

REGULAR CALLED MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Boardroom

May 2, 2023

5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order Mayor Scott Byrd
2. Invocation
3. Approval of Board Minutes from April 18, 2023 – Mayor Byrd
4. Update on Development Activities – Gary Brinkley
5. City Manager's Report – Gary Brinkley
6. Routine Business – Mayor Byrd
7. 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** and speaker may not yield his or her time to another speaker.

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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*
Lainie Thomason, *Acting City Clerk*

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

The Mayor announced a quorum was present.

INVOCATION

Assistant Mayor Gosey

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES FROM APRIL 4, 2023

A motion was made by Assistant Mayor Gosey, seconded by Director Cummings to approve the minutes from the April 4, 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	“Aye”	Jason Jones	“Aye”
Reo Cummings	“Aye”	Mayor Byrd	“Aye”
Keith Crews	“Aye”		

Citizen Address the Board

Mr. Doug Nelson addressed the Board requesting the naming of Pine/Honary Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. be changed to Dr. Martin Luther King.

PROCLAMATION NAMING APRIL 21, 2023 GROUP LIVING, INC. DAY

Proclamation was read and received by Group Living 1 representative.

**A JOINT PROCLAMATION WITH CLARK COUNTY NAMING MAY 4, 2023
THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS**

Proclamation will be read with the County Judge at the National Day of Prayer ceremony on May 4th.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

April 18, 2023

- Submitted for a 50/50 grant to aid in painting the Community Hanger at the airport. This is the aged hanger that is next to our new Terminal Building and has been in need of painting the last 6 years.
- Easements continue to be acquired for the bypass, Pine Street widening project.
- Our thanks to the 11 churches and other volunteers who helped facilitate the Community Easter Egg Hunt at the Sports Complex on April 8th. Again, our great appreciation for Joseph Breckenridge from Parkhill and all the volunteers. It appeared to be a great success.
- The Police Department got their 2 new officers back from the academy last week. They will be on the streets with a Field Training Officers for 12 weeks before assuming full responsibilities. We welcome Officer Jennifer Burks, and Officer Destiny Bryant.
- Chief Hunt reports that he is 100% full with his staff and volunteer staffing.
- There was a change order to the Haddock Street project in the amount of \$8,500. The large dead tree that set over our line was removed and the best way to address the hole it left was to add a drop inlet, like we are doing throughout the project.
- We did receive the offer on the TAP grant for Feaster Trail Phase Two and I have a called scheduled tomorrow with the engineers to go over the form and make sure it aligns with our request.
- We received the offer from the state for the ARPA Clean Drinking Water grant in the amount of \$454,230.
- Bids were opened today for the Airport taxiway improvements. The engineer will be evaluating the numbers and make a recommendation.
- Fire Rescue 2 should be delivered by Friday. It is Conway having the final details done and tested with loads, etc.

Dates to Remember:

- April 21st will be Group Livings 50 Anniversary Celebration at town Square from 1:00 – 2:00 pm.
- April 22 we will host a kid fishing tournant 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 participating in bring fishing to our urban children.
- On April 22nd the Donna & Percy Malone Child Advocacy Center will be hosting their annual Duck Derby at the OBU football field.
- April 30th is the CASA peace walk and rally from Town Hall to the gazebo the Courthouse.
- 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.
- It is our High Honor to welcome Carry the Load to town on May 24th . They will arrive at Cliff Harris Stadium at 11:00 am and will step off at Noon on a walk to the Brookshires parking lot. If you are not aware of Carry the Load, I would highly recommend you research it and if possible, join us on the 24th.

Taylor Chaney, Ward 1 – He asked about the petition process for changing a street name.

Chris Porter, Ward 2 – Nothing.

Keith Crews, Ward 3 – Nothing.

Reo Cummings, Ward 4 – Can an afterhours number be posted somewhere for people to call in with concerns. Is there an emergency/after hours number for the water department?

Jason Jones, Ward 5 – Nothing.

Roland Gosey, Assistant Mayor – He asked if we could look at the procedure for renaming a street, he feels it is rather an aggressive process. He would like to try to have it reevaluated and then have a workshop with the board members.

Scott Byrd, Mayor – Nothing.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Director Crews made the motion, seconded by Director Jones to adjourn. **The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.**

Roland Gosey, Assistant Mayor

Samantha Roybal, City Clerk

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

Jason Hunt
Greg Vardaman
Jason Johnston
Tara Rollins
Shelley Short
Jason Jackson

Bruce Bell
MJ Davis
Michael Ankton
Julie Lacy
Emma Milner
Joe May



Memorandum

To: Arkadelphia Board of Directors
CC: Ed McCorkle, City Attorney
From: Gary Brinkley, City Manager
Date: April 27, 2023
Re: Development Activities Update

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

City Manager & staff will update the Board on current activities from the private sector and public sector.

Thank you.