

the AR/TX Ratio was 37.19/62.81%. He outlined the master fee list recommendations for services. The fees would help recoup the cost of those services. Other highlights included depreciation fund projects planned for the waste water treatment plants, the water treatment plants and capital improvements/infrastructure projects.

- Mayor Bell read a proclamation declaring October 21-27, 2018, as Pro Bono Week and presented it to Jessie Keeton with Lone Star Legal Aid.
- Mayor Bell read a proclamation declaring November as Business Appreciation Month.

CONSENT:

6. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting October 1, 2018. (CCD)
7. **Resolution No. 2018-40:** authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for the Millwood Water Treatment Plant Valve Replacement Project. (TWU)
8. **Resolution No. 2018-41:** approving Texarkana Water Utilities (TWU) FY 2019 Budget. (TWU)

- Motion to approve the Consent Agenda
made by: Director Odom
- Motion seconded by: Director Teeters
- Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR:

9. **SECOND READING:** of an ordinance amending the *Code of Ordinances of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas*, regarding the lot of record definition. (PWD-Planning)
 - Motion to place the ordinance on its first reading in abbreviated form made by: Director Teeters
 - Motion seconded by: Director Odom
 - Motion carried unanimously, and the ordinance was read the second time in abbreviated form.
10. **Ordinance No. 19-2018:** amending the *Code of Ordinances of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas*, to provide for fees for permits and services in order to recoup expenses. (TWU)

Executive Director JD Phillips said these fees were designed to recoup costs of TWU services.

Director Harris asked if these fees were charged to residents. He said he would like the ordinance to include the fees would only be charged to commercial customers.

Mr. Phillips explained TWU did not want to limit the possibility of these fees being charged to residents and said some services TWU provided were for other cities.

Director Teeters said to leave the ordinance as is.

City Attorney George Matteson asked to strike the words “Utility customer” from the fee schedule in the ordinance.

Mr. Phillips agreed.

Mayor Bell asked why this ordinance had an emergency clause.

Finance Director Jim Cornelius said the Texas-side had already passed the new fees and he wanted to make sure Arkansas received their fair share of those fees collected.

- Motion to place the ordinance on its first reading in abbreviated form made by: Director Peavy
Motion seconded by: Assistant Mayor Miner
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 Teeters
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: Assistant Mayor Miner
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: Assistant Mayor Miner
Motion seconded by: Director Odom
Directors Odom, Miner, Peavy, Teeters and Bell voted aye.
Director Harris voted nay.

Mayor Bell declared the ordinance passed.

Emergency Clause:

- Motion to adopt the emergency clause made

by: Director Teeters

Motion seconded by: Director Odom

Directors Odom, Miner, Peavy, Teeters and Bell voted aye.

Director Harris voted nay.

Mayor Bell declared the emergency clause passed.

10. Citizen Communication:

- Director Harris announced TWU had a job opening for an auto mechanic with a salary range of \$33,000 to \$43,000, but the announcement would not reach the public because Citizen Communication was cut from the broadcast on the government channel.

He also stated he requested the proclamation for Business Month and said the businesses were important to the community.

12. Executive Session – The Board did not enter Executive Session.

13. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn made by: Director Odom

Motion seconded by: Director Peavy

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Ruth Penney Bell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Heather Soyars, City Clerk