



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS CITY OF TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2018

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## 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 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  
            Ward 6 Terri Peavy                              City Manager Dr. Kenny Haskin  
            City Attorney George Matteson              Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens
- Absent: City Clerk Heather Soyars
3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance given by Director Tim Johnson  
    \*Director Laney Harris arrived at 6:02 PM.
4. Comments from the Mayor:
  - **Welcome** – Mayor Bell welcomed everyone to tonight’s meeting and acknowledged Mike Malone, President/CEO of the Texarkana Chamber of Commerce.
  - **Amtrak** – Mayor Bell said she called both the senator and the congressmen trying to restore the ticket agent position at the Amtrak Station. She urged every citizen to contact their congressmen and ask them to save this position.
  - **Internet** – Mayor Bell said she heard part of the City did not have land line or internet service. She said with the help from CableOne, Texarkana now had high speed internet which would help to bring business and industry to our City.
  - **First Responders** – Mayor Bell said she attended a breakfast honoring the First Responders held at the First Baptist Church. She thanked all First Responders for their service to the community.
  - **Red River** – Mayor Bell said members of Texarkana Water Utilities represented the City at the Red River Valley Authority meeting. Navigation of the Red River was discussed as well as, Riverbend and the Sulphur River Basin Authority.

Mayor Bell asked if any Board member had any questions or comments.

Director Peavy said phone calls to the senator and congressmen advocating for the Amtrak ticket agent would help just like it helped when the Post Office was under consideration of moving.

5. Presentation(s):

■ **City of Texarkana, Arkansas Employee/Retirement Service Awards (CCD):**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Department:</b>	<b>Years of Service:</b>
Benjamin Fletcher	TWU	5
Jason Cook	TWU	10
Robert Kunert	TWU	10
Douglas Dotson	TWU	25

Mayor Bell recognized the employee award recipients and thanked all City employees for their service to the City and its citizens.

**CONSENT:**

6. The minutes of the regular meeting May 21, 2018. (CCD)

- Motion to adopt Consent Agenda made by: Director Odom  
Motion seconded by: Assistant Mayor Miner  
Motion carried unanimously

**REGULAR:**

7. The following action was considered concerning condemning a substandard structure located at 208 Georgian Terrace:

**A. Public Hearing** – Mayor Bell opened the public hearing.

Public Works Director Tyler Richards said the structure had been tagged January 11, 2018, and the owners were sent a sixty days' notice January 12, 2018, stating the structure needed to be demolished or needed to be brought up to Code.

Assistant Mayor Miner asked if the slab would be demolished.

Public Works Director Tyler Richards said yes.

Mayor Bell closed the public hearing.

**B. Resolution No. 2018-22:** A resolution condemning one (1) substandard residential structure located at 208 Georgian Terrace. (PWD)

- Motion to adopt the resolution made by: Assistant Mayor Miner  
Motion seconded by: Director Teeters  
Motion carried unanimously.

8. **Ordinance No. 12-2018:** An ordinance amending Chapter 13 of the *Code of Ordinances of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas*, adding Section 13-14 to establish the operation,

permitting and scheduling of Food Trucks within the city limits. (PWD) (SECOND READING)

- Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading in abbreviated form made by:

Director Odom

Motion seconded by:

Director Johnson

Motion carried unanimously, and the ordinance was read the second time in abbreviated form.

- Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading in abbreviated form made by:

Director Johnson

Motion seconded by:

Director Teeters

Motion carried unanimously, and the ordinance was read the third and final time in abbreviated form.

- Motion to adopt the ordinance made by:

Director Johnson

Motion seconded by:

Director Odom

Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Ordinance No. 13-2018**: An ordinance waiving competitive bidding requirements and authorizing purchase of radios for Texarkana, Arkansas Police Department from Motorola Solution. (TAPD)

Police Chief Harrison said TAPD was seeking to spend the portion of the recent Bond Issue allocated to the Police Department for the purchase of new digital radios. He said the purchase would come from the following two sources: Bond Issue - \$596,219.78 and the Cost Recovery Fund - \$36,435.07. He said Motorola Solutions/Shreveport Communications/Ark-La-Tex Two Way held the state bid for Motorola Radios.

Director Harris asked about waiving competitive bidding and the state bid.

City Attorney George Matteson said the state bid allowed the City to purchase from Motorola Solutions and was presumably the lowest cost for the provider. He said in an abundance of caution, this agenda item was an ordinance given the importance of the purchase and the funds allocated.

- Motion to place the ordinance on its first reading in abbreviated form made by:

Director Johnson

Motion seconded by:

Director Odom

Motion carried unanimously, and 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 Johnson

Motion seconded by: Director Odom

Motion carried unanimously, and the ordinance was read the second time in abbreviated form.

- Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading in abbreviated form made by: Director Johnson

Motion seconded by: Director Odom

Motion carried unanimously, and the ordinance was read the third and final time in abbreviated form.

- Motion to adopt the ordinance made by: Director Teeters

Motion seconded by: Director Odom

Motion carried unanimously.

**Emergency Clause:**

- Motion to adopt the emergency clause made by: Director Odom

Motion seconded by: Director Johnson

Motion carried unanimously.

**10. Citizen Communication**

- No one came forward.

**11. Executive Session – Board did not enter into Executive Session.**

**12. Adjourn**

- Motion to adjourn made by: Director Johnson

Motion seconded by: Director Odom

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 PM.

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Ruth Penney Bell, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Jenny Narens, Deputy City Clerk