



# CITY OF TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS

## MINUTES

### **Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**

City of Texarkana, Arkansas  
216 Walnut Street

**Monday, November 19, 2018 - 6:00 PM**

Mayor Ruth Penney Bell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Ruth Penney Bell, Director Linda Teeters, Director Laney J. Harris, Director Tim Johnson, Director Travis Odom, Assistant Mayor Barbara S. Miner, Director Terri Peavy.

\*Director Harris arrived at 6:04 PM.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Kenny Haskin, City Attorney George Matteson, City Clerk Heather Soyars, and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance given by Director Terri Peavy.

Comments from the Mayor:

Mayor Bell said in the past few weeks she attended the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Meeting, Texarkana Urban Transit District (TUTD) Meeting, Live United Bowl Press Conference, 2019 Budget Workshop, and a "Giving Tuesday" Meeting.

### **PRESENTATION(S)**

1. Proclamation for Small Business Saturday, November 24, 2018. (CCD)

Mayor Bell read the Proclamation for Small Business Saturday, November 24, 2018.

### **CONSENT**

2. Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting November 5, 2018. (CCD)

Motion to approve the minutes made by Director Odom, Seconded by Director Johnson. The motion carried unanimously.

### **REGULAR**

3. Adopt a Resolution approving the FY 2019 Budget. (FIN) Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson

Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson gave a brief summary of the 2019 Budget.

Mayor Bell asked if any of the Board members or citizens had any questions.

Director Harris asked why there was a 5.4% decrease in the sales tax for the general fund.

Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson said in 2018, there was a change in calculation of sales tax on the sale of motor vehicles. She said because of this change there was an increase from 2017 to 2018, due to a one-time deposit the City received. Ms. Henderson said the sales tax increased 0.8%.

Director Harris asked if the City knew how much money had been collected from the \$10.00 volunteer tax.

Ms. Henderson said she did not know the amount because the bulk of the money had yet to come in.

Director Harris asked why the Board was voting on the Advertising & Commission (A&P) Budget.

Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson said the A&P Commission's budget was always included in the City's overall budget since the revenue flowed through the City and any changes the A&P Commission made had to be approved by the Board.

Director Teeters said most of the questions she had were answered in the workshop held last week. She also thanked Ms. Henderson for emailing the answers to the questions she could not answer in the workshop.

Director Harris said it looked like Board members were engaging in conversation when responding to emails and asked if they could just respond to the person who sent the email not the entire group.

Motion to adopt the resolution was made by Director Teeters, Seconded by Director Odom. Voting Yea: Mayor Bell, Director Teeters, Director Johnson, Director Odom, Assistant Mayor Miner, Director Peavy. Voting Nay: Director Harris.

## **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Mike Malone encouraged everyone to attend the Joint City Meeting tomorrow at 3:00 PM.

Grady and Joyce Martin, 1109 Garden Street, said they were having trouble with a meth lab in their neighborhood. Mr. Martin said it was not a safe environment for children and it had taken a toll on his health. The Martin's asked the Board if they could help them get a solution for the problem they were having.

Police Chief Bob Harrison said the narcotics task force investigated the house in question and determined there was not a meth lab in the house.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

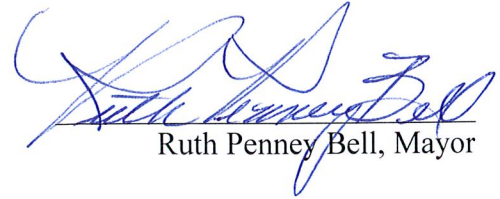
The Board did not enter Executive Session.

## **ADJOURN**

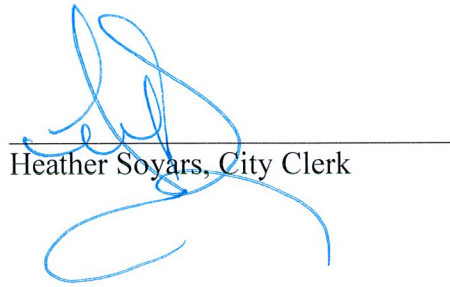
Motion to adjourn was made by Director Johnson, Seconded by Director Odom. Voting Yea: Mayor Bell, Director Teeters, Director Harris, Director Johnson, Director Odom, Assistant Mayor Miner, Director Peavy.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

APPROVAL of the minutes on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.



Ruth Penney Bell, Mayor



Heather Soyars, City Clerk