

REGULAR CALLED MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Boardroom

June 15, 2021

5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order - Mayor Scott Byrd
2. Invocation
3. Approval of Board Minutes from June 1, 2021 – Mayor Byrd
4. Proclamations - Mayor Byrd
5. Public Hearing to Vacate Portion of N. 9th St. – Gary Brinkley/DeAnna Graves
6. First Reading of Ordinance to Vacate a Portion of N. 9th St. – Gary Brinkley
7. MLK Vision Committee Member Changes – Gary Brinkley
8. Approval to Establish ARPA Grant Bank Account – Gary Brinkley
9. City Manager's Report – Gary Brinkley
10. Routine Business – Mayor Byrd
11. Adjournment – Mayor Byrd

**REGULAR CALLED MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Board Room

June 1, 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 (Absent)*

OTHERS:

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Director Jason Jones

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES FROM MAY 18, 2021

A motion was made by Director Jones, seconded by Director Chris Porter to approve the minutes from the May 18, 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	“Absent”
Keith Crews	“Aye”		

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES FROM MAY 24, 2021

A motion was made by Director Crews, seconded by Director Chris Jones to approve the minutes from the May 24, 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	“Absent”

CONFIRMATION OF AIRPORT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The City Manager requested the continuation of Todd Knight and John Knight as members of the airport committee.

A motion was made by Director Chaney, seconded by Director Crews on the continuation of Todd Knight and John Knight 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	“Absent”
Keith Crews	“Aye”		

RESOLUTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR STREET VACATE

Mr. Brinkley requested the Board approve a resolution that calls for a public hearing regarding the Petition from OBU requesting the closure of N. 9th from Hickory to the dead-end of the street.

A motion was made by Director Crews, seconded by Director Porter to approve a resolution that calls for a public hearing regarding the closure of N. 9th.

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	“Absent”
Keith Crews	“Aye”		

PURCHASE OF LOTS FOR DRAINAGE

The city has been presented with an opportunity to purchase 2 lots on O’Connell. Should the Board of Directors agree to purchase the 2 lots, Mr. Brinkley requested the Board approve an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00 for the redemption and any additional fees that might be associated with the purchase.

A motion was made by Director Porter, seconded by Director Chaney to purchase the 2 lots on O’Connell in an amount not exceeding \$1,500.00.

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	“Absent”
Keith Crews	“Aye”		

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

June 1, 2021

- The Street Crew continues prepping for the slurry sealing earlier than normal. Please keep them in mind as you travel the city in the next few weeks.
- Next Monday we begin the annual flushing of the fire hydrants. This usually disturbs the pipes and causes the water to be momentarily color-stained. PLEASE watch for updates and/or the firemen are working in your area, shut off your ice makers and once the firemen have left, flush out your water pipes.
- The Streetscape project is substantially completed. Staff and McClellan engineers met with the contractor today and will be finalizing a punch list for completion. The light post on the north end of the block has been ordered but will not be here for another 90-120 days. We'll close out the grant once those are installed.
- Thank you to those who were able to attend the Corporate Hanger #3 ribbon cutting on May 26th. It was great to have the Dept of Aeronautics Director Jerry Chism here for the event. We look forward to the next ribbon cutting!
- The Police Dept is accepting applications to fill 2 vacancies. Applications may be picked up at the Police Station and must be completed and turned in by June 25th.
- 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.
The staff has been hired and are working on task training.
The concessions orders will be in place
Awning people have taken down 2 awing 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.
- In our Dept. Head meeting last Friday Junior Rodemeyer gave his report. There was so much going on I had him send it to me for inclusion in your Information Only as there is too much to discuss here. The staff continues to push for interest and participation and it appears from the sign-ups, we are making headway.

Dates to Remember:

- On Thursday, June 3rd it will be Open Late 'til 8 pm event downtown. As an added value, Rodney Block Collective of Little Rock will be here performing from 6:30-8:30 pm on Main St.

- The 6th annual Duck Derby Festival is June 5th at the Arkadelphia Youth Complex. Events begin at 10 am per their Facebook post.
- On Sunday at 3:00 pm, Tate Temple will host a groundbreaking for their new facility at the corner of pine & N. 20th. Please let me know if you're available to attend and I will advise Ms. Williams.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Taylor Chaney, Ward 1 – Please remember to vote in the special election.

Chris Porter, Ward 2 – Believes that it makes sense to pass the ½ sales tax to continue the momentum forward.

Keith Crews, Ward 3 – Nothing

Reo Cummings, Ward 4 – Exercise your right to vote, educate yourself and please ask questions.

Jason Jones, Ward 5 – We are in a position to help ourselves and it is our responsibility. Please vote.

Roland Gosey, Assistant Mayor – Asked if the widening of Pine Street was included in the tax that is going to pass. That widening of Pine Street was not communicated as a project included in the ½ tax proposal. He also encourages everyone to vote.

Scott Byrd, Mayor – Absent

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Director Chaney made the motion, seconded by Director Chaney to adjourn. **The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.**

Scott Byrd, Mayor

Samantha Roybal, City Clerk

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

Don Cleek
Julie Lacy
Jason Hunt



Memorandum

To: Arkadelphia Board of Directors
CC: Ed McCorkle, City Attorney
From: Gary Brinkley, City Manager
Date: June 7, 2021
Re: Public Hearing - Vacating N. 9th Street

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

Pursuant to your approval of Resolution R-21-11 at the last meeting, tonight you will host a public hearing to hear the presentation to close the portion of N. 9th from Hickory to the end of the cul-de-sac on the north end.

Attached is Ms. DeAnna Grave's memorandum explaining the entire process and what is required from the applicant, (Ouachita Baptist University) and the city.

The staff is in favor of vacating and looks forward to following the process for a successful resolution.

Thank you.



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Arkadelphia, AR 77923
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Date: June 10, 2021

To: City of Arkadelphia Board of Directors

Cc: Gary Brinkley, City Manager; Ed McCorkle, City Attorney

From: DeAnna Graves, Building Department Manager *dg*

Re: Vacate/Abandon 9th Street, North of Hickory Street

Ouachita Baptist University has requested to vacate N 9th Street, from Hickory Street north to the end of 9th Street to accommodate proposed student apartments.

Information to vacate a street or alley was sent to Mr. Keldon Henley of Ouachita Baptist University. He requested Hughes and Hughes Law Firm to handle the filing of the petition.

Eric and Erica Hughes, of Hughes and Hughes Law Firm, filed the petition with the City Clerk to vacate the street on behalf of OBU, whom owns all the properties North of Hickory Street abutting 9th Street.

A legal notice was published in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette on June 6, 2021 and will be on June 13th. No Citizens have objected to the request to vacate the street.

Steps to vacate a street:

1. Petition filed with the City Clerk
2. Resolution by the City Board of Directors to set a public hearing for next meeting
3. City Clerk to give notice of the meeting by publication in the newspaper once a week for two consecutive weeks prior to the scheduled public hearing. Notice shall include:
 - a) Names of persons who signed the petition
 - b) Name of street or portion thereof, to be vacated. If not named on the plat, identification shall be by the abutting lot or block numbers (legal description)
 - c) Date, time and location of public hearing
 - d) Any property owner affected by the petition shall be heard.
4. Written Consent of all property owners/utilities
 - a) Petitioners must file with the City Clerk, prior to the public hearing, written consent or signatures on the petition of all property owners abutting the street or alley to be vacated (State Code). Consent from all utility providers (water, electric, gas, telephone, and cable/satellite must also be obtained (City requirement).

5. Public Hearing

- a) Any property owner affected by the petition shall be heard.
- b) Board shall consider public interest and welfare in consideration of street to be vacated.
- c) No street shall be vacated unless written consent of the owners of all lots abutting on the street to be vacated has been filed with the City Board of Directors

6. Ordinance to Vacate

- a) Granting of the petition shall be by majority vote and incorporated into an ordinance.
- b) Ordinance shall have three readings
- c) Ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation.



Filed with City Clerk,
City of Arkadelphia, Arkansas
on 26th day of May 2021

Samantha Royal

Samantha Royal
City Clerk

IN THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA ARKANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF VACATING 9TH STREET
NORTH OF HICKORY

No. _____

PETITION TO VACATE STREET

COMES NOW Petitioner Ouachita Properties Development Company, LLC ("Ouachita"), and for its Petition to Vacate Street states as follows, to-wit:

I.

Ouachita owns land within the City of Arkadelphia, a City of the First Class.

II.

A portion of the lands owned by Ouachita are bisected by a street designated as 9th Street, within the Hardy & Barkman's Addition to the City of Arkadelphia, a plat of which is attached as Exhibit 1.

III.

The city council of the City of Arkadelphia has jurisdiction to consider a petition to vacate street pursuant to Ark. Code. Ann. § 14-301-301 et seq.

IV.

Ouachita owns the properties described in Exhibit 2, attached hereto and incorporated by this reference.

V.

The deeds whereby Ouachita acquired the property are attached as Exhibit 3.

VI.

9th Street bisects the property of Ouachita north of Hickory Street and dead ends at property owned by Ouachita. Ouachita owns the property on both sides of 9th Street, and there are no other landowners to give written consent.

VII.

That portion of 9th Street described above is not needed for a public street since all adjoining property north of Hickory Street is owned by Ouachita, an educational institution.

VIII.

The City Council should adopt an ordinance vacating that portion of 9th Street north of Hickory Street.


WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Petitioner prays that the City Council adopt an ordinance vacating those portions of 9th Street, described above and further prays for any and all other relief to which it may be entitled.

Dated this 26th of May, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attorneys for Ouachita Baptist University

By:  _____
Eric G. Hughes AR BIN 95034

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: June 7, 2021
Re: Ordinance to Vacate a Portion of N. 9th Street
Requested by Ouachita Baptist University



Following the conclusion of the Public Hearing regarding the vacating of a portion of N. 9th Street, you will need to pass an ordinance to vacate the requested area.

Attached for your perusal, please find the Ordinance to allow for the vacating of a portion of N. 9th Street for future development.

As both sides of the dead-end street are owned by OBU and it is the natural order of progression for OBU to develop the western border of their campus, staff supports the request.

The caveat to the ordinance will be utilities easements. Section 2 requires OBU to pay for any utility relocation if required.

Staff recommends placing the ordinance on its first reading, less the legal descriptions.

This is exactly what you did Ordinance NO O-19-09 for a portion of 7th Street vacating in October 2019.

Thank you.

ORDINANCE NO. O-21-

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE A PORTION OF A STREET LOCATED AT 9TH STREET NORTH OF HICKORY STREET IN THE HARDY & BARKMAN'S ADDITION.

WHEREAS, A Petition was filed with the Board of Directors of the City of Arkadelphia, Arkansas on May 26, 2021 to vacate and abandon a portion of North 9th Street designated on the lots and block of the Hardy & Barkman's Addition to the City of Arkadelphia and;

WHEREAS, after due notice as required by law, the council 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 owners of the property abutting upon the portion of North 9th 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 North 9th 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 North 9th Street designated as follows:

308 N 9th Street- A part of Lot 3 in Hardy & Barkman's Addition to the City of Arkadelphia, Clark County, Arkansas, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Book G at Pages 422-423 of the Deed Records of Clark County, Arkansas, particularly described as commencing at the SE Corner of said Lot 3 and running thence West 100 feet; thence North 75 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence run North 60 feet; thence West 100 feet; thence South 60 feet; thence East 100 feet back to the Point of Beginning.

312 N. 9th Street- Commence at the SE Corner of Lot 3 of Hardy and Barkman's Survey Addition to the City of Arkadelphia, Clark County, Arkansas and run thence West 100 feet, thence North 135 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence run West 100 feet; thence North 50 feet; thence East 100 feet; thence South 50 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a plot of ground 50 feet North and South by 100 feet East and West.

316 N. 9th Commencing at the SE corner of Lot 3 of Hardy and Barkman's Survey of the City of Arkadelphia, Clark County, Arkansas, and run thence West 100 feet; run thence North 185 feet to the Point of Beginning of this description; run thence West 100 feet; run thence North 50 feet; run thence East 100 feet; run thence South 50 feet to the Point of Beginning, being located partly in Lot 3 and partly in Lot 10, according to the recorded plat of said addition.

320 N. 9th Street - A part of Lot 10 in Hardy and Barkman's Addition to the City of Arkadelphia, Clark County, Arkansas, according to the plat thereof of record in Book G at Pages 422-423 of the Deed Records of Clark County, Arkansas, and particularly described as commencing at the SE corner of Lot 3 of said Hardy and Barkman's Addition and run thence West 100 feet; thence North 235 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence West 100 feet; thence North 50 feet; thence East 100 feet; thence South 50 feet to the Point of Beginning.

326 N. 9th Street - A part of Lot 10, Hardy and Barkman's Addition to the City of Arkadelphia, Clark County, Arkansas, described as commencing at the NW corner thereof and running thence East 11 feet; thence South 31 feet; thence East 90 feet to the SE corner of the George T. Blackmon lot, which is the Point of Beginning; from thence run South 64 feet to the South line of the North Half (N1/2) of said Lot 10; thence West along the South line of the N1/2 of Lot 10, a distance of 85 feet, more or less, to 9th Street; thence North 64 feet; thence East 85 feet to the Point of Beginning.

330 N. 9th Street- AND ALSO a part of Lot 10 and Lot 15 of the said Hardy and Barkman's Addition to the City of Arkadelphia, Clark County, Arkansas, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 10 and run thence East 11 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 31 feet; thence East 90 feet; thence North 54 feet; thence West 90 feet; thence South 23 feet back to the Point of Beginning

Parcel 74-01198-000 - A part of Lot 15 of Hardy and Barkman's Addition to the City of Arkadelphia" Clark County, Arkansas, an a part of McMillan Street, which at this point is closed, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 10 of said Hardy and Barkman's Addition and run thence East 11 feet; thence North 23 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 64 feet; thence East 90 feet; thence South 64 feet; thence West 90 feet back to the Point of Beginning.

902 Hickory- A part of Lot 4 of Hardy and Barkman's Addition to the City of Arkadelphia, Clark County, Arkansas, particularly described as commencing at the SE corner of said Lot 4 and run thence North 100 feet; thence West 90 feet; thence South 100 foot; thence East 90 feet to the Point of Beginning.

9th Street- A part of Lot 4 of Hardy and Barkman's Addition to the City of Arkadelphia, Clark County, Arkansas, according to the plat of record In Book G at Pages 422-423 of the Deed Records of Clark County, Arkansas, described as commencing at the NE corner of said Lot 4 and run thence West 90 foot; thence South 80 foot; thence East 80 feet; thence North 90 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Description of replatted parcels: A parcel of land being a part of Lot 4 and Lot 9 and a part of a closed street lying between Lot 9 and Lot 16 of Hardy and Barkman's Addition to the City of Arkadelphia, Arkansas and being described as follows: Begin at the Southwest corner of said Lot 4, the point of beginning, thence North 00°14'13" West along the West lines of Lot 4 and Lot 9, A distance of 288.35 feet; THENCE North 84°29'35" East more of less along a rock wall and extension thereof, a distance of 130.54 feet; THENCE North 00°14'21" West, a distance of 78.19 feet to the North line of said Lot 9 this point also being the South line of said closed street; THENCE North 00°14'21" West, a distance of 74.82 feet to the South line of Lot 16, this point also being the North line of said closed street; THENCE North 89°37'57" East along the North line of said closed street, a distance of 120 feet; THENCE South 00°14'13" East, a distance of 76.45 feet to the South line of said closed street; THENCE North 89°35'21" West, a distance of 30.00 feet to the Northeast corner of said Lot 9; THENCE South 00°14'13" East, a distance of 190.00 feet to the Southeast corner of said Lot 9: THENCE North 89°35'21" West along the South line of said Lot 9, a distance of 96.00 feet; THENCE South 00°14'13" East, a distance of 190.00 feet to the South line of Lot 4; THENCE North 89°35'21" West, a distance of 124.00 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 63,393 square feet, more or less.

9th Street easement description: An easement being located in a closed street lying between Lot 9 and Lot 16 of Hardy and Barkman's Addition to the City of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, and being described as follows: begin at the Northeast corner of said Lot 9, THENCE South 00°14'13" East, a distance of 10.43 feet to a point on a curve concave to the Southeast having a radius of 25.00 feet and a central angle of 23°31'27" and being subtended by a chord which bears North 42°41'08" East 44.05 feet this point being on the Western side of the curb of Ninth Street; THENCE Northerly, Northeasterly, and Easterly along said curve, said curve being the Western and Northern back of curb on Ninth Street, a distance of 53.90 feet; THENCE leaving said back of curb South 00°19th Street- A part of Lot 4 of Hardy and Barkman's Addition to the City of Arkadelphia, Clark County, Arkansas, according to the plat of record In Book G at Pages 422-423 of the Deed Records of Clark County, Arkansas, described as commencing at the NE corner of said Lot 4 and run thence West 90 foot; thence South 80 foot; thence East 80 feet; thence North 90 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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SECTION 2: Abandonment is subject to the utility easements and/or other easements. Ouachita Baptist University 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.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ___ day of _____, 2021.

APPROVED: _____
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: June 7, 2021
Re: MLK Memorial Park Visioning Committee

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gary Brinkley', is written over the 'From:' line of the memorandum.

Circumstances are requiring us to make changes to the Visioning Committee.

It is my pleasure to request your approval on the following:


Remove Ms. Carrie Price who has relocated to another city.
Add Ms. Martha Dixon to the committee.

Your approval is requested.

Thank you.



Memorandum

To: Arkadelphia Board of Directors
CC: Ed McCorkle, City Attorney
From: Gary Brinkley, City Manager 
Date: June 9, 2021
Re: Establishment of ARPA Bank Account

As we prepare to receive the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Federal Grant, we have been encouraged, repeatedly, to open a separate banking account to avoid issues of comingling funds and enhanced accountability. There are significant issues with Federal and State statutes if we comingle these funds with our General Fund and cannot provide indisputable bookkeeping separation. Leaving ourselves open for audit interpretation is not worth the inconvenience of having another bank account opened and operational.

Staff requests you approve the opening of a banking account known as the ARPA Grant Account and for the following to be signatories on the account:

Mayor Scott Byrd, Asst Mayor Roland Gosey, Director Jason Jones,
City Manager Gary Brinkley and City Treasurer Shacresha Wilson.

Your approval is requested.