

REGULAR CALLED MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Boardroom

April 18, 2023

5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order Mayor Scott Byrd
2. Invocation
3. Approval of Board Minutes from April 4, 2023 – Mayor Byrd
4. Citizen to address the Board
5. Proclamation for Group Livings 50th Anniversary – Mayor Byrd
6. Proclamation for National Day of Prayer- Mayor Byrd
7. Parks and Pool Update – Stuart Tapson
8. City Manager's Report – Gary Brinkley
9. Routine Business – Mayor Byrd
10. Adjournment – Mayor Byrd

Workshop:

There will be a brief Workshop on Water/Sewer Projects :05 following the end of the Regular Called Meeting of the Board of Directors

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** and speaker may not yield his or her time to another speaker.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Board Room

April 4, 2023

5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS:

Taylor Chaney, *Ward 1 Director*
Chris Porter, *Ward 2 Director (absent)*
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 5:32 p.m.

The Mayor announced a quorum was present.

INVOCATION

Director Jones

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES FROM MARCH 21, 2023

A motion was made by Director Chaney, seconded by Director Cummings to approve the minutes from the March 21, 2023, Board Meeting.

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

Taylor Chaney	"Aye"	Roland Gosey	"Aye"
Chris Porter	"Absent"	Jason Jones	"Aye"
Reo Cummings	"Aye"	Mayor Byrd	"Aye"
Keith Crews	"Aye"		

**CONSIDERATION OF THE THIRD READING OF THE 2021 ARKANSAS
FIRE PREVENTION CODE ORDINANCE**

The Mayor called for the Clerk to read the Ordinance, title only.

The Clerk read the Ordinance, title only

A motion was made by Director Chaney seconded by Director Crews to adopt the 2021 Arkansas Fire Prevention Code Ordinance.

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

Taylor Chaney	"Aye"	Roland Gosey	"Aye"
Chris Porter	"Absent"	Jason Jones	"Aye"
Reo Cummings	"Aye"	Mayor Byrd	"Aye"
Keith Crews	"Aye"		

CONSIDER AGREEMENT WITH CLARK COUNTY ARTS & HUMANITIES

Mr. Brinkley requested the renewal of the Clark County Arts & Humanities Council (CCAH) contract for the old theater space for three years.

Ms. Claudia Beach from the CCAH Council updated the Board on past and future activities of the Council.

A motion was made by Director Chaney seconded by Director Crews to approve the renewal of the lease agreement with the Clark County Arts & Humanities.

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

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

APPROVAL OF SIDEWALK CONTRACT TO FINISH TRAIL

Mr. Brinkley gave a brief overview of the history of the Feaster Trail project with the termination of the contract with All Pro Contracting and the completion of the ArDOT TAP Grant. Mr. Brinkley requested the Board approve the contract for Mar-Von Corporation at the cost of \$40,000.00 for the completion of the Feaster park phase one.

A motion was made by Director Crews seconded by Director Chaney to approve the contract as written with Mar-Von in the amount of \$40,000.00, and for the City Manager to sign all documents. In addition, the motion directed staff to allocate \$50,000.00 of the remaining budget funds for the Feaster Trail Phase Two project as part of our matching grant requirement.

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

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

APPROVAL OF BID FOR FIRE TRUCK FINANCING

Bids were open at 2:00 p.m. for the financing of the PUC Velocity Fire Engine in the amount of \$500,000.00. Two bids were received;

Citizens Bank	5.99%	\$300 processing fee
Southern Bancorp	4.89%	\$250 processing fee

Mr. Brinkley requested the Board accept the lowest qualified bid from Southern Bancorp at a 4.89% interest rate with a \$250 processing fee for the financing of the PUC Velocity Fire Engine in the amount of \$500,000.00.

A motion was made by Director Jones seconded by Director Chaney to accept the bid from Southern Bancorp at a 4.89% interest rate with a \$250 processing fee for the financing of the PUC Velocity Fire Engine in the amount of \$500,000.00.

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

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

UPDATE ON THE MLK PARK

Assistant Mayor Gosey updated the Board on the progress of MLK Park.

ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE PACKAGE PRESENTATION

Mr. Brinkley introduced Aaron Dees of Tyler Technologies who made a presentation of the company, the software’s capabilities and the modules staff selected. He fielded questions from the Board.

APPROVAL FOR ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE PACKAGE

After the presentation, the Board was requested to approve the contract with Tyler Technologies a dynamic accounting and administrative software package. The start-up cost is \$130,000.00 with an annual fee of \$53,000.00. Mr. Brinkley requested the Board approve the contract with Tyler Technologies for \$130,000.00 with an annual fee of \$53,000.00 directing the City Treasurer to move \$42,000.00 from Franchise Fees to Gen Government #5999 account. The Budget already approved \$88,000 for software upgrades.

A motion was made by Director Jones seconded by Assistant Mayor Gosey to approve the contract with Tyler Technologies for \$130,000.00 with an annual fee of \$53,000.00 directing the City Treasurer to move \$42,000.00 from Franchise Fees to Gen Government #5999 account.

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

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

April 4, 2023

- David Green reported that the water line upgrades on Grisham Street are now complete. The 2" feed was upgraded to a 6" line as well as 12 new services and a new fire hydrant. This dramatically improved water pressure and fire protection in the area.
- Easements continue to be acquired for the bypass, Pine Street widening project.
- The new scoreboard at the regulation softball field at the Sports Complex was installed last week. It is beautiful addition made possible by a partnership between the school district, Southern Bancorp, and the city. Leveraging money and opportunities as promised with the Moving Arkadelphia Forward initiative.
- Parks and Rec's Stuart Tapson reports we have 22 teams and over 206 girls in our softball program this season. That is a significant jump from where it was when we assumed the running of the program 3 years ago. We are excited the community has embraced this program and will continue to invest in its growth.
- On March 30th, Group Living hosted a parade downtown celebrating disability awareness week. Our thanks to the participants, supporters, and staff who helped facilitate the parade.
- The city currently has a number of openings in multiple departments. From full time to part-time to seasonal. You can view our openings on our website or Facebook posts that have been made.

Dates to Remember:

- April 8th from 9:00-12:00 will be the Community Easter Egg Hunt at the Sports Complex. This is an event hosted over 10 churches in town. Our thanks to Park Hill Baptist for their leadership in this project.
- April 22 we will host a kid fishing tournament at the pond in the Sports Complex. AF&G is releasing Catfish in the pond. Event will go from 8am to 2 pm. We thank the Arkansas Fish & Game for their participation in bring fishing to our urban children.

- Cinco de Mayo or May 5th is planned, food trucks paid, band confirmed, sound stage and lights all reserved, looking forward to an awesome community building event here at Town Square. Festivities begin at 5:00 pm.

Taylor Chaney, Ward 1 – He mentioned that if anyone wanted to give to MLK Park they can visit www.mlkpark.org.

Chris Porter, Ward 2 – Absent.

Keith Crews, Ward 3 – Nothing.

Reo Cummings, Ward 4 – Asked if the MLK Park link was on the City’s website.

Jason Jones, Ward 5 – Nothing.

Roland Gosey, Assistant Mayor – He asked why the tornado sirens could not be heard on the northern part of town. He also asked about the procedure for opening the safe room during severe weather.

Scott Byrd, Mayor – He thanked everyone for their patience and congratulated LSU Women for winning the NCAA Division I Women’s National Basketball Championship.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Assistant Mayor Gosey made the motion, seconded by Director Chaney to adjourn. **The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.**

Roland Gosey, Assistant Mayor

Samantha Roybal, City Clerk

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

Mary Bonner
Aaron Dees- Tyler Technologies
Joel Phelps
Julie Lacy
John Schofer
Ryan Arnold
DeAnna Graves
John Nelson
Bruce Bell



CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE CITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board of Directors Procedural Rules

2.2 Citizens

- a) Citizens and visitors are welcomed and encouraged to attend all public Board of Directors business meetings.
- b) Any citizen may request to be placed on the agenda by notifying the City Manager or City Clerk in writing by no later than noon Monday the week prior to week of the meeting.
- c) Citizens wanting to address the Board must provide in writing:
 - a. The nature of business to be discussed
 - b. Describe results desired
 - c. If action is requested reasoning must be stated
- d) Citizens speaking to the Board of Directors shall have a speaking time limit of 10 minutes. The time limit may be extended with dialogue between the speaker and the Board of Directors.
- e) Citizens and other visitors shall observe the same rules of propriety, decorum and good conduct applicable to the Board of Directors. Any person making personal attacks, impertinent remarks, using profanity, employing disruptive tactics or language, or other similar remarks will be declared out of order, and ordered removed from the meeting.

Citizen's Name: Doug Nelson

Citizen's Address: 804 26th

Citizen's Phone Number: 1-479-243-0867

Nature of business to be discussed:

change pine street to MLK Blvd

Describe results desired:

If action is requested reasoning must be stated:

Signature: Doug Nelson

Date: 4-6-23

Office of the Mayor

Arkadelphia, Arkansas

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Group Living Inc. was formed to advance independence and community integration for adults with developmental disabilities; and

Whereas, Group Living Inc., with the support of the Arkadelphia community, has provided support and encouragement to hundreds of clients as they, in turn, contributed to growing the heart and spirit of a community that embraces and accepts all people, regardless of ability or disability; and

Whereas, April 21st 2023 marks 50 years since the beginning of Group Living, Inc.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Scott Byrd, Mayor of the City of Arkadelphia, recognizes the contributions of Group Living, Inc., and it's staff and clients in the ongoing effort to promote and encourage independence and inclusion for adults with disabilities and do hereby celebrate the 50th Anniversary proclaiming in the City of Arkadelphia

**April 21, 2023
Group Living, Inc. Day**



In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

Mayor

Attest: _____

Date: _____

JOINT
Proclamation

CLARK COUNTY & CITY OF ARKADELPHIA

WHEREAS: *In Arkadelphia, Arkansas we are celebrating the National Day of Prayer May 4 2023; and*

WHEREAS: *The National Day of Prayer is a part of our American tradition, the first such day having been proclaimed by the Continental Congress in 1775; and*

WHEREAS: *People of all faiths are encouraged to participate in the National Day of Prayer and pray for our nation and its leaders.; and*

WHEREAS: *When waves of rampant violence, confusion and immorality crash around us, it remains obvious that our nation and its leaders stand in need of prayer.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Byrd, Mayor of the City of Arkadelphia, Arkansas and Troy Tucker, County Judge do hereby proclaim

**MAY 4, 2023
THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
IN ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS**

In witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.




Attest: _____

Date: _____



Memorandum

To: Arkadelphia Board of Directors
CC: Ed McCorkle, City Attorney
From: Gary Brinkley, City Manager 
Date: April 12, 2023
Re: Parks & Pool Update – Director Tapson

Parks & Rec Director Stuart Tapson will be here to update the Board on the Capital Improvements currently underway at the Aquatic Park.

Mr. Tapson will also provide an update on the programming that is occurring within both departments.

Thank you.