# REGULAR CALLED MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Boardroom

**September 20, 2022** 

5:30 p.m.

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order Mayor Scott Byrd
- 2. Invocation
- 3. Approval of Minutes from September 6, 2022 Mayor Byrd
- 4. Second Reading of Ordinance Assessing a Five Mill Tax Gary Brinkley
- 5. Public Hearing to Abandon Portions of Undeveloped Streets- Gary Brinkley/DeAnna Graves
- 6. First Reading of Ordinance to Abandon Portions of Undeveloped Streets- Gary Brinkley/DeAnna Graves
- 7. City Manager's Report Gary Brinkley
- 8. Routine Business Mayor Byrd
- 9. 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** 

September 6, 2022

5:30 P.M.

#### **MEMBERS:**

Taylor Chaney, Ward 1Director 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 (absent)

#### **OTHERS:**

Gary Brinkley, City Manager Samantha Roybal, City Clerk

#### CALL TO ORDER

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

The Mayor announced a quorum was present.

#### INVOCATION

**Director Cummings** 

#### APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES FROM AUGUST 16, 2022

A motion was made by Director Chaney, seconded by Assistant Mayor Gosey to approve the minutes from the August 16, 2022 Board Meeting.

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

**Roland Gosey** "Aye" "Ave" **Taylor Chaney** "Ave" **Jason Jones Chris Porter** "Aye" "Ave" "Aye" **Mayor Byrd Reo Cummings** 

**Keith Crews** "Ave"

#### APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES FROM AUGUST 27, 2022

A motion was made by Director Chaney, seconded by Assistant Mayor Gosey to approve the minutes from the August 27, 2022 Board Meeting.

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

**Roland Gosev Taylor Chaney** "Aye" **Jason Jones** "Aye" "Ave" **Chris Porter** "Aye" **Mayor Byrd** "Ave" **Reo Cummings** 

"Aye" **Keith Crews** 

#### RECOMMENDATION FOR AIRPORT BOARD

Mr. Brinkley requested the Board approve the appointment of Mr. Derek Franklin to the Arkadelphia Municipal Airport Advisory Committee.

A motion was made by Director Chaney, seconded by Director Jones to approve the appointment of Mr. Derek Franklin to the Arkadelphia Municipal Airport Advisory Committee.

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

Taylor Chaney	"Aye"	Roland Gosey	"Aye"
<b>Chris Porter</b>	"Aye"	Jason Jones	"Aye"
Reo Cummings	"Aye"	Mayor Byrd	"Aye"
Keith Crews	"Ave"		

# RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO ABANDON PLATTED STREETS

Mr. requested the Board approve the Resolution calling for a public hearing to be held at the next Board meeting.

A motion was made by Director Crews, seconded by Director Porter to approve the Resolution calling for a Public Hearing.

# 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"	<b>Mayor Byrd</b>	"Aye"
Keith Crews	"Ave"		

# UPDATE ON N 18<sup>TH</sup> DRAINAGE PROJECT

Mr. Brinkley updated the Board on the \$6,000.00 bid that was received on the installation of the concrete swell of N. 18<sup>th</sup> Street. No action was required.

#### UPDATE FIRE COMMAND STRUCTURE AND APPROVAL

Mr. Brinkley and Chief Hunt requested the Board to approve the restructuring of the fire department with an addition of a new position of Assistant Chief to the command.

A motion was made by Director Jones, seconded by Director Chaney to approve the restricting of the fire department with an addition of a new position of Assistant Chief.

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

<b>Taylor Chaney</b>	"Aye"	Roland Gosey	"Aye"
Chris Porter	"Aye"	<b>Jason Jones</b>	"Aye"
Reo Cummings	"Aye"	<b>Mayor Byrd</b>	"Aye"
Keith Crews	"Aye"		

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE EDCCC

Mr. Brinkley presented the Board with the agreement between the City of Arkadelphia and the EDCCC for the water/wastewater extensions to serve the south of the EDCCC site commonly referred to as the Super Site along Hwy 67.

A motion was made by Director Jones, seconded by Director Chaney to approve a memorandum of understanding with the EDCCC.

### 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	"Ave"		

# CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF BID FOR WATER/WASTEWATER EXTENSION HWY

Mr. Brinkley requested the Board bid in the amount of \$752,015.00 for the extension of water and wastewater service lines along Hwy 67 to the EDCCC Super Site.

A motion was made by Director Chaney, seconded by, Director Porter to approve the bid in the amount of \$752,015.00 for the extension of water and wastewater service lines along Hwy 67 to the EDCCC Super Site.

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

<b>Taylor Chaney</b>	"Aye"	Roland Gosey	"Aye"
Chris Porter	"Aye"	Jason Jones	"Aye"
Reo Cummings	"Aye"	Mayor Byrd	"Aye"
<b>Keith Crews</b>	"Aye"		

# PREORDER AUTHORIZATION FOR POLICE VEHICLES

Mr. Brinkley and Chief Jackson requested the Board approve the authorization to order 3 vehicles for the 2023 Budget. The costs will be included in the proposed 2023 Budget as discussed. It is simply a timing issue with the window to order vehicles under the state contracted pricing running from October to early November now.

A motion was made by Director Chaney, seconded by, Director Porter to approve the authorization to order 3 vehicles for the 2023 Budget.

# 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"	<b>Mayor Byrd</b>	"Aye"
Keith Crews	"Aye"		

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# FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE ASSESSING A FIVE MILL TAX

Mr. Brinkley requested the Board place the Ordinance on its first reading and following that, place it on its second reading, title only at the next scheduled Board meeting.

A motion was made by Director Chaney, seconded by Assistant Mayor Gosey to place the Ordinance on its first reading.

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

Taylor Chaney	"Aye	Roland Gosey	"Aye"
<b>Chris Porter</b>	"Aye"	Jason Jones	"Aye"
Reo Cummings	"Aye"	Mayor Byrd	"Aye"
Keith Crews	"Ave"		

The Mayor called for the Clerk to read the Ordinance in its entirety.

The Clerk read the Ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE ASSESSING A FIVE MILL TAX AGAINST THE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS, FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR 2022 COLLECTIBLE IN 2023 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

## ORDINANCE O-22-

AN ORDINANCE ASSESSING A FIVE MILL TAX AGAINST THE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS, FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR 2022 COLLECTIBLE IN 2023 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1. That a tax of five (5) mills on the dollar is hereby levied by the City Board of Directors of the City of Arkadelphia, Arkansas on all the real and personal property within the corporate limits of the City of Arkadelphia, for the taxable year 2022,

collectible in 2023.

**Section 2.** That a certified copy of this ordinance be delivered by the City Clerk to the County Clerk of Clark County, Arkansas to be certified to the Quorum Court.

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The Mayor called for a motion to place the Ordinance on its second reading, title only, at the next scheduled Board meeting.

A motion was made by Director Chaney, seconded by Director Porter to place the Ordinance on its second reading, title only at the next 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"
<b>Keith Crews</b>	"Aye"		

# CITY MANAGER'S REPORT September 6, 2022

- Thank you for an excellent Board retreat two weekends ago. We are very excited about attacking the challenges we are facing in the immediate and long term.
- We are still making progress on the Feaster Trail phase one rehabilitation. Again, my thanks to Ryan Arnold for managing this project on our behalf.
- Airport Terminal Work continues at a very favorable pace.
- On September 1 we executed the agreements on the Airport 3-bay hanger. Like the one we built last year, the contractor will build the pad, ramp, and prep for the building now. The building will not be delivered until early next year.
- I did speak with the District Engineer with ArDOT and they are a couple of weeks out from finishing the work on 6<sup>th</sup> & Walnut.
- We were able to connect B&F Engineers with ArDOT on the Haddock/N 10<sup>th</sup> drainage design. We hope this will expedite the final engineering.
- Caddo and 27<sup>th</sup> Street Drainage: The water line has been completed and now they are in the process of attaching pipes and finishing the project.

#### Dates to Remembers:

- The annual Doggie Dip will be the following Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The Governor will be here next week to participate in a ceremony at Hostess's new facility in the Industrial Park.

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- The Governor will be here in October as well to celebrate the significant investment at Veolia.
- Festival of the Arts September 23-24.

#### **ROUTINE BUSINESS**

**Taylor Chaney, Ward 1** – He was thankful for the work on North 18<sup>th</sup>. He asked about the Director of Parks and Recreation position search. He mentioned that Hot Springs played well, but the Badgers still won.

Chris Porter, Ward 2 - Badgers won.

Keith Crews, Ward 3 - Nothing.

**Reo Cummings, Ward 4** – Nothing.

**Jason Jones, Ward 5** – He expressed his concerns about the overgrown yards around the community.

**Roland Gosey, Assistant Mayor** – He mentioned that some residents are upset regarding the progress of Clark's Street.

Scott Byrd, Mayor - Arkansas Won, and LSU had some poor coaching.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Director Chaney made the motion, seconded by Director Crews to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

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Samantha Roybal, City Clerk		

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# ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

Jason Hunt
John Nelson
David Green
Jason Jackson
Chuck Fitzsimmons
DeAnna Graves
Julie Lacy
Lewis A. Shepherd Jr.
Joyce Johnson
Shelly Short



# **MEMORANDUM**

To:

Mayor Byrd & Board of Directors

From:

Gary Brinkley, City Manager

Date:

September 14, 2022

Re:

Ordinance for Five Mill Tax

Following the second reading, staff recommends placing the Ordinance on its third reading, title only at the next scheduled meeting.

THIS IS NOT A NEW TAX.

Thank you.

### ORDINANCE <u>O-22-</u>

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**Section 2.** That a certified copy of this ordinance be delivered by the City Clerk to the County Clerk of Clark County, Arkansas to be certified to the Quorum Court.

PASSED ON THE	DAY OF	, 2022.	
		APPROVED:	
ATTEST:		Scott Byrd, Mayor	
Samantha Roybal, City	Clerk		



# Memorandum

To:

Arkadelphia Board of Directors

CC:

Ed McCorkle, City Attorney

From:

Gary Brinkley, City Manager

Date:

September 14, 2022

Re:

Public Hearing - Discuss Possible Street Closures

Pursuant to Arkansas Code § 14-301-302, you are required to host a public hearing prior to the actual discussion of the closing a road.

Tonight, you will be hearing from the public regarding several platted roads, which were platted but never developed. Maps attached.

As we believe these streets were closed but documentation is not readily accessible, staff is recommending you proceed with a formal street closure of these platted but never developed streets. This will allow ArDOT to negotiate with the property owners for the purchase of the right of way so the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Extension can move forward.

Following the Public Hearing, you will be given the opportunity to review an ordinance to close the streets.

Thank you.

Attachment

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City of Arkadelphia will hold a Public Hearing in the Board Room at Town Hall, 700 Clay Street, Arkadelphia, Arkansas the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of September 2022 at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to consider a request of a petition filed by City of Arkadelphia to vacate the following unopened streets: Cottage Street, Henderson Street, Unnamed Street and Cass Street.

#### COTTAGE STREET CLOSURE

An unopened street being 40 feet wide, known as Cottage Street, as recorded in the Deed of Records Book G page 421 running east and west beginning approximately 120 feet west of the southeast corner of Block IX to 40 feet west of the southwest corner of Block IX of Hardy Barkman Additional Survey and generally described as:

An unopened street platted as Cottage Street located along the southern boundary of Hardy Barkman Additional Survey beginning at the southeast corner of Block IX running west 129.18 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence west approximately 93 feet to the southwest corner of Block IX; thence west 40 feet to the western edge of the unopened street known as Cass Street aka 10<sup>th</sup> Street, thence west 48.79 feet, thence south 40 feet to the south edge of the unopened street known as Cottage Street, thence east 188.63 feet; thence 40 feet north to the Point of Beginning, all being in the City of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, Clark County, Section 20, Township 7S, Range 19W.

#### HENDERSON STREET CLOSURE

A portion of an unopened street being 40 feet wide, known as Henderson Street, as recorded in the Deed of Records Book G page 421 running east and west approximately 920 feet between the south boundary line of Blocks 25 thru 28 and the north boundary lines of Blocks 21 thru 24 of Hardy Barkman Addition and generally described as:

A portion of an unopened street platted as Henderson Street located running east to west

between Blocks 24 & 25; and

between Blocks 23 & 26 to the east side of a street known as 8th Street; and

between Blocks 23 & 26 from the west side of a street known as 8th Street; and

between Blocks 22 & 27; and

between Blocks 21 & 28 of Hardy Barkman Addition, all being in the City of Arkadelphia,

Arkansas, Clark County, Section 17, Township 7S, Range 19W.

#### UNNAMED STREET CLOSURE

A portion of an unopened unnamed street being 40 feet wide as recorded in the Deed of Records Book G page 421 running east and west approximately 200 feet between Blocks 16 & 9 of Hardy Barkman Addition and generally described as:

A portion of an unopened street platted but not named running between Blocks 16 & 9 of Hardy Barkman Addition; beginning at the SE corner of Block 16 run west approximately 200 feet to the SW corner of Block 16; thence south 40 feet to the NW corner of Block 9; thence east approximately 200 feet to the NE corner of Block 9; thence north 40 feet to the point of beginning, all being in the City of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, Clark County, Section 17, Township 7S, Range 19W.

#### CASS STREET CLOSURE

A portion of an unopened street being 40 feet wide, known as Cass Street, as recorded in the Deed of Records Book G page 421 running north and south 480 feet from the north side of unopened street, platted as Crittenden Street, to the south side of a portion of an unopened street, known as Cottage Street and generally described as:

A portion of an unopened street platted as Cass Street located running north and south between Blocks V & Block IV; and between Blocks VIII & IX of Hardy Barkman Additional Survey, beginning at the SE corner of Lot 10 of Block 61 and the SW corner of Lot 6 of Block 60 of the Browning Addition, run south to the SE corner of Block VIII and the SW corner of Block IX of the Hardy Barkman Additional Survey, all being in the City of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, Clark County, Section 20, Township 7S, Range 19W.



# Memorandum

To:

Arkadelphia Board of Directors

CC:

Ed McCorkle, City Attorney

From:

Gary Brinkley, City Manager

Date:

September 14, 2022

Re:

Ordinance to Close Certain Platted but Undeveloped Streets

Following the public hearing, you are now given the opportunity to review and approve an ordinance to close portions of four platted but never developed streets in Arkadelphia. You did this same process in May.

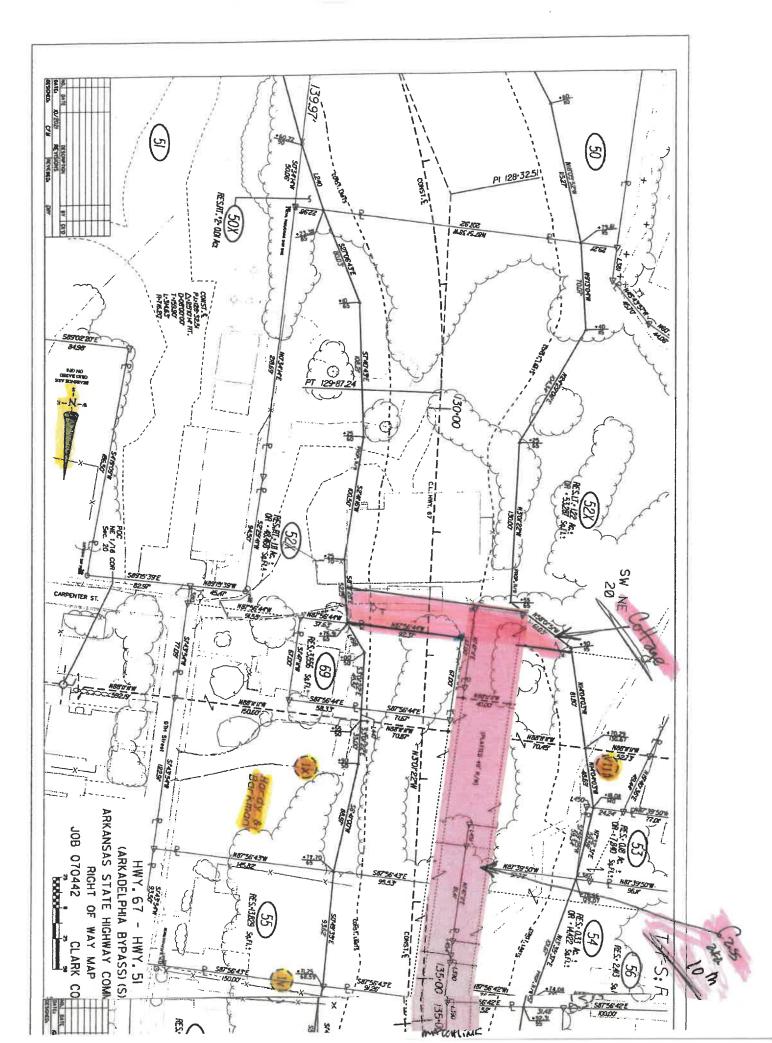
Again, this is being done to facilitate the purchase of the right of ways by ArDOT for the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Extension, a part of the Bypass project.

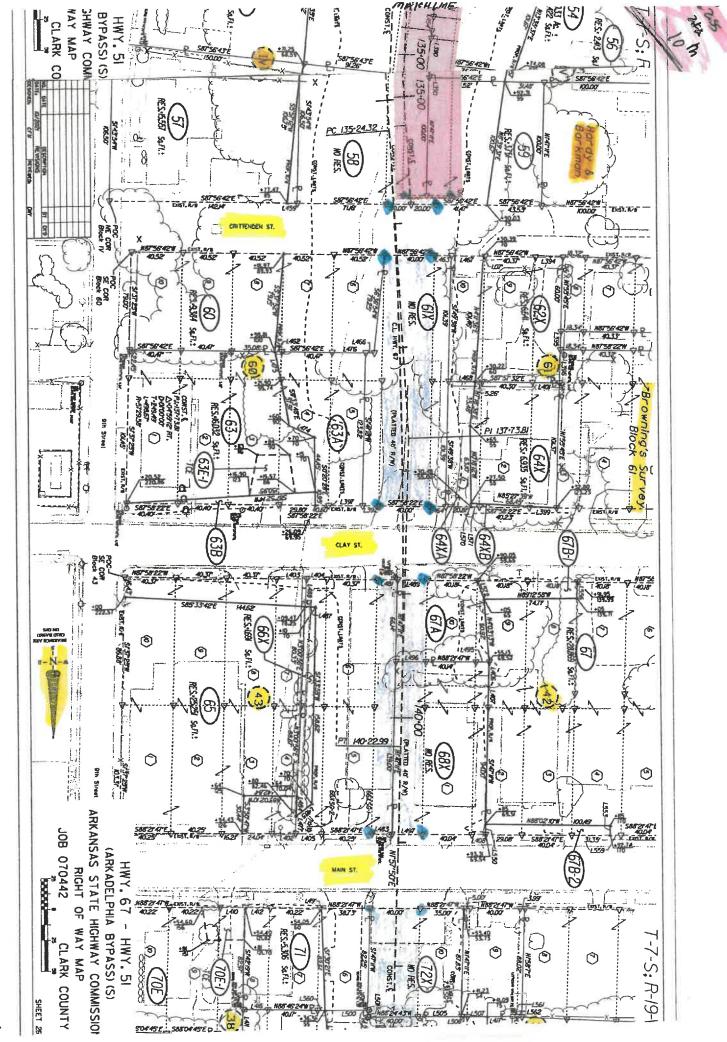
Staff recommends that in your motion to place the ordinance on its first reading, you exclude the tract descriptions from the reading. This is now customary in Arkadelphia.

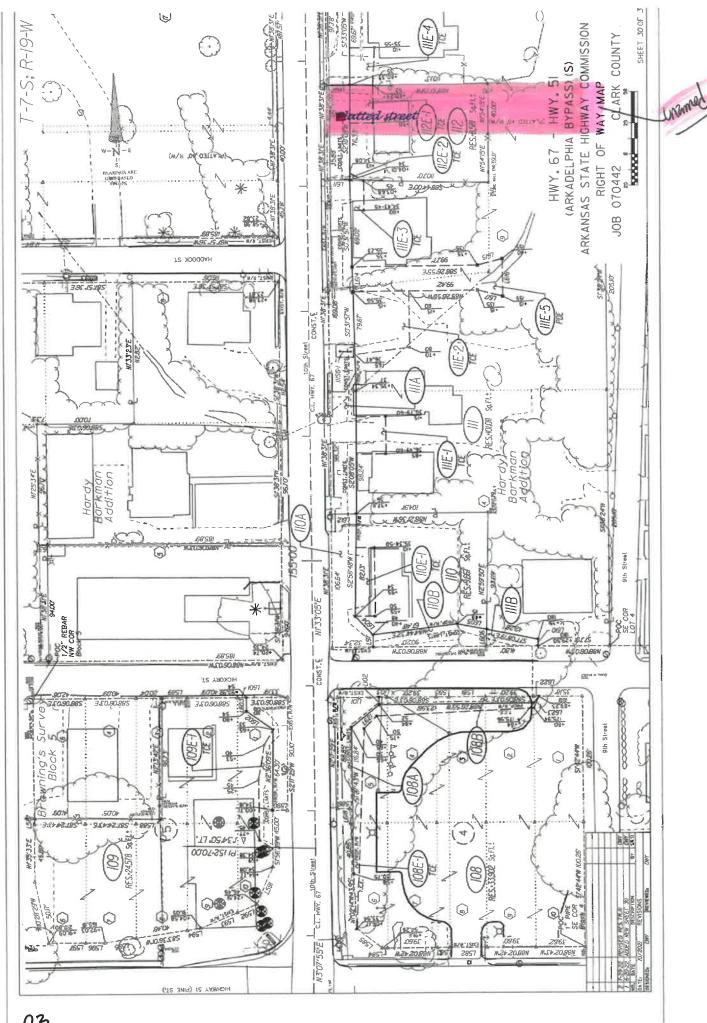
ArDOT has requested you consider suspending the rules and completing the ordinance readings and adoption tonight to help quicken the process and keep the project moving forward.

Thank you.

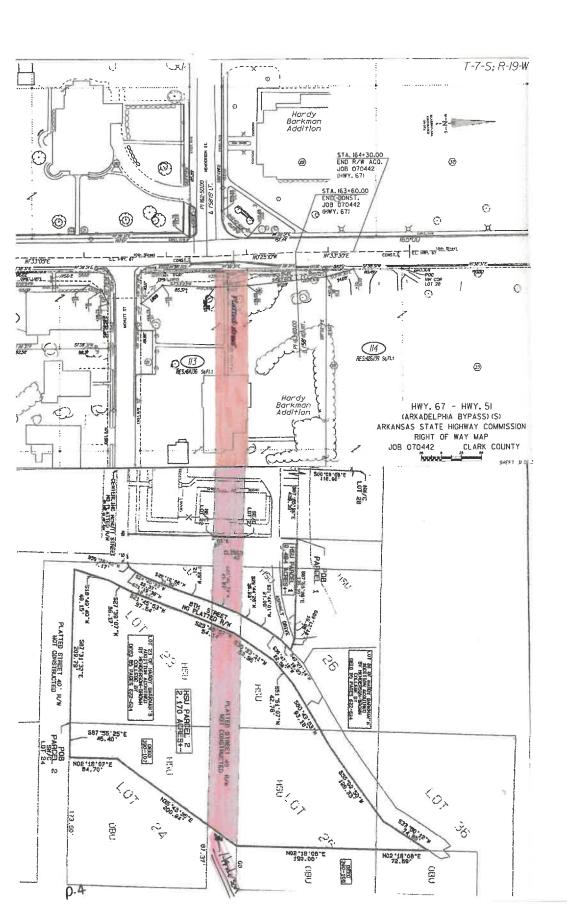
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#### ORDINANCE NO. O-22-\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE A PLATTED BUT UNDEVELOPED PORTION OF SEVERAL STREETS: COTTAGE STREET, HENDERSON STREET, AN UNNAMED STREET AND CASS STREET.

WHEREAS, the city is petitioning with the Board of Directors of the City of Arkadelphia, Arkansas on September 20, 2022 to vacate and abandon a platted but undeveloped streets: Cottage Street, Henderson Street, an unnamed street and Cass Street and;

WHEREAS, after due notice as required by law, the Board of Directors has, at the time and place mentioned in the notice, heard all persons desiring to be heard on the question and has ascertained that the easement of the portion thereof, herein before described, as heretofore been dedicated to the public, use as an easement herein described; that the city of Arkadelphia requests a portion of Cottage Street, Henderson Street, an unnamed street and Cass Street to be vacated have filed with the Board of Directors their written consent to abandonment; and that public interest and welfare will not be adversely affected by the abandonment of the portion of platted but never developed streets known as; Cottage Street, Henderson Street, an unnamed street and Cass Street.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS:

**SECTION 1:** The City of Arkadelphia, Arkansas releases, vacates, and abandons all its rights, together with the rights of the public generally, in and to the portion of platted but undeveloped Cottage Street, Henderson Street, an unnamed street and Cass Street designated as follows:

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And,

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between Blocks 23 & 26 to the east side of a street known as 8<sup>th</sup> Street; and between Blocks 23 & 26 from the west side of a street known as 8<sup>th</sup> Street; and

between Blocks 22 & 27; and between Blocks 21 & 28 of Hardy Barkman Addition, all being in the City of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, Clark County, Section 17, Township 7S, Range 19W;

And,

A portion of an unopened an unnamed street being 40 feet wide as recorded in the Deed of Records Book G page 421 running east and west approximately 200 feet between Blocks 16 & 9 of Hardy Barkman Addition and generally described as:

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**SECTION 2:** Abandonment is subject to the utility easements and/or other easements. Arkansas Department of Transportation acknowledges the easements and if necessary, will pay all costs associated with any required relocation.

**SECTION 3**: A copy of the Ordinance duly certified by the City Clerk shall be filed in the office of the Recorder of Clark County and recorded in the deed records of the county.

**SECTION 4:** Any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication.

AS	SED AND APPR	OVED thisday of September, 2022
	APPROVED:_	Scott Byrd, Mayor
	ATTEST:	Samantha Roybal, City Clerk