



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CITY OF TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018 – 1:00 PM

Rescheduled Rescheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

City Hall – East Third and Walnut Streets

1. Mayor Ruth Penney Bell called the meeting to order.
2. Present: Mayor Ruth Penney Bell Ward 2 Director Laney J. Harris
 Ward 3 Director Tim Johnson Ward 5 Assistant Mayor Barbara S. Miner
 Ward 6 Terri Peavy City Manager Dr. Kenny Haskin
 City Clerk Heather Soyars Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens
- Absent: Ward 1 Director Linda Teeters Ward 4 Director Travis Odom
 City Attorney George Matteson
3. Invocation given by Mayor Bell
4. Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Bell
5. Comments from the Mayor and Directors:
 - **Inclement Weather** – Mayor Bell thanked Fire Chief David Fletcher, Police Chief Bob Harrison and Public Works Director Tyler Richards and their staffs for their effort with hazardous road conditions during the snow and ice earlier in the week.
 - **Salary Comparison** – Director Peavy requested a salary comparison of Department Heads with the City of Texarkana, Texas.
 - **Tyler Richards** – City Manager Dr. Kenny Haskin introduced the new Public Works Director Tyler Richards to the Board.

CONSENT:

6. The minutes of the rescheduled regular meeting January 2, 2018. (CCD)
 - Motion to adopt Consent Agenda made by: Director Johnson
 - Motion seconded by: Director Peavy

Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR:

7. **Resolution No. 2018-3** – amending the FY2018 Budget (Resolution No. 2017-55) and the Public Works Budget to include funding from the 2018 Arkansas Regional Solid Waste Recycling and Electronic Waste Grants. (PWD)

This resolution was removed from the Consent Agenda for more discussion at the request of Mayor Bell.

Assistant Public Works Director Tracie Lee explained the grants and how the grant money would be used.

- Motion to adopt the resolution made by: Assistant Mayor Miner
- Motion seconded by: Director Johnson

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Citizen Communication

- No one came forward.

9. Executive Session – Board entered Executive Session at 1:17 PM.

Director Harris left the Board Room at 1:17 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 1:43 PM.

Director Harris returned to the Board Room at 1:43 PM.

- Motion to amend the City Manager’s severance to 10 months’ salary paid in lump sum upon termination made by: Director Johnson

Motion seconded by: Director Peavy

Directors Johnson, Miner, Peavy and Mayor Bell voted aye.
Director Harris abstained.

Motion carried with 4 ayes and 1 abstention.

Resolution No. 2018-4 – making appointments to various boards, commissions, and committees. (CCD)

Board/Commission:

Equalization Board

Heating & Air Conditioning Board of Review

Historic District Commission

Historic District Commission

Housing Authority

Planning Commission

Southwest Arkansas Development Council

Appointee:

Richard Henry

Charlie Cook

James Gibbs

Danny R. Gordon

Ted Capeheart

Adger Smith

Anderson Neal, Jr.

- Motion to adopt the resolution made by: Director Miner

Motion seconded by: Director Johnson

Directors Bell, Johnson, Miner and Peavy voted aye.

Director Harris abstained.

Motion carried with 4 ayes and 1 abstention.

10. Adjourn

■ Motion to adjourn made by: Director Johnson

Motion seconded by: Director Miner

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Ruth Penney Bell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Heather Soyars, City Clerk