mr. Brinkley requested the Board adopt a Resolution to authorize the \$2,000,000 funding of the Kick Start plan.

A motion was made by Director Chaney, seconded by Director Porter to adopt the Resolution.

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

Taylor Chaney	"Aye"	Roland Gosey	Absent
Chris Porter	"Aye"	Jason Jones	"Aye"
Joann Nelson	Absent	Mayor Byrd	"Aye"
Ward 3	Vacant		

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ARKADELPHIA HOUSING AUTHORITY APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Brinkley informed the Board of Mr. Gerald Browning submitted his letter resigning from the Arkadelphia Housing Authority Board on September 3rd. The AHA Board recommended Mr. Artis Dixon to fill that vacancy.

A motion was made by Director Jones, seconded by Director Chaney to accept Mr. Gerald Browning's resignation and approve Mr. Artis Dixon to fill the vacancy on the Arkadelphia Housing Authority Board.

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

Taylor Chaney	"Aye"	Roland Gosey	Absent
Chris Porter	"Aye"	Jason Jones	"Aye"
Joann Nelson	Absent	Mayor Byrd	"Aye"
Ward 3	Vacant		

2019/2020 DEPARTMENT DISCUSSIONS

Mr. Brinkley showed a PowerPoint presentation and discuss each department's anticipated adjustments, if any, for year end and 2020.

2020 CENSUS

Communications Director, Keith Beason, addressed the Board and staff regarding the 2020 Census. He presented information on why the census is important and explained the options of how to get a complete count.

CITY BRANDING DISCUSSION

Mr. Brinkley suggested updating the City's branding and requested the Board give their approval for that process. The Board stated their approval to continue that process for options to be presented at a later time.

BULK TRASH POLICY

Mr. Brinkley suggested the Board consider an updated bulk trash policy. A brief discussion was held.

ORDINANCE FOR HOUSING IMPLIED WARRANTY OF HABITABILITY

Director Chaney discussed the possibility of the Ordinance with the Board and staff.

WATER/SEWER RATES DISCUSSION

A brief discussion was held regarding the water/sewer rates.

A&P DISCUSSION

Mr. Brinkley suggested the Board consider an A&P tax that would only affect hospitality, not retail or restaurants. A brief discussion was held.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION

Mr. Brinkley suggested the possibility of the City hosting some events in 2020 to bring the community together. A brief discussion was held.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Taylor Chaney, Ward 1 – He asked Mr. Brinkley about the I-30 Exit status. Mr. Brinkley responded that Garver, the State assigned engineers, are looking at Red Hill Road. Director Chaney said the further South it is the better. He inquired on the billboards in town. He prefers the electronic billboards. He also made a comment regarding the Board's decorum when addressing citizens.

Chris Porter, Ward 2 – Nothing

Vacant, Ward 3 -

Joann Nelson, Ward 4 – Absent

Jason Jones, Ward 5 – Nothing

Roland Gosey, Assistant Mayor – Absent

Scott Byrd, Mayor – He asked for an update on Pine St. He has received a lot of questions regarding its expansion. David Green stated he has received some emails from ArDOT regarding moving utilities from underneath the street and it is a multi-million dollar proposition being further investigated.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Director Chaney made the motion, seconded by Director Porter to adjourn. **The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m.**

Scott Byrd, Mayor

Jessica Davis, City Clerk

BOARD RETREAT MEETING

Dawson Building 7

October 26, 2019

9:00 a.m.

Jason Jackson
Jason Hunt
Keith Beason
Chuck Fitzsimmons
Donny Manning
Junior Rodemeyer
DeAnna Graves
David Green
Chama Williams
Michael Sellers



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700 Clay Street
Arkadelphia, Arkansas 71923
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To: Arkadelphia Board of Directors
CC: Ed McCorkle, City Attorney
From: Gary Brinkley, City Manager
Date: October 31, 2019
Re: Arkadelphia Forward


You will have the opportunity as a Board of Directors to thank the Co-Chairmen of Moving Arkadelphia Forward, the Chamber of Commerce and others for their participation in the recent election of the sales tax increase to address infrastructure.

We had planned this appreciation earlier in the year but our schedules did not align.

Thank you.



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To: Arkadelphia Board of Directors
CC: Ed McCorkle, City Attorney
From: Gary Brinkley, City Manager 
Date: November 1, 2019
Re: Public Recognition of Promotions of APD Officers

Recently the Arkadelphia Police Department held panel interviews for the positions of Sargent and Corporal.

Chief Jackson will be here to introduce to you the new Sargent and Corporal along with thanking the interview panel participants.

Thank you.



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To: Arkadelphia Board of Directors
CC: Ed McCorkle, City Attorney
From: Gary Brinkley, City Manager
Date: October 31, 2019
Re: Purchase of 8 Police Vehicles


Staff originally began the purchase process by seeking bids on individual items they desired in and on the new police vehicles and found we could create a bid specification for the vehicles, completely outfitted to our specifications and save both time and money. The bids were advertised and are to be submitted by Monday, November 4th at 11:00 am.

Staff will present to you the bids along with a recommendation at the meeting.

Thank you.



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To: Arkadelphia Board of Directors
CC: Ed McCorkle, City Attorney
From: Gary Brinkley, City Manager 
Date: October 31, 2019
Re: Resolution for Gum Springs Water Utility

Following today's public comment period, we are prepared to pass the attached Resolution to approve and adopt the Categorical Exclusions and Facility Plan for the Gum Springs Water Utility Improvements.

As a reminder, in terms we worked out with the Arkansas Natural Resource Commission, AWU will receive a \$2MM grant and \$766,000 in loan forgiveness to upgrade the Gum Springs Water Utility before we assume responsibility.

David Green, AWU Manager and Stewart Noland of Crist Engineers will be here to answer any technical questions you may have regarding this Resolution.

Your approval is recommended.

Thank you.

Resolution R-19-

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
AND FACILITY PLAN FOR THE GUM SPRINGS WATER SYSTEM
IMPROVEMENTS**

ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS

WHEREAS, the City of Arkadelphia, Arkansas is in receipt of the Categorical Exclusion and Facility Plan for the proposed Gum Springs Water System Improvements; and

WHEREAS, these documents are necessary for the City of Arkadelphia Water/Wastewater utility to plan for its future; and

WHEREAS, the Water/Wastewater Committee met on November 5th, 2019 and upon review recommended to the City of Arkadelphia Board of Directors to approve and adopt these documents:

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

We approve and adopt the Categorical Exclusion and the Facility Plan for the proposed Gum Springs Water System Improvements as presented.

Passed and approved this 5th day of November, 2019.

Scott Byrd, Mayor

Jessica Davis, City Clerk



Office of the City Manager

To: Arkadelphia Board of Directors
CC: Ed McCorkle, City Attorney
From: Gary Brinkley, City Manager
Date: October 31, 2019
Re: OBU Public Hearing

As required, we will be hosting a public hearing on the bonds to be issued by the Arkadelphia Public Education Facilities Board.

Representatives from the APEFB, Stephens and Friday Law Firm will be here to answer and questions that may arise from the public hearing.

Thank you.



Office of the City Manager

To: Arkadelphia Board of Directors
CC: Ed McCorkle, City Attorney
From: Gary Brinkley, City Manager
Date: October 31, 2019
Re: Approve Resolution for APEFB

You are requested to approve the attached Resolution regarding the issuance of bonds by the Arkadelphia, AR Public Education Facilities Board should the sale meet certain parameters.

Representatives from Stephens, Inc. and the Friday Law Firm will be here to answer any questions you may have regarding the resolution or the process.

Thank you.

RESOLUTION NO. R-19-

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS BY THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS PUBLIC EDUCATION FACILITIES BOARD (OUACHITA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY); AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. 483 adopted October 20, 1988, the Board of Directors of the City of Arkadelphia, Arkansas (the "City"), created the City of Arkadelphia, Arkansas Public Education Facilities Board (Ouachita Baptist University) (the "Board"); and

WHEREAS, the Board currently proposes to issue not to exceed \$5,200,000 of its Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2020 (the "Bonds") to refinance capital improvements for Ouachita Baptist University, an Arkansas nonprofit corporation ("OBU") by refunding the Board's Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2013 (the "Series 2013 Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the Series 2013 Bonds were issued to current refund the Issuer's Refunding and Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2005 (the "Series 2005 Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the Series 2005 Bonds were issued (a) to finance the completion of the unfinished space in Ouachita Commons (located on OBU's campus at 474 North 6th Street in the City), the upgrade and renovation of the Central Heating and Cooling Plant in the Evans Student Center (located on OBU's campus at 423 Campus Drive in the City), and roadway (street/parking area) replacement on OBU's campus (collectively, the "2005 Improvements"), and (b) to current refund the Issuer's Revenue Bonds, Series 1999 (the "Series 1999 Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the Series 1999 Bonds were issued to finance a portion of the costs of the acquisition, constructing and equipping of Ouachita Commons and the Walker Conference Center (located on OBU's campus at 474 North 6th Street in the City) (the "1999 Improvements"); and

WHEREAS, except for the road improvements which are owned by the City, the 2005 Improvements and the 1999 Improvements are owned and operated by OBU; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the question of the issuance of the Bonds has been held before the Board of Directors of the City on this day following the publication of a notice of such hearing in The Southern Standard, a newspaper of general circulation within the City, on October 10, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the City has determined that the public purposes for which the Bonds are to be issued serve a proper need; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the City understands that the Bonds issued by the Board in 2020 will be treated as having been issued by the City for the purpose of determining whether and to what extent any bonds issued by the City during calendar year 2020 may be designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code");

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

Section 1. That the issuance of the Bonds by the Board to refund the Series 2013 Bonds and to refinance the 2005 Improvements and the 1999 Improvements is hereby authorized and is in all respects approved.

Section 2. That by the adopting of this Resolution the City assumes no liability or responsibility for the repayment of the Bonds.

Section 3. That the provisions of this Resolution are hereby declared to be separable, and if any section, phrase or provision shall for any reason be declared illegal or invalid, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Resolution.

Section 4. All resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5. This Resolution shall be in force and effect immediately upon and after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 5th 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)



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Office of the City Manager

To: Arkadelphia Board of Directors
CC: Ed McCorkle, City Attorney
From: Gary Brinkley, City Manager
Date: October 31, 2019
Re: Replace Vacancy in Ward 3

With the election of Ward 3 Representative, Scott Byrd to Mayor, it creates a vacancy in Ward 3.

Pursuant to Arkansas Code 14-47-113, "Whenever a vacancy shall occur, by any reason, in the office of a director, the board of directors shall, by majority vote, elect a person to fill the vacancy and serve for the unexpired term thereof."

Attached please find the scenario we propose to pursue.

Staff recommends you declare a vacancy in Ward 3 and call for letters of interest in the position by 9:00 am on November 18, 2019.

The item will be on the November 19th Agenda for your consideration.

Thank you.

Anyone interested in filling the term of the Board of Directors Ward 3 vacancy term expiring December 31, 2020 please send a letter of interest to the City Clerk's office 700 Clay Street Arkadelphia, Arkansas 71923.

Any applicants that are more than 21 years of age, have resided within Ward 3 of the municipality for at least 30 days, and is qualified to vote at an election of county or state Officers shall be deemed a qualified elector.

All letters must be received in the City Clerk's office by 9:00 am November 18, 2019.

Applicants will introduce themselves at the November 19, 2019 meeting at 5:30 in Town Hall and the Board of Directors will then consider a person to fill the term.