



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

City of Texarkana, Arkansas  
216 Walnut Street

**Minutes - Tuesday, February 19, 2019 - 6:00 PM**

Mayor Allen L. Brown called the meeting to order.

PRESENT: Mayor Allen L. Brown, Ward 1 Assistant Mayor Linda Teeters, Ward 2 Director Laney J. Harris, Ward 3 Director Steven Hollibush, Ward 4 Director Travis Odom, 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.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance given by Director Travis Odom.

### **PRESENTATION(S)**

1. Presentation by Library Director Jennifer Strayhorn regarding the Texarkana Public Library.

Library Director Jennifer Strayhorn gave a brief PowerPoint presentation regarding the history of the library, the budget, and what the library had to offer the community.

### **CONSENT**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Director Odom, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Teeters.

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

2. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting February 4, 2019. (CCD)
3. Resolution No. 2019-9 authorizes the City Manager to purchase one (1) Single Axle Dump Truck – Freightliner. (TWU)

### **REGULAR**

4. Ordinance No. 4-2019 amending the *Code of Ordinances of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas*, regarding the lot of record definitions. (PWD-Planning) (Tabled 11-5-2018) (This ordinance was sponsored by Assistant Mayor Linda Teeters) City Planner Mary Beck

Mayor Brown explained this ordinance was tabled last year and the item dealt with lot sizes. He said this issue would need to be addressed before the board could consider the tiny houses. Mayor Brown said there was no recommendation regarding the tiny houses since the International Building Code process had changed. He said the City did not want to be in

violation of the building code. Mayor Brown said the ordinance had been read three times and tonight the board needed a motion to adopt the ordinance as it was written.

Assistant Mayor Teeters said there were many lots due to the dimensions that stopped certain structures from being built.

City Planner Mary Beck said the current ordinance stated the lot size for a citizen to build needed to be 50-foot wide. She said there were 98, 48-foot wide, vacant weed lots and the city had to maintain them. Ms. Beck said the new ordinance would allow citizens to build on 48-foot lots and they would still follow all the building code procedures.

Director Miner asked about the space for parking.

City Planner Mary Beck said the owner had to follow the building codes already in place for a 50-foot lot.

Director Harris asked if they could just go to the Board of Adjustment to build the house.

City Planner Mary Beck said they could go to the Board of Adjustment to change where something was placed on the lot, but not the actual lot size.

Mayor Brown said he understood the new ordinance would help the 98 vacant lots have new development on them instead of being maintained by the city.

City Attorney George Matteson wanted to verify the ordinance had been read three times and made the proposal to the Board to remove the ordinance from being tabled and make a motion to adopt.

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

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

The motion carried 7-0 and the ordinance was adopted.

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

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

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

The emergency clause was adopted 7-0.

5. Ordinance No. 5-2019 authorizes the City Manager to purchase a three-year Microsoft Enterprise License Agreement for licenses used by all departments of Texarkana Water Utilities. (TWU) IT Manager Kevin Davenport

IT Manager Kevin Davenport said TWU was requesting the enterprise agreement from SHI Government Solutions of Somerset, New Jersey for Microsoft licenses. He said utilizing an Enterprise Agreement, managed by TWU, would allow software consistency across departments. The execution of this Enterprise Agreement would continue the maintenance on existing Microsoft licenses.

Assistant Mayor Teeters asked if the license were for three years.

IT Manager Kevin Davenport said yes. He said this was just an extension of the agreement TWU already had in place and it works great.

Mayor Brown asked if the funds were coming out of the TWU budget.

IT Manager Kevin Davenport said yes.

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

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

The motion carried 7-0. 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 Miner.

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

The motion carried 7-0. 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 Harris, Seconded by Director Miner.

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

The motion carried 7-0. The ordinance was read the third and final time in abbreviated form.

Motion to adopt the ordinance made by Director Miner, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Teeters.

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

The motion carried 7-0 and the ordinance was adopted.

TWU requests an emergency clause. An emergency clause requires a separate and distinct vote of the board and was valid only if there were a two-thirds vote of approval by the board. (Hdbk. Const. Amend 7)

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

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

The emergency clause was adopted 7-0.

## **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Allen L. Brown said he apologized for the poor job he did explaining his objection in the workshop concerning sick leave. He said he wanted to use the workshop as an educational tool to show the other board directors our city was presently violating the state law and it needed to be fixed. Mayor Brown said after he left, he realized the board of directors did not have anything in advanced to be aware of what was going to be discussed at the workshop. He said he wanted to go on record to say he wanted to get the problem fixed with the sick leave accrual rate, and he would support the employees of the city to maintain the current sick hours accrued.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:38 PM.

Director Harris left the Board Room at 6:38 PM.

The Board reconvened at 6:47 PM.

Director Harris returned to the Board Room at 6:47 PM.

6. Resolution No. 2019-10 reappointing Brandon Cogburn to the Advertising & Promotion Commission and Ricky Pondexter and Ray Cox to the Board of Adjustment. (CCD)

Motion to adopt the resolution made by Assistant Mayor Teeters, Seconded by Director Odom.

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

Voting Abstaining: Director Harris

The Mayor declared the resolution adopted by a vote of 6-1.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, March 4, 2019**

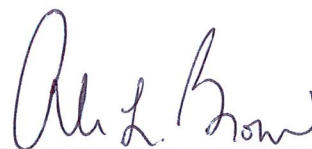
### **ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn made by Director Odom, Seconded by Director Hollibush.

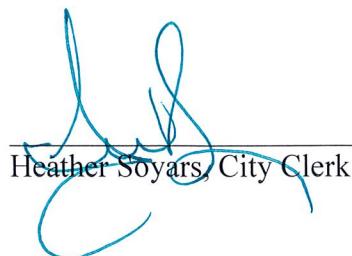
Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Odom, Director Miner, Director Peavy.

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM.

**APPROVAL** of the minutes on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.



Allen L. Brown, Mayor



Heather Soyars, City Clerk