



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Monday, May 06, 2019 - 6:00 PM

Assistant Mayor Linda Teeters called the meeting to order.

PRESENT: 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 Attorney George Matteson, City Clerk Heather Soyars and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

Mayor Allen Brown and Ward 4 Director Travis Odom were absent.

Invocation given by Reverend Terry Williams of Unity Missionary Baptist Church, guest of Director Laney Harris.

Director Laney Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION(S)

1. Presentation of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas Employee Service Awards. (CCD)

Assistant Mayor Teeters presented an award and pin to Jefferey Shaw for 5 years of service and to John Bunting for 10 years of service both with Texarkana Water Utilities (TWU).

Assistant Mayor Teeters said Barbara Baker was not able to attend tonight's meeting and would receive an award and pin for 15 years of service with TWU.

2. Assistant Mayor Teeters read and presented a proclamation to City Clerk Heather Soyars and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens for "***Municipal Clerks Week***" May 6-12, 2019. (CCD)

CONSENT

Director Harris requested Item 4. Adopt a Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to submit a transportation alternatives reimbursable grant application to the Arkansas Highway Transportation Department (AHTD) Arkansas Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) to extend East 50th Street sidewalks to be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Director Harris, Seconded by Director Hollisbush.

The motion carried unanimously, and Assistant Mayor Teeters declared the Consent Agenda approved. The items approved were:

3. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting April 15, 2019. (CCD)

6. Resolution No. 2019-18 authorizing the City Manager to purchase five 2020 Ford Police Interceptor Patrol Vehicles. (TAPD)

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4. Resolution No. 2019-19 authorizing and directing the City Manager to submit a transportation alternatives reimbursable grant application to the Arkansas Highway Transportation Department (AHTD) Arkansas Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) to extend East 50th Street sidewalks. (PWD)

Director Harris asked what the criteria was for sidewalk projects.

Public Works Director Tyler Richards said the (TAP) grant wanted past grant funds extended. He said last year the (TAP) grant was used for Pinson Street and East 50th Street sidewalks and this was why the sidewalks were extended.

Motion to adopt the resolution made by Director Harris, Seconded by Director Miner.

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

Assistant Mayor Teeters declared the resolution adopted with a 5-0 vote.

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

Public Works Director Tyler Richards said the current ordinance was created twenty plus years ago, the City allowed for multi-family units or apartments, to turn in their number of vacant apartments each month and in turn the City would issue them a credit for their refuse bill. He said in just the past three years the credit had cost the City and the haulers a combined \$279,807.92. Public Works Director Tyler Richards said after contacting other cities, there was not another city in Arkansas that gave this credit to multi-family units. He said if an apartment were going through a remodel they would need to come to Public Works and request the service be suspended for a period of time. He said he was asking for an emergency clause due to every month the City lost more money.

Assistant Mayor Teeters thanked Public Works Director Tyler Richards for finding this loop hole and saving the City money.

Director Peavy said just because something was done in the past did not mean it should continue to be done.

Director Harris asked why an emergency clause was needed and asked if the apartment complexes were notified.

Public Works Director Tyler Richards said public notification was sent out for this proposal.

City Manager Dr. Kenny Haskin said several apartment owners contacted him after they reviewed the proposal and they understood and said it was the right thing to do.

Director Peavy said the longer we let this tarry the more money it would cost the City.

Motion to read the ordinance the first time in abbreviated form made by Director Miner, Seconded by Director Peavy.

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

The motion carried 5-0. The ordinance was read the first time in abbreviated form.

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading in abbreviated form made by Director Miner, Seconded by Director Peavy.

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

The motion carried 5-0. The ordinance was read the second time in abbreviated form.

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: Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Hollibush, Director Miner and Director Peavy.

Voting Nay: Director Harris.

The motion lost 4-1.

Assistant Mayor Teeters said the ordinance would be on its Third Reading at the next meeting.

8. Ordinance No. 10-2019 rezoning property located at 7504 E. 9th Street from R-1 Rural residential to R-3 Low-density residential. (PWD-Planning) (This agenda item recommended for approval by the Planning Commission)

City Planner Mary Beck said Ms. Wilson was the owner of a large house on Highway 82 and wanted to split the house and make an apartment. She said the Planning Commission recommended approval and did not see any issues.

Assistant Mayor Teeters asked how close the neighbors were.

City Planner Mary Beck said one of the neighbors was across the street.

Ms. Wilson said the other neighbor was separated by trees.

Assistant Mayor Teeters said she thought the property was two residences in the past.

Ms. Wilson said it might had been two residences, but they shared the kitchen.

Director Peavy asked if Ms. Wilson were wanting to add a second kitchen to the property.

Ms. Wilson said yes.

Director Miner asked if there were any objection by anyone.

City Planner Mary Beck said there had been no objection and the Planning Commission recommended the rezoning.

Motion to read the ordinance the first time in abbreviated form made by Director Harris, Seconded by Director Miner.

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

The motion carried 5-0. The ordinance was read the first time in abbreviated form.

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading in abbreviated form made by Director Harris, Seconded by Director Hollibush.

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

The motion carried 5-0. The ordinance was read the second time in abbreviated form.

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 Miner.

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

The motion carried 5-0. The ordinance was read the third and final time in abbreviated form.

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

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

The motion carried 5-0. The Assistant Mayor declared the ordinance adopted.

The applicant requests an emergency clause to begin renovations. 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 Harris, Seconded by Director Miner.

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

The motion carried 5-0. The Assistant Mayor declared the emergency clause approved.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION – No one came forward.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, May 20, 2019

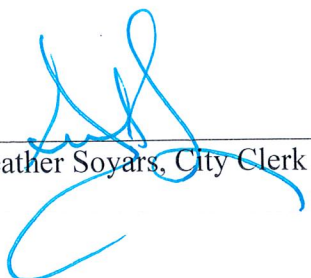
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Motion to adjourn made by Director Peavy, Seconded by Director Miner.

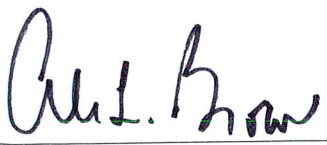
Voting Yea: Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Miner and Director Peavy.

The motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM.

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



Heather Soyars, City Clerk



Allen L. Brown, Mayor