

REGULAR CALLED MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Boardroom

February 1, 2022

5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order Mayor Scott Byrd
2. Invocation
3. Approval of Board Minutes from January 18, 2022 – Mayor Byrd
4. Proclamation Naming February African American History Month- Mayor Byrd
5. Consider Bid for Caddo/27th Drainage Project – Gary Brinkley
6. City Manager's Report – Gary Brinkley
7. Routine Business – Mayor Byrd
8. Adjournment – Mayor Byrd

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

January 18, 2022

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 (absent)*
Samantha Roybal, *City Clerk*

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Mayor Byrd

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES FROM JANUARY 4, 2022

A motion was made by Assistant Mayor Gosey, seconded by Director Porter to approve the minutes from the January 4, 2022 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”		

PROCLAMATION OF APPRECIATION FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

The Mayor called for the Clerk to read the Proclamation.

The Clerk read the Proclamation.

APPROVAL OF PARKS BOARD COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager requested the continuation of Carrie Burt and Lesley Galbraith as members of the Parks & Recreation Committee.

A motion was made by Director Chaney, seconded by Director Crews on the continuation of Carrie Burt and Lesley as members.

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”		

AWU-GUM SPRINGS CHANGE ORDER TO CONTRACT #3 & UPDATE

David Green requested the Board approve Change Order Number 3 for Contract No. 3 in the amount of \$13,319.64 for the fencing around the booster pump station.

A motion was made by Director Jones, seconded by Director Crews to approve the Changer Order Number 3 for Contract No. 3 in the amount of \$13,319.64.

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 THE APPROVAL OF NEW FIRE ENGINE PURCHASE

Chief Hunt requested the Board approve the purchase of a new Pierce Fire Engine in the amount of \$957,272.00. Price includes apparatus, hand tools, hoses, etc., and delivery.

A motion was made by Director Jones, seconded by Director Porter to approve the purchase of the new Pierce Fire Engine in the amount of \$957,272.00.

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”		

ANNUAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Ms. Nikki Chanlder, Vice President, gave the Annual Chamber of Commerce Report.

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL CONTRACT WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Annual Contract with the Chamber of Commerce was presented to the Board. The Contract for Services is an annual one commencing January 1, 2022, consistent with previous years and approved in the 2022 Budget. The annual cost is \$35,000.00.

A motion was made by Assistant Mayor Gosey, seconded by Director Chaney to approve the Annual Contract with the Chamber of Commerce for \$35,000.00 to be paid evenly on a monthly basis.

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

Taylor Chaney	“Ayet”	Roland Gosey	“Aye”
Chris Porter	“Aye”	Jason Jones	“Aye”
Reo Cummings	“Aye”	Mayor Byrd	“Aye”
Keith Crews	“Aye”		

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

January 18, 2022

Dates to Remember:

- February 22, 2022. TWODAY event in downtown Arkadelphia. More to come.
- The annual Chamber Banquet is on March 17th. Please see Samantha to confirm your attendance.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Taylor Chaney, Ward 1 – Nothing.

Chris Porter, Ward 2 – Nothing.

Keith Crews, Ward 3 – Prepared and Read a Statement expressing his concern over adding the additional paid employee holidays and his concern about the future needs of the city.

Reo Cummings, Ward 4 – He mentioned that he was thankful that the Knights of Columbus were going to be donating an Ultrasound Machine to the Pregnancy Resource Center. He also mentioned that while making decisions the Board must keep in mind the Financial and Safety of the citizens.

Jason Jones, Ward 5 – Nothing.

Roland Gosey, Assistant Mayor – Expressed his support of Juneteenth as a holiday and the Boards voting process. He believes that the purchase of the Fire Truck is necessary, a good decision, and needed for public safety.

Scott Byrd, Mayor – He mentioned that he enjoys serving on this Board and believes Board members should work out their differences.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Director Jones made the motion, seconded by Director Cummings to adjourn. **The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.**

Scott Byrd, Mayor

Samantha Roybal, City Clerk

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

Jason Hunt

Nikki Chandler

Lewis A Sherperd Jr.

Jason Jackson

Julie Lacy

Tate Chanler

David Green

PROCLAMATION

City of Arkadelphia

PROCLAMATION CALLING FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2022 TO BE KNOWN AS AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF THE BLACK HEALTH AND WELLNESS: CONSIDERING ACTIVITIES, RITUALS, AND INITIATIVES THAT BLACK COMMUNITIES HAVE DONE TO BE WELL

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS:

WHERE AS: Throughout the month of February 2022, The Association for the Study of African American Life and History will host a festival, by virtual programming in observance and celebration of the strengths, struggles, and the sheer perseverance of the Black family; and

WHERE AS: The festival will be a series of stellar educational events that demonstrate how Black people helped shape the American landscape and were shaped by it. This all through the lens of food, religion, education, economics, music, and arts and their impact on the endurance of Black families; and

WHERE AS: the 2022 theme is Black Health and Wellness focusing on the importance of Black Health and Wellness. This theme acknowledges the legacy of not only Black scholars and medical practitioners in Western medicine, but also other ways of knowing (e.g., birth workers, doulas, midwives, naturopaths, herbalists, etc.) throughout the African Diaspora.”.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED:

FEBRUARY 2022 AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS

In witness I have set my hand and caused the seal to be affixed this date February 1, 2022.

MAYOR: _____
Scott Byrd, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Samantha Roybal, City Clerk





Memorandum

To: Arkadelphia Board of Directors
CC: Ed McCorkle, City Attorney
From: Gary Brinkley, City Manager
Date: January 27, 2022
Re: Consider Bid for Caddo/27th Drainage Project

On January 25th bids were opened for the rebuilding of the drainage system along Caddo and 27th. Four bids were received.

B&F Engineers is currently evaluating the bids and will provide staff with the analysis and recommendations by Tuesday, February 1st.

Staff will provide these documents and a recommendation to you for review at the Board meeting.

Thank you.