

REGULAR CALLED MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Boardroom

October 20, 2026

5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order - Mayor Scott Byrd
2. Invocation
3. Approval of Board Minutes from October 6, 2026 - Mayor Byrd
4. 2025 Legislative Audit Review – Gary Brinkley
5. Approval to Purchase New Fuel Dispensing Equipment – Gary Brinkley/Mike Jensen
6. Consideration of Ordinance to Amend the Dangerous Dog Ordinance – Chief Jackson/Gary Brinkley
7. Consideration of Resolution to Change Signatures for Water Dept- Gary Brinkley
8. Momentum 2045 Arkadelphia Comprehensive Plan – Gary Brinkley
9. Consideration of Ordinance to Adopt Comprehensive Master Plan 2026 – Gary Brinkley
10. City Managers Report – Gary Brinkley
11. Routine Business – Mayor Byrd
12. 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

October 6, 2026

5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS:

Emily Merryman, *Ward 1 Director (Absent)*
Chris Porter, *Ward 2 Director*
Robert Davis, *Ward 3 Director*
Vacant, *Ward 4 Director*
Jason Jones, *Ward 5 Director*
Roland Gosey, *Assistant Mayor*
Scott Byrd, *Mayor*

OTHERS:

Chama Williams, *City Clerk*

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:34 P.M.

The Mayor announced that a quorum was present.

INVOCATION

Director Jones

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

A motion was made by Asst. Mayor Gosey, seconded by Director Porter to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2026 Board Meeting.

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

Emily Merryman	"Absent"	Roland Gosey	"Aye"
Chris Porter	"Aye"	Jason Jones	"Aye"
Robert Davis	"Aye"	Mayor Byrd	"Aye"
Ward 4	Vacant		

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION FOR PURCHASE OF LAND FOR AWU

Mr. Lemons, Utility Manager, informed the Board of the availability of approximately 1.94 acres of property located north of Patterson Federal Credit Union. He explained that a major wastewater line serving the area west of Interstate 30 runs along the northern portion of the property. Acquiring the property would provide Arkadelphia Water Utilities (AWU) staff with improved access for maintenance and repairs to this critical infrastructure.

The proposed Resolution authorizes the purchase of the property from the T.O. Shepherd Estate for \$10,000 and authorizes the City Manager to execute all necessary documents. A survey plat prepared by Ouachita/Saline Surveyors was provided for the Board's review.

Mr. Lemons further explained that the purchase would be funded through working capital. The Board's previous authorization to utilize bond proceeds for the purchase of sewer pipe for the Lift Station to Pond Project freed up approximately \$125,000 in working capital. The purchase will be reflected in the year-end accounting adjustments.

Staff recommended that the Board of Directors approve the Resolution and allow City Manager to execute all documentation.

A motion was made by Director Jones , seconded by Director Davis to approve the resolution and allow city manager to execute all documentation.

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

Emily Merryman	"Absent"	Roland Gosey	"Aye"
Chris Porter	"Aye"	Jason Jones	"Aye"
Robert Davis	"Aye"	Mayor Byrd	"Aye"
Ward 4	Vacant		

In the absence of the City Manager, the Mayor read the City Managers Report:

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

October 6, 2026

- Staff completed the high volume- low pressure sewer line replacement from Ouachita Lift station across all the private properties as it moved to the sewer ponds south of town. This job was done in-house and took over 2 years to complete. As it was done in-house, the project was phased. You will recall a long delay due to having to bore under the high-pressure gas line. The final delay was overcome when funding of the pipe was made available with the Bonds passed in 2022.
- The Paint the Night Pink 5K run for Breast Cancer awareness on October was a huge success. All departments pulled together to make this a wonderful event to raise awareness and honor breast cancer survivors. A special thanks to the HSU track team who sent 30+ volunteers and Nicole McGough who does a fantastic job helping us with all our running events, and so much more.
- Parks Director Tapson reports:
Flag Football – Mondays and Tuesdays (started 9/21) - 127 participants (record)
Softball – Tuesdays (started 9/22) - 5 Teams
Soccer – Saturdays (started 9/26) - 177 participants (record)

- Building Dept Mgr. Lingo reported the start of 5 new homes last month. The construction company building the new high school pulled their land disturbing permit in September. The new high school plan review is finalizing with the architects and staff.
- Pafford Medical Services installed 3 tiny homes at the Airport for their helicopter crews' dormitories on September 24th. These will be onsite until such time as their facilities in town are completed. My thanks to Interim Airport Mgr. Doll, Wes Lemons and Brandi Lingo to facilitate this need.
- Street Dept contractor was able to get the striping project for this year completed. It included Country Club, South 3rd, 7th, 10th and 12th .
- October 19th , The Alliance will be hosting a Community Meeting on Issue #3 which is on the November ballot. It will be held at Dawson Conference Center from 5:30-6:30pm. Issue 3 allows municipal governments to have the same economic development tools that 48 other states currently enjoy. The decisions on projects will be made on at the local level, such as the Board of Directors, to meet the particular needs of their community.
- City Clerk Tidwell attended the Municipal Clerks Institute last week. There are several updates we will be following. The first is that all the former employees 1-9 paperwork has been properly processed as part of the updated record retention policies.

Dates to Remember:

- October 10th – Household Hazardous Waste Event at Fairgrounds 8a – noon.
- October 16-17 - Mid-South Music Festival in Downtown
- October 19th – Issue 3 Community Information Meeting at Dawson
- October 31st – Trick or Treat Town Square Downtown from 3:00-5:00p.
Note early start time as it is on a Saturday night.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Emily Merryman, Ward 1 – Absent.

Chris Porter, Ward 2 – Nothing.

Robert Davis Ward 3 – Nothing.

Ward 4 – Vacant

Jason Jones, Ward 5 – Nothing.

Roland Gosey, Assistant Mayor – Nothing.

Scott Byrd, Mayor – Nothing.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Director Gosey, seconded by Director Porter, to adjourn. **The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:46P.M.**

Scott Byrd, Mayor

Chama Tidwell, City Clerk

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

Brandon Beene
Jason Jackson
Joel Phelps
Robert Davis
Wes Lemons
Lewis A. Shepherd Jr.



Memorandum

To: Arkadelphia Board of Directors
CC: Ed McCorkle, City Attorney
From: Gary Brinkley, City Manager
Date: October 9, 2026
Re: 2025 Legislative Audit Review

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to Gary Brinkley, the City Manager.

On October 5, 2026, we received the official 2025 Legislative Audit.

On page 1 from the audit, attached, it states: "No issues came to our attention that we consider necessary to report to management".

My congratulations to City Treasurer Wilson, her team and the work of all the Department Heads for another clean audit.

Thank you.

Arkansas



Sen. Jim Petty
Senate Chair
Sen. Jim Dotson
Senate Vice Chair

Rep. Robin Lundstrum
House Chair
Rep. RJ Hawk
House Vice Chair

Kevin William White, CPA, JD
Legislative Auditor

LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

Financial and Compliance Report

City of Arkadelphia, Arkansas Officials and Board of Directors
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

A priority of Arkansas Legislative Audit is to assist local government officials by promoting sound financial management and accountability of government resources. The Legislative Auditor reports on the fiscal affairs of local governments, as well as compliance with relevant state laws and observance of good business practices to provide accountability for tax dollars expended to support government operations.

We have performed certain limited procedures with respect to cash basis financial information and compliance with certain state laws and accepted accounting practices for the City of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025, and have issued our report thereon dated August 31, 2026. These procedures were not performed for the Water and Sewer Funds. Management of the City is responsible for maintaining the financial records and complying with state laws and accepted accounting practices.

The commentary contained in this section relates to the following officials who held office during 2025:

Mayor: Scott Byrd
City Manager: Gary Brinkley
Treasurer: Shacresha Wilson
Police Chief: Jason Jackson

We evaluated the City's compliance with certain state laws concerning general and district court accounting, budgeting, purchasing, and investing and depositing of public funds.

During our evaluation, nothing came to our attention that would warrant disclosure in this report.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, local City government, state executive and oversight management, and other parties as required by Arkansas Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-417, all reports presented to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee are matters of public record and distribution is not limited.

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

Kevin William White, CPA, JD
Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
August 31, 2026
LOM100225



Memorandum

To: Arkadelphia Board of Directors
CC: Ed McCorkle, City Attorney
From: Gary Brinkley, City Manager
Date: September 23, 2026
Re: Purchase of New Fuel System

We have discussed numerous times through the years the need to replace the fuel distribution system at the Street Dept. All the departments use this fueling system.

Staff has reviewed several packages over the years and has paused until the right system for our city was available. With recent equipment issues, it is time to replace.

Acting Street Superintendent Jensen reviewed double pumps, advanced technology equipment but in the end, the simpler single pump with multiple flows for diesel, gasoline and future DEF distribution was best for our needs.

That system is the from Spatco Energy Solutions, the Wayne Select 3/G7203P at \$43,997.38. It pumps diesel, gasoline and expandable to include DEF pumping should we elect to do so in the future.

The system proposed is similar to the one used at Hendry Oil, here in town. We have monitored that system for about 3 years. The original software issues have been resolved and Mike has received favorable feedback.

As a Sourcewell participant (#081524-TAN), their services have been competitively bid and meet the states bidding statue.

Some additional expenses are anticipated with electrical upgrades and software integration into our city network.

Funds for the purchase will be reallocated from 220-5311 to 220-5999 on the next reconciliation resolution.

Staff recommends you approve the purchase of the new Street Dept fuel pump system from Spatco in the amount of \$43,997.38 and direct the City Manager to sign the salient documents.

Thank you.



Ship-to Address
 ARKADELPHIA STREET DEPARTMENT
 638 N 10TH ST
 ARKADELPHIA AR 71923

Bill-to Address
 ARKADELPHIA STREET DEPARTMENT
 ATTN: RYAN ARNOLD
 870-403-6227
 RYAN.ARNOLD@ARKADELPHIA.GOV
 638 N 10TH ST
 ARKADELPHIA AR 71923

Quotation

Number	20112382
Date	Sep 15, 2026
Reference Number	REV 2 9/15/2026
Customer Number	1089975
Valid from	Sep 15, 2026
Valid to	Sep 18, 2026
Sales Person	257, James, Cliff
Sales Office	0057, Little Rock

Currency USD

Conditions:

Terms of Payment: Pending Credit Approval
 Terms of Delivery: FOB SHIPPING POINT

Contact: Cliff James - Petroleum Sales Representative
Mobile: (479) 226-2050 Office: (479) 648-1601
cliff.james@spatco.com - www.spatco.com

Item	Item Detail
10	Material: INSTALLATION PRICE Installation - Contract Price PRICED WITH SOURCEWELL CONTRACT: BLUE1 ENERGY/SPATCO #081524-TAN <u>SPATCO ENERGY SOLUTIONS Scope of Work:</u> REMOVE EXISTING TOKHEIM SUCTION PUMPS. LEAVE ON SITE. REMOVE EXISTING PETROVEND FMU. LEAVE ON SITE. PIPE FROM EXISTING DISPENSER ON THE LEFT IN PICS TO ADD TO THE PEDESTAL ON THE RIGHT AND HAVE ONE DISPENSER WITH TWO PRODUCTS. REMOVE EXISTING PUMP ON THE LEFT INCLUDING PEDESTAL AND ALL, THE DEF WILL SIT THERE. PROVIDE AND INSTALL (1) WAYNE SELECT TWO HOSE, TWO PRODUCT SUCTION PUMPS, ONE GAS AND ONE DIESEL NOZZLE. PROVIDE AND INSTALL A TECALEMIT SUPERBOX 4-HOSE WITH CELLULAR AND CLOUD CAPABILITIES. CONNECT SELECTS TO TECALEMIT. (ALL HAVE PULSE OUTPUT). PURGE CALIBRATE AND TEST SYSTEM.

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO QUOTE

Toll Free (800) 4-SPATCO (800) 477-2826 Fax 704-599-7700
 www.spatco.com

Item	Item Detail
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OPTIONAL ADDER:

PROVIDE AND INSTALL A BLUE1 DEF TANK AND DISPENSING UNIT MODEL# SE-MPV050-001H2P-1C-4R-5T. THIS WILL SIT RIGHT NEXT TO FUEL PUMP, WHERE THE PUMP WE ARE REMOVING IS CURRENTLY SITTING.

CONNECT TO TECALEMIT. (HAS PULSE OUTPUT).

NOTES:

SOFTWARE SET UP TO BE DONE BY OTHERS THROUGH TECALEMIT HELP DESK.

ADDITIONAL ELECTRICAL NEEDED FOR THE DEF PUMP AND PULSE WIRE TO BE PROVIDED BY OTHERS.

ANYTHING OUTSIDE OF THIS SCOP OF WORK WILL REQUIRE A CHANGE ORDER.

Quote is valid for 15 days. This quote is based on current tariff rates and vendor pricing in effect at the time of issuance. In the event any vendor has a price increase after the date of this quote and prior to delivery, SPATCO reserves the right to adjust the final invoice to reflect the additional costs. Any such surcharge will be itemized and communicated in advance.

	Quantity	UOM	Price	Extended price
	1	EA	12,741.00	12,741.00
30	Material: PAR1014414 TECALEMITE SUPERBOX + CELLULAR UPDATE			
	1 - SB PEDESTAL ASSY-5 - SUPERBOX 5 HOSE PEDESTAL (CONTACTORS SOLD SEPARATELY) (FULLY ASSEMBLED)			
	4 - RIB2401SB - CONTACTOR RELAY- 110v			
	1 - 900CDP - 1" EX-PROOF GASOLINE PULSE METER WITH INTRINSICALLY SAFE BARRIER.			
	2 - US027176600-A - FMOG100 FUEL, LUBES, OVAL GEAR, PULSER, HORIZONTAL/VERTICAL, HD ALUM., NO LCD DISPLAY (INCLUDES FLANGES)			
	1 - US253400030 - FMOG DEF, OVAL GEAR, PULSER, HORIZONTAL, PEEK BODY, LCD DISPLAY, 1" BSP (100:1 PULSES/GAL.)			
	1 - MYCLOUDCMR-SB - myTECALEMIT CELLULAR CLOUD FOR INVENTORY MANAGEMENT (INCLUDES EQUIPMENT & 1 YR OF SERVICE) INCLUDES CMR KIT (1NCE) SIM CARD FOR SUPERBOX FOR SUPERBOX			
	Quantity	UOM	Price	Extended price
	1	EA	12,772.50	12,772.50
55	Material: SELECT-1003626 Wayne Select 3/G7203P Suction Pump			
	3/G7203P/28HJKUY1/			
	Twin, Two-Product, Suction Pump Dispenser, Island-Oriented			
	Enhanced Capacity			
	Separate 1/2 Populated iMeters			
	Pulse Output Interface Board			
	Explosion-Proof Junction Box			
	Hose Hanger			
	iMeter2 (qty=halves)			
	Select Gen2 Phase 2			
	Electromechanical Totalizer per Hose			
	Proportional Solenoid Valve			
	890467-001 External Filter Kit			
	Painted Silver Sides/Top w/ Silver Doors			

Item	Item Detail
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Ad Panels: Diesel/Gasoline

SELECT NOTES:

Wayne Dispenser Current Lead Time - 4-6 Weeks ARO

Please specify/confirm ad panel and door color when ordering

	Quantity	UOM	Price	Extended price
	1	EA	14,391.00	14,391.00
60	Material:	PK-EZR0400	UNL Hose Kit 11BP 3/4X8.5 Blk EZR 241TPS	
	Quantity	UOM	Price	Extended price
	1	EA	273.47	273.47
70	Material:	PK-EZR0100-L1	Hose Kit, 11B 3/4" Lead Green EZR 241TPS	
	Quantity	UOM	Price	Extended price
	1	EA	273.47	273.47
80	Material:	DEF1014205	Optional 500 Gal Poly tank for DEF	

Optional: Blue1 Southern Easy Tank with Mounted Pump, 500 Gallons

MODEL: SE-MPV050-001H2P-1C-4R-5T

Southern Easy Tank with Mounted Pump, 500G Vertical, TD01 Pump, Pulse Meter, Cam-lock Fill, Remote Monitor TF, Tie Down Kit, 120VAC, 1-Pole, 30A

Equipment Price: \$4,528.00

Labor Price: \$5,118.33

Total to be added to quote subtotal: \$9,646.33

Please initial to approve adder _____

	Quantity	UOM	Price	Extended price
	1		0.00	0.00
Items Subtotal				40,451.44
Estimated Tax				2,771.04
Estimated Freight				775.00
Quotation Amount				43,997.48



Memorandum

To: Arkadelphia Board of Directors
CC: Ed McCorkle, City Attorney
From: Gary Brinkley, City Manager
Date: October 16, 2026
Re: Amendment to Dangerous Dog and Pit Bull Ordinances

In light of some recent incidents with dangerous dogs, City Prosecutor McCorkle recommends the immediate adoption of the attached Ordinance to amend the Dangerous Dog and Pit Bull Ordinances.

The current ordinance does not specifically address the immediate removal of dangerous dogs or address Pit Bulls in multi-family residual housing, which have been specific issues in recent times.

The amendments address these issue for the protection of the public and our officers.

At staff's request, please note an emergency clause is added to expedite adoption.

Staff recommends you place this ordinance on its first reading tonight, and would encourage you to consider following our procedural rules for adoption at this meeting.

Thank you.

ORDINANCE O-26-__

AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE AND UPDATE TITLE 6 OF THE ARKADELPHIA MUNICIPAL CODE (ANIMALS AND FOWL); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the City Prosecutor has determined the current ordinances are lacking for the safety and welfare of the public and,

WHEREAS, the City Board desires to amend the Ordinances to address these concerns.

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

Section 1. To Chapter 6.12 DANGEROUS DOGS the following Section shall be added:

6.12.01 C. A dog which has caused a serious injury, as defined herein, shall be subject to immediate seizure and impoundment.

Section 2. To Chapter 6.16 PIT BULLS the following Section shall be added:

6.16.02 Restrictions

In addition to the foregoing Restrictions, it shall be unlawful for a person to keep within the city limits of Arkadelphia a Pit Bull breed dog, other than an AKC or UKC registered show dog, in a multi-family dwelling.

Section 3. If any portion or portions of this ordinance are deemed or held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining portion or portions of this ordinance.

Section 4. Emergency Clause. It is hereby ascertained and declared that there is a need for the City of Arkadelphia, Arkansas to adopt this ordinance for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be enforced and take effect immediately from and after its passage.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands this _____, day of _____, 2026.

APPROVED:

Scott Byrd, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chama Tidwell, CLERK



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Byrd & Board of Directors
From: Gary Brinkley, City Manager
Date: October 14, 2026
Re: Resolution of Bank Signatories - AWU

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'G. Brinkley', is written over the 'From:' line.

With the Resignation of Wes Lemons as the Utility Manager of the Arkadelphia Water Utilities, and the Retirement of Lisa McNesse Arkadelphia Water Admin Asst. and Office Manager we need to remove them as a signatory at the banks.

The attached Resolution addresses these changes.

Staff recommends approving the attached Resolution.

Thank you.

RESOLUTION NO. R-26-_____

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF
ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS, ADDING AND DELETING DESIGNATED OFFICERS
AUTHORIZED TO SIGN FOR WITHDRAWAL OF CITY FUNDS WITH ANY
AUTHORIZED DEPOSITORY BANK USED BY THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA
WATER UTILITES AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES , IDENTIFYING THE SIGNATURES OF
SUCH AUTHORIZED OFFICIALS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, Daniel Lemons, Arkadelphia Utility Manager is resigning October 30, 2026 and Lisa McNesse Office Manager retired October 12, 2026; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to remove David Green, Daniel Lemons, Lisa McNesse and any other existing person (s), as a signatory to the existing authorized signatures on file at the banking institutions; and

WHEREAS, the City Board of Directors of the City of Arkadelphia now desire to designate Scott Byrd, Gary Brinkley, Shacresha Wilson, Roland Gosey and Jason Jones to serve as designated signatories for all authorized depositories for the Arkadelphia Water Utilities and their subsidiaries.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR
THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS THAT:**

SECTION 1. This resolution shall authorize Scott Byrd, Gary Brinkley, Shacresha Wilson, Roland Gosey and Jason Jones as a designated official who can sign for withdrawal of City funds with any depository bank used by the City of Arkadelphia, Arkansas and any such prior resolutions are hereby amended.

SECTION 2. Scott Byrd, Gary Brinkley, Shacresha Wilson, Roland Gosey and Jason Jones are authorized officials of the City of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, any two of whom shall be authorized to jointly sign such drafts, checks and other instruments for withdrawal of municipal funds, which authorization shall apply to Southern Bancorp and Bank of the Ozarks or their successors, and any other bank that is or becomes an authorized depository bank of the Arkadelphia Water Utilities and/or its subsidiaries.

SECTION 4. The genuine signature of the aforesaid designated officials, is hereby added to the accounts, any two of whom must act jointly for the Arkadelphia Water Utilities and/or its subsidiaries as above provided in this resolution.

OFFICAL	NAME	SIGNATURE
MAYOR	SCOTT BYRD	_____
ASST. MAYOR	ROLAND GOSEY	_____
WARD 5 DIR.	JASON JONES	_____
CITY MANAGER	GARY BRINKLEY	_____
CITY TREASURER	SHACRESHA WILSON	_____

SECTION 5. Said above names, banks, and any other authorized depository of the City of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, to which a signed and certified copy of this resolution is delivered, shall be entitled to rely upon this resolution and the signatures herein shown until said bank shall receive notice of a change in said designated officials, or in the authority hereby granted said officials, respectively.

SECTION 6. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and it is so resolved.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS **20TH** DAY OF **OCTOBER, 2026.**

Scott Byrd, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chama Tidwell, City Clerk



Memorandum

To: Arkadelphia Board of Directors
CC: Ed McCorkle, City Attorney
From: Gary Brinkley, City Manager 
Date: October 15, 2026
Re: Adoption of the Arkadelphia Comprehensive Plan Dated 2026

Starting in July 2025 we began a journey to adopt a comprehensive plan that would guide the next 20 years of Arkadelphia's growth.

There were numerous meetings with stakeholders, committees, Planning Commission, Board of Director, public open houses and on-line surveys all with the intent of being as inclusive as possible for the visioning of our future.

Our thanks to everyone who participated in these discussions. It is our hope the final product reflects a cohesive representation of all these ideas.

Staff would also like to recognize Mr. Austin Thomas of Halff for his guidance and expertise in delivering such a high-quality product.

It is staffs honor to recommend the ordinance to adopt the Arkadelphia Comprehensive Plan dated October 2026 for your approval.

Thank you.

ORDINANCE O-26-_____

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE ARKADELPHIA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
DATED OCTOBER 2026 FOR THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS AND
OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO:**

WHEREAS, the Arkadelphia Board of Directors retained Halff in 2025 to prepare a comprehensive plan that the city will use as a guide for responsible development for the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the Arkadelphia Comprehensive Plan dated October 2026 includes the Master Street Plan as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Arkadelphia Comprehensive Plan dated October 2026 plan replaces the Clark County plan adopted in 2007, and

WHEREAS; the Arkadelphia Comprehensive Plan dated October 2026 is consistent with the provision of Arkansas Code §14-56-403. This code section requires that “The plans of municipality shall be prepared in order to promote, in accordance with present and future needs, the safety, morals, order and convenience, prosperity, and general welfare of the citizens”.

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

Section 1. The Arkadelphia Comprehensive Master Plan dated October 2026 produced by Halff is hereby adopted by reference.

Section 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3. The effective date of this ordinance shall be January 1, 2027.

PASSED AND ENACTED THIS _____ day of November 2026.

APPROVED: _____

Mayor Scott Byrd

ATTEST: _____

Chama Tidwell, City Clerk