



CITY OF TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS MINUTES

Rescheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

Tuesday, December 04, 2018 - 6:00 PM

Mayor Ruth Penney Bell called the meeting to order.

PRESENT: Mayor Bell, Ward 1 Director Linda Teeters, Ward 2 Director Laney Harris, Ward 3 Director Tim Johnson, Ward 4 Director Travis Odom, and Ward 6 Director Terri Peavy.

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

ABSENT: Assistant Mayor Ward 5 Barbara Miner and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance given by Director Linda Teeters.

*Director Harris arrived at 6:05 PM.

Mayor Comments: Mayor Bell said last night's Christmas Parade was the best parade ever. In the past few weeks she attended the Live United Bowl Banquet, the Arkansas Municipal League (AML) meeting in Hope, Arkansas, the grand opening of the Betty and Buddy Ledwell Workforce Training Center at Texarkana College, the grand opening of the train car restaurant the Flying Crow which was in conjunction with Scott Joplin's birthday, and the Joint City Chamber of Commerce meeting about the AR-TX Regional Economic Development Incorporation (REDI).

PRESENTATION(S)

1. City of Texarkana, Arkansas Employee Service Awards

Mayor Bell presented an award and pin to Rick Garner, CAD/GIS/Engineering Technician, who has been with the Public Works Department since 1986 and who is retiring from his position later this month. Mayor Bell thanked Mr. Garner and all City employees for their service to the City.

City Manager Kenny Haskin said Mr. Garner is the backbone of the City, an unsung hero and a champion for Texarkana.

CONSENT

2. Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting November 19, 2018. (CCD)

3. Resolution No. 2018-43 - appoints City staff to various boards, committees and commissions. [Public Facilities Board – City Manager Kenny Haskin, City Clerk Heather Soyars and City Planner Mary Beck; Electric Board of Review – Roger Douglas] (CCD)

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

The motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR

4. Ordinance No. 20-2018 - rezones 4201 Sanderson Lane from R-2 Single-family to O-1 Office Quiet Commercial. (Duong) (PWD-Planning).

This ordinance requires an emergency clause: 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)

City Planner Mary Beck presented the item stating the request was for rezoning from R-2 Single-family to O-1 Office Quiet Commercial to operate a lab to fill orders for licensed dental professionals.

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

Voting Aye: Mayor Bell, Director Teeters, Director Harris, Director Johnson, Director Odom, 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 Teeters, Seconded by Director Odom.

Voting Aye: Mayor Bell, Director Teeters, Director Harris, Director Johnson, Director Odom, 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 Johnson, Seconded by Director Odom.

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

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

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

The motion carried 6-0.

Motion to enact the emergency clause made by Director Teeters, Seconded by Director Odom.

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

The motion carried 6-0.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

ReaDonna Jones, Study Director for the Texarkana Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) invited the Board to attend a meeting with the Linus Transportation Group to create the 25-year plan on December 12, 2018; and invited them to attend a workshop hosted by TXDOT to discuss traffic issues on December 13, 2018.

Director Harris said the Citizen Communication portion of the meetings was no longer being shown on the government channel and the agenda and presentation process for Board members had changed. He asked Mayor Bell if those ordinances would be reversed before she left office as Mayor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Directors entered Executive Session at 6:30 PM.

*Director Harris left the Board Room at 6:30 PM.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 6:43 PM.

*Director Harris returned to the Board Room at 6:43 PM.

5. Resolution No. 2018-44 – makes appointments to various boards, commissions and committees. (CCD)

Motion to appoint Wade Williamson to the Electric Board of Review and Anderson Neal, Jr., to the Planning Commission made by Director Johnson, Seconded by Director Peavy.

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

The motion carried 5-1.

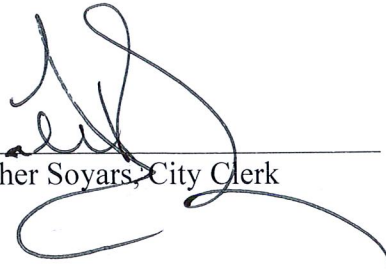
ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Director Teeters, Seconded by Director Johnson. Voting Aye: Mayor Bell, Director Teeters, Director Harris, Director Johnson, Director Odom, Director Peavy.

The motion carried 6-0

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM.

APPROVAL of the minutes on this 17th day of December, 2018.



Heather Soyars, City Clerk



Ruth Penney Bell, Mayor