

## **Called Meeting of the Board of Directors**

City of Texarkana, Arkansas 216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Tuesday, May 14, 2019 - 4:00 PM

Mayor Allen Brown called the meeting to order.

PRESENT: Mayor Allen Brown, Ward 1 Assistant Mayor Linda Teeters, Ward 2 Director Laney J. Harris, Ward 3 Director Steven Hollibush, Ward 5 Director Barbara S. Miner, and Ward 6 Director Terri Peavy.

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

Ward 4 Director Travis Odom and City Attorney George Matteson were absent.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Brown.

## REGULAR

1. Adopt an Ordinance amending the *City of Texarkana, Arkansas, Code of Ordinances* Solid Waste Ordinance Sec. 22-6 – Billing of multi-family residences. (PWD) (THIRD READING)

Motion to further suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third and final reading in abbreviated form made by Director Peavy, Seconded by Director Hollibush.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Miner and Director Peavy.

The motion carried 6-0.

Director Harris said he was not against the ordinance just the time concept. He said there was an ordinance passed in one night, a few years back and it cost the City \$26,000. Director Harris just wanted to know what the urgency was. He said not everyone saw the Board meetings or received the paper, so he wanted to make sure the apartment owners were notified.

Mayor Brown said there was a process in place to prevent an ordinance from being read three times and passed in one meeting. He said the issue in his opinion, with this ordinance was the substantial amount of money it would save the City.

Director Peavy said when she was elected as a Board member, her main issue was being a good steward of the citizens money. She said she had not received any phone calls speaking negatively on this ordinance.

Director Miner said she wished she had a count of all the emergency clauses that had passed. She said this ordinance was important and needed to be expedited by using the emergency clause.

Mayor Brown said the way the public received notification for any Board or Commission meeting was in compliance with state laws. He said he did not know if everyone saw the

Board meetings or received a paper, but this was the only way we were able to notify the public.

Motion to adopt the ordinance made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Director Miner.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Hollibush, Director Miner and Director Peavy.

Voting Nay: Director Harris.

The motion carried 5-1 and Mayor Brown declared the ordinance adopted.

Emergency Clause is requested. An emergency clause requires a separate and distinct vote of the Board and is valid only if there is a two-thirds vote of approval by the Board. (Hdbk. Const. Amend 7)

Motion to approve the emergency clause made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Teeters.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Hollibush, Director Miner and Director Peavy.

Voting Nay: Director Harris.

The motion carried 5-1 and Mayor Brown declared the emergency clause approved.

## **NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, May 20, 2019**

## **ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn made by Assistant Mayor Teeters, Seconded by Director Peavy.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Miner and Director Peavy.

The motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 4:13 PM.

APPROVAL of the minutes on this 20th day of May, 2019.

Allen L. Brown, Mayor

Heather Soyars, City Clerk