



## CITY OF TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS MINUTES

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

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

**Monday, December 17, 2018 - 6:00 PM**

Mayor Ruth Penney Bell called the meeting to order.

PRESENT: Mayor Ruth Penney Bell, Ward 1 Director Linda Teeters, Ward 2 Director Laney J. Harris, Ward 3 Director Tim Johnson, Ward 4 Director Travis Odom, Ward 5 Assistant Mayor Barbara S. Miner and Ward 6 Director Terri Peavy.

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

ABSENT: Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance given by Mayor Bell.

\*Director Harris arrived at 6:04 PM.

Mayor Bell welcomed former Texarkana, Arkansas Mayor Wayne Smith and Texas-side Mayor Bob Bruggeman. She said in the past week she attended the Leadership Texarkana breakfast and the Employee Christmas luncheon, where City Clerk Heather Soyars won the annual chili cook off. Mayor Bell said she, City Manager Haskin and Public Works Director Tyler Richards were interviewed by Business Vision, an online magazine with over 650,000 subscribers.

Mayor Bell asked the Board if they had any comments.

Director Harris asked if and when the City would purchase a street sweeper.

### **CONSENT**

1. Approval of Minutes of the rescheduled regular meeting December 4, 2018. (CCD)
2. Resolution No. 2018-45 authorizes the City Manager to enter into a contract for the Millwood Water Treatment Plant - Settling Basin Interior Repairs/Liner Project. (TWU)
3. Resolution No. 2018-46 authorizes and directs the City Manager to enter into a renewal agreement with the Texarkana Housing Authority for services of two (2) officers assigned from the Texarkana, Arkansas Police Department for special patrols and enforcement operations on Housing Authority properties. (TAPD)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Director Odom, Seconded by Director Teeters. The motion carried unanimously.

## REGULAR

4. Ordinance No. 21-2018 grants the request for prerequisite municipal approval of a private club application for Outlaws. (Jamie Reynolds) (CCD)

Jamie Reynolds, 32 MC 502, said she currently owns a bar in Garland City and was transferring the beer permit to 6115 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street and wanted to get the private club permit for this location. She wanted a place for the middle age group of people to go and have a good time.

Director Harris asked if the club were located past Rondo Road.

Ms. Reynolds said yes.

Director Teeters said the location was a bar before and there were several noise ordinance violations.

Ms. Reynolds said she told the neighbors the previous bar was not run properly, and she assured them she would run the bar in accordance with all the laws.

City Manager Kenny Haskin said this had been approved by Public Works Department, Police Department and Fire Department.

Motion to place the ordinance on its first reading in abbreviated form made by Mayor Bell, Seconded by Director Odom.

Voting Aye: Mayor Bell, Director Teeters, Director Harris, Director Johnson, Director Odom, Assistant Mayor Miner, Director Peavy.

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 Miner. Voting Aye: Mayor Bell, Director Teeters, Director Harris, Director Johnson, Director Odom, Assistant Mayor Miner, Director Peavy.

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 Odom. Voting Aye: Mayor Bell, Director Teeters, Director Harris, Director Johnson, Director Odom, Assistant Mayor Miner, Director Peavy.

The ordinance was read the third and final time in abbreviated form.

Motion to approve the ordinance made by Director Odom, Seconded by Director Johnson.

Mayor Bell asked if any citizens had any questions or comments.

Janice Reid, 31 Summit Circle, said she wanted to express her wishes about not having a club in her area. She said there were previous clubs and it did not go very well. Ms. Reid said she hoped the ordinance would not go through.

Director Teeters asked if the Board would wait until the January meeting to decide on the ordinance and hear from other residents from the area.

Ms. Reynolds said she lives in the area and there was no difference in what she was opening and the VFW down the street.

Director Harris asked what was stopping Ms. Reynolds from opening the club now with just beer and within the next 30 days get the liquor license.

Ms. Reynolds said she could open now with just beer without the Board's approval, but it would be easier for her to submit all the paperwork to the Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) at once then at separate times.

Director Peavy said she would like to slow down and wait until after the holidays that way other people from the area could come and voice their concerns to the Board.

Director Johnson said Ms. Reynolds was asking for permission from the Board to go before the ABC to apply for the private club permit.

City Manager Kenny Haskin said that was correct.

City Attorney George Matteson said there was already a motion and a second to approve the ordinance or the Board could table the issue.

Voting Aye: Mayor Bell, Director Teeters, Director Johnson, Director Odom, Assistant Mayor Miner.

Voting Nay: Director Harris, Director Peavy.

The ordinance was approved 5-2.

City Attorney George Matteson said the ordinance would go into effect within the next 30 days without the emergency clause.

Director Odom made a motion to approve the emergency clause.

The motion died for lack of a second.

5. Resolution No.2018-47 recognized Mayor Bell for her service to the City. (BOD) (This item added to the agenda at the request of Director Terri Peavy.)

Mayor Bell recognized the staff, Board, Police Department, Fire Department, and citizens of Texarkana, Arkansas, as the best people to serve with.

Wayne Smith, 5706 Clem Wood Trail, said it was an honor and a privilege to serve on the Board with Mayor Bell. He said she would go down in history as not only the 1<sup>st</sup> woman mayor but the best mayor of Texarkana, Arkansas.

Texas-side Mayor Bob Bruggeman said it had been a joy and a privilege to serve alongside Mayor Bell the past few years. Mr. Bruggeman presented Mayor Bell a bouquet of the "Yellow Rose of Texas."

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

Voting Present: Director Harris. The motion carried 6-1.

## **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Misty Stewart, 1122 Hazel Street, said while she was working as a bell ringer for the Salvation Army, she saw a liquor store giving out cups of ice. She said she felt like the business was promoting drinking and driving and did not think it was the right thing to do.

Pastor Dr. Ellen Holmes wanted to say thank the entire Board for their service to Texarkana, Arkansas.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board did not enter Executive Session.

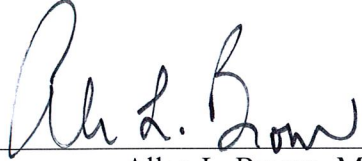
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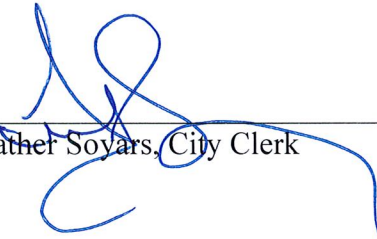
Motion to adjourn made by Director Johnson, Seconded by Director Teeters.

Voting Aye: Mayor Bell, Director Teeters, Director Harris, Director Johnson, Director Odom, Assistant Mayor Miner, Director Peavy. The motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

**APPROVAL** of the minutes on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.

  
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Allen L. Brown, Mayor

  
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Heather Soyars, City Clerk