



BOARD OF DIRECTORS CITY OF TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS

MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2018 – 6:00 PM

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 Director Terri Peavy City Manager Dr. Kenny Haskin
 City Clerk Heather Soyars Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens

Absent: City Attorney George Matteson

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance given by Mayor Ruth Penney Bell

*Director Laney Harris arrived at 6:03 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.
- **Dog Show** – Mayor Bell said the Four States Fair hosted the AKC All-Breed Dog Show this past weekend and over eight hundred dogs were entered in the show.
- **Texarkana Twins** – Mayor Bell said she was honored to throw out the first ball at the Texarkana Twins baseball game last Friday night.
- **Arkansas County Judges Convention** – Mayor Bell said she welcomed the County Judges this past week at the Arkansas Convention Center who were attending the Arkansas County Judges Convention.
- **Union Pacific** – Mayor Bell said she, Public Works Director Tyler Richards, and Assistant Public Works Director Tracie Lee met with a Union Pacific representative and discussed topics relating to trains in Texarkana.
- **Arkansas Municipal League Meeting** – Mayor Bell said she and Director Peavy attended the Arkansas Municipal League (AML) meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas. She said they learned about upcoming legislation and learned Arkansas was the leading state in the opioids movement.

Director Peavy said the upcoming Census was a topic at the AML meeting and

how important it would be for each town. She said for the first time you would be able to take the census online.

- **Liberty Eylau Youth Leadership** – Mayor Bell said she would be attending the Liberty Eylau Youth Leadership meeting tomorrow to discuss the topic, “What’s to love in Texarkana?”
- **Adoption Trailer** – Mayor Bell asked Animal Care and Adoption Center Director Charles Lokey to speak about the adoption trailer.

Animal Care and Adoption Center (ACAC) Director Charles Lokey said they had a new climate controlled, twelve kennel trailer that would be used as an adoption trailer and could also be to house animals in case of emergencies. He said a few years ago, Shelby Dunphy-Day created the Six Leg Fun Run to benefit the ACAC and with her help the adoption trailer was created. Mr. Lokey said he was hoping this weekend would be the first of many adoption events with the new trailer.

- **AHS Band** – Mayor Bell said the Arkansas High School (AHS) Band was named the AAAAA Arkansas State Honors Ensemble. She said for the first time in the history of the AHS band, directed by Gary Meggs, was chosen for the highest honors by the Arkansas School Band and Orchestra Association. The Band would represent Texarkana Arkansas School District at the All State Music Conference in Hot Springs, Arkansas, in February 2019.
- **LifeNet** – Mayor Bell announced LifeNet would be celebrating their 35th Anniversary June 20, 2019, at Northridge Country Club and the public was invited to help commemorate this occasion.
- **Sparks in the Park** - Mayor said Sparks in the Park would be held on Saturday, June 30, 2018, at the Four States Fairgrounds. She said there would be contests, games, great food and fireworks.

5. Presentation(s):

- Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson gave a brief report on the Budget Variance for the General Fund for January through March 2018. She said the City was at 23% of the budget for revenue and the City should be at 25% for the first quarter of the year and total expenditures were at 21% and it should be 25% of the budget. She said all departments were doing an excellent job controlling their spending.

CONSENT:

6. The minutes of the regular meeting June 4, 2018. (CCD)

- Motion to adopt Consent Agenda made by: Director Johnson
Motion seconded by: Director Odom

Motion carried unanimously

REGULAR:

7. Citizen Communication

- Director Laney Harris, 2005 Stephanie Street, questioned the procedure for Board members wanting to have a presentation on the agenda for the Board meeting.

8. Executive Session – Board did not enter Executive Session.

9. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn made by: Director Johnson
Motion seconded by: Director Teeters

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 PM.

Ruth Penney Bell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Heather Soyars, City Clerk