

REGULAR CALLED MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Boardroom

June 1, 2021

5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order – Assist. Mayor Gosey
2. Invocation
3. Approval of Board Minutes from May 18, 2021 – Assist. Mayor Gosey
4. Approval of Board Minutes from May 24, 2021- Assist. Mayor Gosey
5. Confirm Airport Committee Members – Gary Brinkley
6. Resolution to Set Public Hearing for Street Vacate – Gary Brinkley
7. Purchase of Lots for Drainage – Gary Brinkley
8. City Manager's Report – Gary Brinkley
9. Routine Business – Assist. Mayor Gosey
10. Adjournment – Assist. Mayor Gosey

Regular Meeting: Citizens speaking to the Board of Directors shall have a speaking time limit of **10 minutes**. The Board of Directors may ask follow up questions which may extend the time limit.

Open Session Forum: Speaking time limit is **5 minutes** a speaker may not yield his or her time to another speaker

**REGULAR CALLED MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Board Room

May 18, 2021

5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS:

Taylor Chaney, *Ward 1 Director*
Chris Porter, *Ward 2 Director*
Keith Crews, *Ward 3 Director*
Reo Cummings, *Ward 4 Director*
Jason Jones, *Ward 5 Director*
Roland Gosey, *Assistant Mayor*
Scott Byrd, *Mayor*

OTHERS:

Gary Brinkley, *City Manager*
Samantha Roybal, *City Clerk*

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Assistant Mayor Roland Gosey

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES FROM APRIL 20, 2021

A motion was made by Assistant Mayor Gosey, seconded by Director Cummings to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2021 Board Meeting.

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"
Reo Cummings	"Aye"	Mayor Byrd	"Aye"
Keith Crews	"Aye"		

REQUEST TO SPEAK TO THE BOARD

Applicant withdrew his request.

CONFIRMATION OF THE CITY CLERK

The City Manager requested confirmation on the appointment of Ms. Samantha Roybal as the new City Clerk.

A motion was made by Director Jones, seconded by Director Chaney to confirm the new City Clerk.

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"
Reo Cummings	"Aye"	Mayor Byrd	"Aye"
Keith Crews	"Aye"		

CONSIDER REMOVAL OF FIXED ASSET FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

The staff recommends the removal of the following item Fire Department Warning Siren and Equipment Serial #85385. This is the tornado siren that was damaged and replaced in 2020.

A motion was made by Director Porter, seconded by Director Chaney to remove the Fire Department Warning Siren and Equipment Serial #85385.

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”
Reo Cummings	“Aye”	Mayor Byrd	“Aye”
Keith Crews	“Aye”		

CHANGE ORDER #4 FOR STREETSCAPE #4

Change Order #4 is for 5,516.00 for the demolition of existing concrete, set the bricks, and repour the sidewalk. McClellan Engineering has spoken with ArDOT and gotten this included in the project thus our net cost will 20% or \$1,103.20. Mr. Brinkley requested that Change Order #4 be accepted in the amount of \$5,516.00.

A motion was made by Director Crews, seconded by Director Chaney to accept Change Order #4 be accepted in the amount of \$5,516.00.

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”
Reo Cummings	“Aye”	Mayor Byrd	“Aye”
Keith Crews	“Aye”		

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

May 18, 2021

- We were informed last week that the slurry seal crew will be here in 5 weeks. This will focus the Street Crew on prepping for the slurry sealing earlier than normal. Our overlay work will begin after the slurry seal has occurred.
- Another project was completed. Arts Center had leaks at the rear of the building and part of the Moving Arkadelphia Forward funds were to address this deteriorating condition. Structural and water seepage issues have been addressed at the Arts Center. The rear of the facility has weathered and the doors were falling off and water was seeping into the building. The brick was repointed, the second-floor door was bricked in and the back door was replaced. Backing boards were replaced and a new gutter was installed to properly direct the water.

- We were notified the slurry seal team is scheduled to be here late June instead of normal October. Street Dept. will be focused on preparing the streets for the slurry seal team. There is a lot of work to be done on Walnut Street so be prepared for traffic rerouting for repairs. Also, we made a lot of purchases the first 1/3 of the year to take advantage of 2020 pricing and timing such as the water park so. We may need to use \$125,000 of our Emergency Reserve Funds due to timing of the expenses. This is yet to be determined but I wanted you to be aware this may be a reality. The funds will be replaced later in the year.
- Nearly 200 people attended the Thursday drive in movie at the Rec Center. Our thanks to Southwest Auto Collection and Suddenlink for their sponsorship of a really great event. The next showing will be June 24th, *A Dogs Way Home*.
- Your leadership with installing the new turf infield at Feaster Field One has allowed 40 games in 20 days to occur that would not have happened due to weather. On several occasions they played baseball followed by softball and vice versa. It only took a matter of minutes to reset the field. An excellent investment.
- The new scoreboard is working perfectly. It is a wireless unit so we no longer have issues with extension cords and power.
- Aquatic Park Update - The pool play structure has been manufactured and is being shipped this week. The contractor is staging equipment now and will begin work as soon as the structure arrives. They are pressing hard for the 29th but it will be tight.
Staff has been hired and are working on task training.
The concessions orders will be in place
Awning people have taken down 2 awning that will be replaced this year. We replaced 6 of the awnings last year.
Upon completion of the installation, we'll fill the pool and then balance the chemicals so it will take a few days after installation to get everything ready for the Health Dept inspection.
- Work progresses on the AWU-Gum Springs project. No major developments to report.
- Our engineers are pursuing an answer why we have not received a notice to proceed with the Feaster Trail sidewalk repairs along Twin Rivers Drive. This is our worst area and the reallocation of dollars from N10th to this project were approved months ago. We hope to get approvals and will put the project out for bid asap.

Dates to Remember:

- May 26th at 10 am – Ribbon cutting for Corporate Hanger #3.

- On Thursday, June 3rd it will be Open Late 'til 8 pm event downtown. As added value, Rodney Block Collective of Little Rock will be here performing from 6:30-8:30 pm.
- The 6th annual Duck Derby Festival is June 5th at the Arkadelphia Youth Complex. Events begin at 10 am per their Facebook post.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Taylor Chaney, Ward 1 – He mentioned the Arms Around Arkadelphia program will be coming together to do community service next month. He encouraged anyone that would like to be involved to contact David McAllister the First Baptist Church.

Chris Porter, Ward 2 – Nothing

Keith Crews, Ward 3 – Requested that Mr. Brinkley explain the funding regarding the MLK project since he was unable to attend the previous meeting. Mr. Brinkley responded.

Reo Cummings, Ward 4 – Nothing

Jason Jones, Ward 5 – Nothing

Roland Gosey, Assistant Mayor – The \$50,000.00 was seed money in the Kick Start Funding was set aside for the MLK park and we are using the money in predevelopment work.

Scott Byrd, Mayor – Mentioned that we will have a special election on June 8. A community forum regarding the ½ cent tax renewal for the truck bypass will take place May 27th at 12:00 and 5:30 at the Fairfield Inn Hotel. He also wanted to make everyone aware that May is Motorcycle Awareness Month.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Assistant Mayor Gosey made the motion, seconded by Director Jones to adjourn. **The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.**

Scott Byrd, Mayor

Samantha Roybal, City Clerk

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

Jason Jackson
Julie Lacy
Chuck Fitzsimmons
Shacresha Wilson

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Board Room

May 24, 2021

5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS:

Taylor Chaney, *Ward 1 Director*
Chris Porter, *Ward 2 Director*
Keith Crews, *Ward 3 Director*
Reo Cummings, *Ward 4 Director (Absent)*
Jason Jones, *Ward 5 Director*
Roland Gosey, *Assistant Mayor*
Scott Byrd, *Mayor*

OTHERS:

Gary Brinkley, *City Manager*
Samantha Roybal, *City Clerk*

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Director Keith Crews

CONSIDER RESOLUTION FOR FEASTER TRAIL AND SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS

Mr. Brinkley requested the Board approve the two Resolutions which will allow the city to submit grants to ArDOT for Feaster Trail rehabilitation through the Recreational Trails Program and improve sidewalk improvements around our schools through the Safe Routes to Schools program.

A motion was made by Director Jason Jones, seconded by Director Taylor Chaney to approve the Resolutions.

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”
Reo Cummings	“Absent”	Mayor Byrd	“Aye”
Keith Crews	“Aye”		

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Director Taylor Chaney made the motion, seconded by Director Keith Crews to adjourn. **The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.**

Scott Byrd, Mayor

Samantha Roybal, City Clerk

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

Julie Lacy
Chuck Fitzsimmons



Memorandum

To: Arkadelphia Board of Directors
CC: Ed McCorkle, City Attorney
From: Gary Brinkley, City Manager
Date: May 27, 2021
Re: Airport Committee Member Confirmation

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gary Brinkley', is positioned to the right of the 'From:' field.

It is my honor to recommend to you the continuation of the following members of the Airport Committee:

Place 2 Todd Knight Term Expires 5/31/2025

Place 4 John Knight Term Expires 5/31/2025


Both of these gentlemen have provided exemplary service to the city through their volunteerism through the Airport Committee. The exciting part is, with their direction and help, where the airport will be in 4 years.

Staff recommends you approve the recommendation.

Thank you.



Memorandum

To: Arkadelphia Board of Directors
CC: Ed McCorkle, City Attorney
From: Gary Brinkley, City Manager 
Date: May 28, 2021
Re: Resolution to Abandon Portion of N. 9th Street

Ouachita Baptist has filed a Petition to abandon the portion of N. 9th Street in which they own both sides of the road. This is part of their long-term plans to development their property between N. 10th Street and their current campus facilities.

Pursuant to ACA §14-301-301 Vacating Authority under subsection (b), you have the authority to close a public street where the property is abutting a university.

Staff received a petition from OBU requesting the closure of N. 9th form Hickory to the dead end of the street on May 26th. The next step is for you to pass a resolution calling for a public hearing.

The attached resolution calls for the public hearing at the June 15th meeting.

Your approval is requested.

Thank you.

RESOLUTION NO. R-21-__

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR A PETITION FOR THE VACATING OF PORTIONS OF N. 9TH STREET FROM HICKORY TO THE NORTH IN THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, the City of Arkadelphia has the authority under ACA §14-301-301 to vacate platted streets within the city limits, and;

WHEREAS, Ouachita Baptist University on May 26, 2021 properly filed a Petition to Vacate a portion of N. 9th Street, and;

WHEREAS, Ouachita Baptist University owns the property on both sides of the N. 9th Street from Hickory to the dead end of the platted street in which they request the city to vacate.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS

The Board of Directors will schedule to hold a public hearing at their next regularly scheduled meeting to review the petition and take action.

PASSED ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2021.

Scott Byrd, Mayor

Samantha Roybal, City Clerk



Memorandum

To: Arkadelphia Board of Directors
CC: Ed McCorkle, City Attorney
From: Gary Brinkley, City Manager
Date: May 27, 2021
Re: Purchase of Land for Drainage

Through City Attorney McCorkle, we have been presented an opportunity to purchase 2 lots on O'Connell before they are auctioned off in August.

History. Clark County Construction Company developed most of the lots in the Lakewood Heights Addition of town. Better known today as the area around O'Connell/Center area.

In May 2016 Clark County Construction dedicated 5 lots to the city which is a drainage basin. These lots are 3,4,5,6 and 7 heighted on the attached map. Clark County Construction held onto lots 8 & 9 for future development that has never occurred. The lands highest and best use would be as an addition to our drainage basin for this sector of town.

The Clark County Construction Company is willing to deed these lots over to the city. Our obligation would be to redeem these lots from back taxes. Attached for your review is the Petition to Redeem documents.

Should you agree with the recommendation to accept the lots being deeded to the city staff would ask that you also approve an amount not to exceed \$1,500 for the redemption and any additional fees that might be associated with the transfer of the property and for the city manager to sign all necessary documents.

Thank you.

Clark County
 Assessor's Office
 Tosha Horton, Assessor



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1 inch = 112 feet

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PETITION TO REDEEM
TOMMY LAND
COMMISSIONER OF STATE LANDS
STATE OF ARKANSAS
 PO Box 3320 - Little Rock, AR 72203
 501-683-3053 Fax: 501-324-9424

Petition ID: 914248
 Sale Date: 08/12/2021
 Sale Number: 1503
 Parcel Number:
 74-01581-000

Date: 05/10/2021 By: Online Code: 8-3 Year Forfeited: 2015 County: CLARK

According to the records of the Commissioner of State Lands Office CLARK COUNTY CONST CO was the owner of the following described real property at the time the same was forfeited and certified to the State of Arkansas for the non-payment of taxes, to wit:

Description: Section: Township: Range: Acreage: 0 Lot: 8 Block: 1 City: Addition: LAKEWOOD HEIGHTS ADDN SD: 1AR

These amounts are valid for 30 days, unless the parcel has been sold or additional fees have accrued

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PETITIONER

ALL PETITIONERS MUST COMPLETE ALL OF THIS FORM. INCOMPLETE PETITIONS WILL BE RETURNED

If the owner is different than the name printed on this form, send copies of recorded deeds showing how the title transferred from the name listed on this form to the new owner. Otherwise, property will be redeemed as listed above.

Redemption Deed will be mailed to the following address:

TAXES	2015 - 2019	\$168.75
Interest		\$43.32
Penalty		\$16.88
County Costs		\$4.00
Recording Fee		\$15.00
State Costs		\$157.80
Total Due		\$405.75

All payments made within 30 days PRIOR TO the sale date or during the Redemption Period following the sale date must be
MONEY ORDER, CASHIERS CHECK, ESCROW CHECK OR
CREDIT/DEBIT CARD (if paying online).

I state that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge that payment of these taxes does not establish ownership of the real property. I also acknowledge that the issuance of a redemption deed does not convey any title to or establish ownership of the person who signs this petition to redeem or in whose name the deed is issued.

Signature: _____

Printed Name _____

Drivers License Number (Required If paying by personal check)

- _____ Acting on own behalf
- _____ Acting on behalf of the record owner
- _____ Heir to the property or holding some interest in the property

mccorkle@mtmc-law.com

Sent to: Ed mccorkle
 929 main street
 arkadelphia, ar 71923



PETITION TO REDEEM
TOMMY LAND
COMMISSIONER OF STATE LANDS
STATE OF ARKANSAS
 PO Box 3320 - Little Rock, AR 72203
 501-683-3053 Fax: 501-324-9424

Petition ID: 914249
 Sale Date: 08/12/2021
 Sale Number: 1504
 Parcel Number:
74-01582-000

Date: 05/10/2021 By: Online Code: 8-4 Year Forfeited: 2015 County: CLARK

According to the records of the Commissioner of State Lands Office CLARK COUNTY CONST CO was the owner of the following described real property at the time the same was forfeited and certified to the State of Arkansas for the non-payment of taxes, to wit:

Description: Section: Township: Range: Acreage: 0 Lot: 9 Block: 1 City: Addition: LAKEWOOD HEIGHTS ADDN SD: 1AR

These amounts are valid for 30 days, unless the parcel has been sold or additional fees have accrued

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