

CITY OF HOPE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2007 7 P.M.
CITY HALL BOARD ROOM

- ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER
- ITEM 2: INVOCATION
- ITEM 3: REVIEW MINUTES OF JULY 17 BOARD MEETING
- ITEM 4: CONSIDER BIDS: HOT MIX ASPHALT
- ITEM 5: CONSIDER BIDS: PAVEMENT MILLING
- ITEM 6: DISCUSSION: REQUIREMENTS OF ORDINANCE
#1473 (PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE)
WITH REGARD TO MAINTENENCE OF ROW
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**CITY OF HOPE
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7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, JULY 17 2007
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The City Board of Directors met at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 17, 2007, with the following present:

Catherine Cook, City Manager
Joe Short, City Attorney
Carol Almond, City Clerk

Directors: Dennis Ramsey, Mayor, absent
David Johnson, Vice-Mayor
Doodle Franklin
Willie Walker, absent
Don Still
Don Hall
Steve Montgomery

Vice-Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order.
Director Don Still opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes of the July 3, 2007 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Don Hall, seconded by Doodle Franklin. All present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the body which oversees accounting standards for governmental entities and part of the recognized authority for what is and is not considered generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

A few years ago GASB imposed a new statement referred to as GASB Statement No. 34. This statement established new financial reporting requirements for governmental entities that dramatically change the audit report you are accustomed to seeing. There are no allowances by GASB for small entities or large ones; the City of Dallas and the City of Hope are the same in regards to the financial reporting.

In order to decrease the burden on cities, counties, and school districts in Arkansas, the state legislature passed Act 499 last year. Act 499 allows audit reports in Arkansas to be presented in a regulatory basis format,

leaving the financial report presentation much as it has been in previous years. However, this financial statement presentation, the guidance for which was not provided until late last year, still does not allow for the basis of accounting that we use in our proprietary funds. Since the state does not audit proprietary funds, the legislation enacted and the guidance that followed simply centered around the audits they do, not encompassing ones like ours.

Although the City originally planned to follow the state's regulatory basis, it has become necessary to bite the bullet and adopt a GASB 34 presentation for our audit. This was done last year before that audit. The state requires that the governing body pass a resolution each year if a municipality chooses a presentation other than the regulatory basis.

Finance Director, Debbie Hall explained the audit procedures will not change. The audit of the records of the City of Hope will continue to be conducted by certified professionals following generally accepted government auditing standards.

After some discussion, Joe Short read the proposed resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-06

WHEREAS, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board issued Statement No. 34, dramatically affecting the audit presentation of the City of Hope; and

WHEREAS, State of Arkansas Act 499 of 2005 provides for a municipal audit report to be presented on a regulatory basis of accounting; and

WHEREAS, State of Arkansas Act 499 of 2005 requires the governing body of a municipality to adopt a resolution in order for the City of Hope's independent auditors to follow the guidelines established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board rather than those prescribed by the State of Arkansas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Board of Hope, Arkansas that the audit of the books and records of the City of Hope for the year 2006 is to be performed in accordance with the guidelines and format prescribed by the

Governmental Accounting Standards Board, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the United States Government Accountability Office.

Don Hall made a motion to pass the resolution, seconded by Steve Montgomery. All present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Mrs. Cook told the Board July 28, 2007 was tentatively scheduled to hold another City-wide cleanup. The Board agreed that the 28th was a good date. Mrs. Cook said the media would be asked to get the word out as usual.

Rain has made it impossible to mow but Code Enforcement is continuing its enforcement activities with the knowledge that it will happen as the weather allows.

Bids have been let on the Hervey project. This job will start at the underpass and go to the interstate ramp.

AHTD is still working on the Greenwood Street project. The City will work with the utilities to keep cost down.

The 2007 Street Program is under way.

All City crews are currently working to make the City ready for the upcoming Watermelon Festival scheduled for August 9 - 12, 2007. As usual, everyone is working hard to make it a success.

Mr. Benjamin Dennis, who lives at 1102 N. Walker, is experiencing some problems with his culvert and has asked that the City check into the matter. Mrs. Cook told him she would have the Street Department check into it.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Dennis Ramsey, Mayor

Carol Almond, City Clerk

AGENDA INFORMATION

FOR BOARD MEETING 8/7/2007

ITEM 4: CONSIDER BIDS: HOT MIX ASPHALT

The City of Hope advertised for bids on the purchase of 2100 tons of hot mix asphalt and installation for this year's Street Program. Bids were opened at 2 p.m. July 26, 2007. The following bids were received:

R. K. Hall Construction LTD	\$78/ton
C &F Construction Co, Inc.	\$84.48/ton
Lindsey Asphalt Paving	\$82.50/ton
Sid & Sons	\$102.00/ton

We estimated asphalt at a price of \$80/ton for this year's program. Staff recommends acceptance of the bid of R. K. Hall Construction.

The following streets were to receive an overlay this year.

- 13th Street: Springhill Road to Fulton
- 14th Street: Forest to Fulton
- 18th Street: Carolyn to Sammy Circle
- Margaret St: Avenue C to Avenue E
- Dairy Street: Allen to Bell
- Belew Street: Avenue C to Avenue D
- Edgewood: N. of Henry C. Yerger
- Hickory: Bell to N. Spruce

ITEM 5: CONSIDER BIDS: PAVEMENT MILLING

Because several of the streets that are included in the 2007 Street Program require milling down prior to the installation of a new layer of asphalt, the City has also requested bids on the street milling.

The following bids were received at 2 p.m. on July 26, 2007.

Columbia Curb & Gutter \$19,259.10

R. K. Hall \$31,407.20

Staff recommends acceptance of the bid of Columbia Curb & Gutter.

The following streets require milling prior to overlay.

13 th Street:	Springhill Road to Fulton
14 th Street:	Forest to Fulton
18 th Street	Carolyn to Sammy Circle
Edgewood:	North of Henry C. Yerger
Hickory:	Bell to N. Spruce

ITEM 6: DISCUSSION: REQUIREMENTS OF ORDINANCE
#1473 (PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE)
WITH REGARD TO MAINTENENCE OF ROW

We have from time to time received questions with regard to the maintenance of right-of-way in general and between fences and the edge of pavement specifically. The pertinent section from Ordinance #1473, Section 4 (Exterior Premises), Paragraph B (Tall Grass and Weeds).

All property owners, operators and occupants will maintain their property free from tall grass, weeds and overgrown hedgerows. All premises shall be kept free from tall grass and weeds in excess of 10" and uncultivated hedgerows of privet, or similar shrubbery, in excess of 4' in height and 4' in width. Tall grass and weeds shall be cut to a maximum height of 4". *This requirement shall include any right-of-way between the private property and the road surface, including any ditch, and the responsibility shall be to the center of any undeveloped right-of-way.*

On a practical basis, the City does try to mow rights-of-way along deep ditches that would be difficult for individual property owners to maintain. The City also mows rights-of-way where there are no residences. The City does not on a routine basis mow or maintain undeveloped street rights-of-way.

We have run into problems in a number of areas where property owners have built fences or grown large hedges and left unkempt areas between those structures and the edge of the pavement.

ITEM 7: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Report on City Cleanup July 28, 2007
2. Update on Watermelon Festival
3. Other Reports