



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

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

**Minutes - Monday, April 15, 2019 - 6:00 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 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.

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Boy Scout Troop 8 of the 1st Presbyterian Church Texarkana, Arkansas.

### **PRESENTATION(S)**

1. Proclamation Supporting City's participation in the National Historic Preservation Month presented to City Planner Mary Beck.

### **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 item approved was:

2. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting April 1, 2019. (CCD)

### **REGULAR**

3. Resolution No. 2019-15 authorizing the City Manager to contract with Sanitation Solutions to provide solid waste disposal (landfill) services to the City. (PWD)

Public Works Director Tyler Richards said the City's landfill contract with Waste Management expires on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Due to this, the City advertised for request for proposals (RFP) for solid waste disposal services on March 3, 2019. He said three proposals were submitted: Sanitation Solutions Inc. – \$16.00 a ton for the duration of the five-year contract inclusive of fuel surcharges, Waste Management of Texas, Inc. – Option I: \$35.50 a ton for the duration of the five-year contract inclusive of fuel surcharges. Option II: \$33.50 a ton with a \$1.00 increase annually, and Waste Corporation of Arkansas, LLC - \$25.00 a ton inclusive of fuel surcharges with a 2% increase annually. Public Works Director Tyler Richards said based on the results staff recommended to the Solid Waste Committee on March 25, 2019, the landfill contract would be awarded to Sanitation Solutions and the new rate would save the City approximately \$1.08 million during the life of the contract when

compared to the new rates quoted from Waste Management as they were the City's current provider. He said the Solid Waste Committee voted unanimously to submit Sanitation Solutions Inc's, proposal to the Board of Directors for approval.

Director Harris said five years ago the same issue was brought up and there was a company out of El Dorado. He said he called Sanitation Solutions last Friday to ask what the maximum amount would be, but he was told that was not handled from that venue. Director Harris asked how many more miles it would be to drive to this location.

Public Works Director Tyler Richards said the commercial and residential haulers would have the same rate.

Assistant Mayor Teeters said El Dorado did send in a bid and it was the seconded lowest rate with a 2% increase per year.

Director Peavy said Sanitation Solutions did not have a yearly increase.

Public Works Director Tyler Richards said yes.

Director Miner asked what the mileage was.

Public Works Director Tyler Richards said round trip was 170 miles and it was an additional 118 miles from New Boston.

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

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

4. Resolution No. 2019-16 authorizing the City Manager to amend the residential hauler contracts with Edmondson's Trash Service and Richardson Waste Inc. (PWD)

Public Works Director Tyler Richards said with the lowest rate being submitted by Sanitation Solutions Inc. the City's residential hauler contracts would need to be amended. He said **Section (8)** stated "Residential garbage is currently transported to and disposed of in accordance with the City's disposal contract with Western Waste Industries utilizing the New Boston Landfill" and it would be replaced with "Residential garbage is currently transported to and disposed of in accordance with the landfill under contract with the City."

Director Harris asked if the haulers would receive an increase.

Public Works Director Tyler Richards said they were discussing it with the haulers right now but lumping the residential in with the commercial haulers gave them a big savings.

Director Harris asked if this resolution were amending any money with the haulers.

Public Works Director Tyler Richards said this resolution had nothing to do with money for the haulers.

Assistant Mayor Teeters asked if the haulers had the option to use the transfer station.

Public Works Director Tyler Richards said yes.

Motion to adopt the resolution 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.

5. Ordinance No. 9-2019 Amending the *City of Texarkana, Arkansas, Code of Ordinances*, Solid Waste Ordinance Sec. 22-28 – Disposal of Commercial Solid Waste, Sec. 22-30 – Proof of Landfill Disposal by Commercial Haulers and Sec. 22-31 - Penalty for Disposal of Solid Waste at a Landfill Not Under Contract with the City. (PWD)

Public Works Director Tyler Richards said the ordinance would need to be amended as such:

**Sec. 22-28. - Disposal of commercial solid waste.**

All commercial collection contractors collecting garbage, trash or other solid waste within the city shall deliver said waste to the landfill under contract with the City and the disposal fee shall be the same rate provided in the City's landfill contract for all commercial collection contractors.

All commercial collection contractors shall charge commercial establishments the commercial collection rates provided for herein and any commercial collection contractor who fails to charge said rates shall forfeit his right to collect and haul garbage, trash or other solid waste from commercial establishments and his license shall be revoked.

**Sec. 22-30. – Proof of landfill disposal by commercial haulers.**

All Commercial collection contractors collecting garbage, trash or other solid waste within the city shall provide the City with proof of waste being disposed at the landfill under contract with the City. Proof shall be in the form of landfill bills or tonnage tickets from the landfill operator.

**Sec. 22-31 – Penalty for disposal of solid waste at a landfill not under contract with the City.**

Any commercial collection contractor collecting garbage, trash or other solid waste that did not dispose of said waste at the landfill under contract with the City shall lose its privilege to collect solid waste within the City.

Director Harris asked if the ordinance applied to any residents wanting to get rid of their own waste.

City Manager Dr. Kenny Haskin said any resident could use the landfill in New Boston at their own expense.

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

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

The City's landfill contract with Waste Management expires on April 30, 2019 and requires 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 Director Odom, Seconded by Director Peavy.

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**

Vicky Ram, 1011 Grape, wanted the Board to know she wanted to try and fix the building on the property before it was placed on the condemnation list.

Director Harris said he had requested pot holes in his ward to be fixed. He showed a picture of a patch truck and a roller; he thought the Street Department did not have the right tools or equipment to do the job. Director Harris said the grass in his ward was not being cut in a timely manner and the grass around Jones Creek was high.


## **ADJOURN**

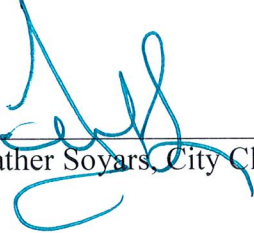
Motion to adjourn made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Director Peavy.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

**APPROVAL** of the minutes on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.

  
Linda Teeters, Assistant Mayor

  
Heather Soyars, City Clerk