

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE CITY OF TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS  
JUNE 5, 2017**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

The Board of Directors of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas, convened in regular session at 6:00 PM on Monday, June 5, 2017.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Ruth Penney Bell asked the Deputy Clerk to call the roll and the following Board Members were present: Mayor Bell, Assistant Mayor Barbara S. Miner, and Directors Tim Johnson, Travis Odom, Terri Peavy and Linda Teeters. Also present were Acting City Manager/City Clerk Heather Soyars, City Attorney George M. Matteson and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens. City Manager Kenny Haskin was absent. Laney J. Harris arrived at 6:03 PM.

Mayor Bell asked it be duly noted there was a quorum present for tonight's meeting. City Manager Kenny Haskin was absent.

**INVOCATION:**

The invocation was given by Director Terri Peavy.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Director Terri Peavy led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR:**

**Welcome:**

Mayor Bell welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting.

**Board Meeting Procedure:**

Mayor Bell briefly reviewed the board meeting procedures and pointed out the Agenda Item Cards, Citizens' Communication Cards, and agendas along the rail for tonight's Board meeting. The Mayor asked any audience member interested in speaking at tonight's Board meeting to complete one of the cards and turn the card in to the City

Clerk. She said this would help run an organized meeting and allowed the Clerk to have the necessary information for the meeting minutes. She stated any citizen may comment on any item on the agenda and express their desires, but would be limited to five minutes.

**Workshop:**

Mayor Bell said the Board of Directors was going to have a workshop to discuss the Rules of Procedure regarding Board member agenda items on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, at 1:00 PM in the Board Room.

**Gateway Farmers Market:**

Mayor Bell also announced the grand opening of the Gateway Farmers Market would be Saturday, June 10, 2017, from 7:00 AM until noon.

**Dog Show:**

Mayor Bell said James Arnett with the Kennel Club of Texarkana attended tonight's Board meeting and she wanted him to speak to the Board regarding the American Kennel Club (AKC) all breed dog show.

Mr. Arnett said this would have been the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Texarkana Dog Show. He said he had been in the Kennel Club of Texarkana for 20 years and this was the first time anything like this had occurred. Mr. Arnett thanked the Advertising and Promotion Committee (A&P) for giving the Kennel Club money to advertise the dog show, but now they must inform citizens there would not be a dog show due to the canine influenza virus. Mr. Arnett said there had been quite a few dogs confirmed with the virus in four states, granted Arkansas had not confirmed any cases yet but we were in the threatened area. He said there were only 600 entries and this year and he thought it was due to the virus. He said Texarkana had the largest dog show in the State of Arkansas. Mr. Arnett said this was a no win situation. He had to confirm with the AKC and then he could cancel the show.

Mayor Bell thanked Mr. Arnett for explaining the situation and said he was wise to cancel the show.

Director Peavy asked how long he had been involved in the dog show.

Mr. Arnett said he had been in the Kennel Club for 20 years and been the president for 17 years.

**Special Visitor:**

Mayor Bell said there was a special visitor at tonight's Board meeting, Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens' son Graysen Narens. She said one of his ambitions was to be Mayor or President. She advised him to become President. Mayor Bell thanked him for coming.

No one else came forward.

**QUESTIONS FROM DIRECTORS AND OTHER**

**BUSINESS:**

Mayor Bell asked if the Directors had any questions or comments.

No one else came forward.

**PRESENTATION(S):**

**City Employee Service Awards:**

Mayor Bell presented awards to Wesley Sheffield, Eric Ethridge, and Thomas Neeley. They each received a City of Texarkana, Arkansas Employee Service Award and Texarkana, Arkansas City pin. The award recognized Wesley Sheffield for 5 years of service with the Fire Department, Eric Ethridge for 10 years of service with the Media Relations Department and Thomas Neeley for 5 years of service with the Texarkana Water Utilities Department. They accepted the honor and thanked Mayor Bell, the Board of Directors, and the City Manager.

Mayor Bell commented Kenneth Marquess and Jason Williams were unable to attend tonight's meeting and she would make sure they received their awards and pins. Kenneth Marquess and Jason Williams both would have been recognized for 5 years of service with the Texarkana Water Utilities Department. Mayor Bell thanked all the City employees for their service to the City and its citizens.

**Removal of Director Harris' Public Hearing:**

Mayor Bell asked the Board to remove agenda item 7c Public hearing for the full understanding of the fiduciary responsibility and obligation of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas this from tonight's agenda. Mayor Bell said she called City Clerk Heather Soyars to find out what this item was about and Ms. Soyars did not know. Mayor Bell

also contacted City Manager Dr. Haskin, and he did not know what the presentation was about.

Director Harris asked if there were going to be a debate on this item.

Mayor Bell said she was asking for a vote. Mayor Bell said she was running the meeting and for her to run the meeting, it was her responsibility to know in advanced what this item was about. She said it would be fine if the item were put on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

Director Harris said that was fine for the item to be placed on next Board meeting agenda.

Mayor Bell said if Director Harris wanted to put the item back on the agenda for next Board meeting and give the background for the item it was fine with her.

Director Harris said he could withdraw the item since he was the one who placed it on the agenda in the first place.

Director Johnson said there was already a motion and a second.

Mayor Bell, seconded by Director Odom moved to have item 7c Public hearing for the full understanding of the fiduciary responsibility and obligation of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas from the presentation list be removed. The Deputy Clerk called the roll and the following vote resulted: Directors Harris, Johnson, Miner, Odom, Peavy, Teeters and Bell voted aye. The Mayor declared the item removed, as there were seven ayes and no nays.

**Report from Public Works Director Jeff Whitten regarding the Arkansas Department of Corrections (ADC):**

Public Works Director Jeff Whitten gave a brief report regarding the Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC) white suit workers. He said after speaking with the (ADC) Department there had been a reduction in the man hours over the past month due to several employees being on leave. There had been administrative items that had to be addressed. Mr. Whitten said he spoke with the Lieutenant and he anticipated most of the employees to be back to work toward the end of this month and then the level of work of the ADC workers did for the City would increase. He said he would give a report on the ADC yellow suit workers at the next meeting.

Mayor Bell thanked Mr. Whitten for the information and she told the citizens Mr. Whitten's father in law had passed away last week and that was why he did not have all the information for tonight's meeting. She extended her condolences to him and his family.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Director Odom moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Director Johnson and carried unanimously. The items approved by consent were:

### **MINUTES:**

The minutes approved were of the regular meeting May 15, 2017.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-24:**

Resolution No. 2017-24 authorized the City Manager to enter into an engineering contract with A.L. Franks Engineers, Inc., Texarkana, Arkansas, for the design of the Jackson Street Trail, the Hobo Jungle Park Trail Connection and for A.L. Franks to advertise for bids and manage the projects during construction.

### **REGULAR AGENDA:**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-25:**

The resolution was read in its entirety. Said resolution 2017-25 requested the Arkansas Parole Board to deny any application of John C. Lohbauer for release or parole for the 1977 murder of Texarkana, Arkansas Police Lt. Ed Worrell.

Mayor Bell asked Police Chief Harrison to come and speak about the tragic occurrence that happened in our City.

Police Chief Harrison said on February 3, 1977, a little past midnight, Lt. Ed Worrell, Officer James Clark and Officer Paul Howell responded to a burglar alarm at the old Howard's Discount Store in the 2700 block of North Stateline Avenue. He said the front door glass was busted out, Officer Howell went to the rear of the building and Lt. Worrell and Officer Clark were working the front part of the building thinking there were two people inside, which there were. He said not knowing John C. Lohbauer had parked his vehicle across the street, where Legend's Gym was now located. He said as the two men positioned themselves at the front of the building with their back to Mr. Lohbauer,

he fired two rounds hitting both in the back and almost instantly killing Lt. Worrell and severely injuring Officer James Clark. Police Chief Harrison said the two men were arrested inside the store and about 30-45 minutes later the police arrested Mr. Lohbauer in another part of the City. He said in 2016, there were some sentencing guidelines that changed and Mr. Lohbauer was now eligible for parole and he was asking the Board to pass this resolution opposing Mr. Lohbauer's possible parole.

Mayor Bell asked if anyone had any questions for Police Chief Harrison.

Director Teeters asked if the reason behind the Parole Board doing this was because of Mr. Lohbauer's age at the time of the crime.

Mayor Bell asked how old Mr. Lohbauer was at the time.

Police Chief Harrison said all three men were 16 years old at the time.

Director Teeters asked if Mr. Lohbauer's vehicle was in the Piggly Wiggly parking lot and did he shoot from the vehicle.

Police Chief Harrison said yes.

Director Odom said he remembered the event very well. He was working for the City as a Probation Officer and a Court Service Officer. Director Odom said Police Chief Butler, who was the Police Chief at the time, asked him to come in early and assist with what was going on and he did. He said he was in the court room when the three men came off the elevator and they were laughing, and John Lohbauer was bragging about how he shot the two officers. Director Odom said Lt. Worrell was one of the finest young men you could know and so was Officer Clark. He said Officer Clark left and went to work for the Highway Police, so the City lost two good police officers due to the tragic event. Director Odom said he was against Mr. Lohbauer being pardoned and set free.

Police Chief Harrison said the family relived this tragic occurrence daily. He said Lt. Worrell's wife worked in the records department for the Police.

Director Teeters said she knew the grandson, Tyler Worrell, who was in the military. Director Teeters said Tyler and her son who were now 21 years old, and were dear friends growing up. Director Teeters said she would like to reflect Director Odom's sentiments that it would be a slap in the face for her to tell Tyler Worrell that his grandfather's killer could get out of prison.

Mayor Bell said we all feel more for the victim and maybe it was not politically correct in our time period, but it was not right for victims to relive the incident every ten to twenty years. She said she supported the resolution and she felt the Board felt similar. Mayor Bell said if the Board needed to write letters we would be willing to do that.

Directors Peavy said she thought it was a good idea for the Board to write a letter to the Parole Board in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Mayor Bell said she thought the resolution would do just that. She said it would be appropriate if the Board wanted to individually send a letter along with a copy of the resolution.

Director Odom, seconded by Director Johnson, moved to adopt the resolution. The Deputy Clerk called the roll and the following vote resulted: Directors Johnson, Miner, Odom, Peavy, Teeters and Bell voted aye. Director Harris abstained from the vote. The Mayor declared the resolution passed, as there were six ayes and one abstention.

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor Bell opened the public hearing to receive comments regarding the certification of certain delinquent taxes.

Chief Building Official Nina Walker said the Public Works Department requested liens be put on four substandard properties in the amount of \$18,786.64. She said the owners of the properties were notified the structures were in violation of the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code and the International Property Maintenance Code. She said the owners had done little or no work to bring the structures into code compliance. Ms. Walker said the money collected from the tax would go to the Community Development Block Grant Fund (CDBG) and it would go back into the fines to use in the low-income areas. She said there was only one structure located outside of the CDBG area and the money collected would go back into the Public Works Fund. Ms. Walker said an additional 10% was added to the cost of the lien; 3% would be returned to Miller County and the other 7% would be returned to the City. She said she was asking for the Board to place the liens on the Miller County Tax rolls.

Mayor Bell asked Ms. Walker how successful was the City in ever getting the tax money back.

Ms. Walker said not very successful.

Mayor Bell asked Ms. Walker how could the City find a way to get these properties in the hands of tax payers so they could build a structure on it or do something with the property that would be affordable. She said a man who owned the property next to a vacant lot on Euclid Street said if the City would come and mow the lot he would love to buy it and continue to keep it mowed and cleaned. Mayor Bell said he also stated he would use a portion of the lot for a garden, and she recently drove by the property and noticed he had done just what he said he was going to do. She said she had citizens behind Bramble Park that said if the corner lot were for sale at a decent price they would keep it maintained. Mayor Bell said she knew the Public Works Department mowed vacant lots all summer long. She asked Ms. Walker if the Public Works Department checked into the liens being evaded and the City could sell the properties at a price that would make sense. Mayor Bell said most of the properties were in low-income areas and for someone to buy a lot for over \$5000.00 to \$7000.00 was ridiculous.

Ms. Walker said she understood as a City we could foreclose on these properties but she would like to ask the City Attorney to address the question.

City Attorney George M. Matteson said after a structure was condemned, the demolition cost would be determined. The statute gave the City two options; one option would be certifying the lien to the collector for the collection of the taxes; two would be to establish a lien and allow foreclosure. Mr. Matteson said he had spoken with Public Works regarding this issue and typically this Board, as did most Cities in the state, said give it to the collector. He said foreclosures were costly, required title searches, lawsuits and then an actual buyer. Mr. Matteson said the tax collector could get to the same result but it might take a little longer. If the taxes were paid that would be a fine result for the City and if taxes went unpaid then they would be certified to the state.

Mayor Bell asked City Attorney George M. Matteson if the City were responsible for the upkeep on the vacant lots.

Mr. Matteson said no. The City declared them as being nuisances and kept them up.

Mayor Bell said normally the neighbors would call and say there were rodents living in the neck high over grown lot and could the City come out and mow it. She said



she would then call Public Works Director Jeff Whitten and ask him to go and mow the lot. She said the City looked bad when the structures were attracting an unwanted element.

Director Peavy asked what was the time frame if the City went the tax collector route.

Mr. Matteson said it would depend upon several factors including how long taxes had been unpaid prior to the date this Board acted. He said he was not certain but he thought there was a three-year window between the time taxes were unpaid and were certified to the state for sale and then after the third year it would go to the lien commissioner in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Mayor Bell asked if then the state got the money.

Mr. Matteson said if the state sold the property, some portion of the money would come back to the City.

Director Harris said the City was putting a lien on property that was paid by CDBG money and the City already received the reimbursement of the \$5000.00.

Ms. Walker said CDBG guidelines requested the City to use the money to tear down any house and put a lien on it.

Mayor Bell asked Ms. Walker if this were a requirement for the City to get reimbursed of expenses.

Ms. Walker said yes.

Mayor Bell said anyone wanting to come forward to make a statement about this issue was welcome to come forward.

Dewayne Hall, 2303 College Street, said he knew other communities solved this issue. He said some of the people who owned the properties did not really want to own the properties. The properties were not useful to the owners anymore and with the tax lien, the properties were under water so the properties could not be marketed. Mr. Hall said the Texas-side would take donations of the properties and, that would solve one of the sticky situations with the foreclosure and the legal costs. He said the City would still need to solve the lien issue and he thought the key would be to identify the properties before the lien was placed. Mr. Hall said owners could donate the house and the City could do a program where they offered it to citizens at a very discounted rate. He said

even dollars, if someone would take it, do right and pay the taxes on the property the City would be good with that because it would be better than the situation the City was in now.

Mayor Bell said the Texas-side regulations were so different from those on the Arkansas-side. She said the Texas-side could do a whole lot more than the Arkansas-side could do.

Mr. Hall said maybe through the donations the City could solve the foreclosure problem, most of owners if you finally got in touch with them would probably just give the City the property.

David Peavy, 6512 Skyline Drive, said he wanted to address the City Attorney's comment about foreclosure. He thought it would be a good option if you wanted to get the properties back in operation. He said it would take someone to file on probably hundreds of homes or lots and then the properties would be auctioned off and in useable form. Mr. Peavy said if the lien were \$4000.00 and someone bid the property for \$1.00 then the City would lose the \$3999.00 that would be left on the lien. He said inaction was keeping the properties dead. He would rather the City write letters asking if the owners wanted to donate the property and then the City could resale the properties. Mr. Peavy said Director Harris was right about dead properties not helping the City.

Mayor Bell said that was true and the City needed to find an answer but had not found one yet.

DeAnna O'Malley, 4702 Sunbury Drive, said she went to a conference every year called Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) and they talked about land banks. She said Jimmy (Smitty) Smith from Texarkana, Arkansas, had approached the City before these elected officials came on board and agreed to do studies on land banks. Ms. O'Malley said she was good friends with the land bank administrator of Little Rock, Arkansas and he would be more than happy to come to Texarkana and talk to the Board about how the City could create land banks. She said she had his contact information and would be happy to pass it along to whoever needed it. Ms. O'Malley said she thought Mr. Smith was still interested if the City wanted to get in touch with him.

Director Peavy asked what was a land bank.

Ms. O'Malley said it sometimes helped the land owner not to lose the land, and sometimes it was about taking the property over and selling it at a reasonable price. She said sometimes the land would be given to non-profit organizations or even single families who need a cheap piece of property in order to build a house. There were all sorts of things the City could do with land banks and Little Rock, Arkansas had a good program that was created from the ground up just a few years ago with help from Doug Tapp.

Mayor Bell asked Ms. Walker if she and the Public Works Director could get with DeAnna O'Malley and see if the land bank would be an option. She said surely if Little Rock, Arkansas were doing land banks it was being done within the law.

Ms. Walker said yes.

Rick Edrington, 2504 Garfield Street, asked once the liens were put on the properties was it not the power of the City to forgive the liens.

City Attorney George M. Matteson said Ms. Walker did not mention that occasionally someone would show up and want to redeem their property and then they would pay and the lien would be released. He said the current Public Works Director may or may not know but the Interim Public Works Director that proceeded him spoke with Mr. Tapp's predecessor, so there had been some discussion along those lines and Mr. Matteson thought it was really accommodating then and he thought it would be now as well.

Director Harris asked the City Attorney if the liens were put on the front or back end. He said on the back end meant you could not do anything with the property until the lien was satisfied.

City Attorney George M. Matteson said it was on the back end but it was a two-step process. The first being condemning the structure and giving the property owner a thirty-day period to pull a permit and improve the structure to bring it to code and if this did not happen the property would be on the list for demolition, City funds permitting, and then it would be demolished. He said then on the back end the actual amount incurred was what was levied by the Board.

Mayor Bell asked Ms. Walker if all those structures had been demolished.

Ms. Walker said yes.

Mayor Bell said the Board was only addressing the end process.

No one else came forward.

Mayor Bell stated the Public Hearing was closed.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-26:**

The resolution was read in its entirety. Said resolution 2017-26 certified amount to be put on tax books as delinquent and collected accordingly.

Assistant Mayor Miner, seconded by Director Odom, moved to adopt the resolution. The Deputy Clerk called the roll and the following vote resulted: Directors Johnson, Miner, Odom, Peavy, Teeters and Bell voted aye. Director Harris voted nay. Mayor declared the resolution passed, as there were six ayes and one nay.

### **ORDINANCE CLARIFYING, ADJUSTING, AND APPROVING PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FEES: (FRIST READING)**

An ordinance was introduced to be entitle, “An Ordinance Clarifying, Adjusting, And Approving Certain Fees To Be Charged By The City Of Texarkana, Arkansas; And For Other Purposes”. Said ordinance authorized and directed the City Manager to adjust the Public Works Department Fees.

Public Works Director Jeff Whitten said a workshop was held several weeks ago to discuss the fees to be adjusted. The items from the workshop were being presented tonight in the form of the ordinance for the adjustments.

Mayor Bell said there was only one missing Director at the workshop and the rest of the Board was at the workshop. She said she could not remember the last time the fees were adjusted prior to this and she had been on the Board since 2009. Mayor Bell said the Board was not in the habit of just raising fees and she felt like it was long past due.

Mr. Whitten said after the workshop the Public Works Department had a builders meeting and the fees were presented to commercial contractors and they did not jump up and scream, nor did they say the adjustment were over the top or out of line.

Mayor Bell said she thought the fees were far less than the Texas-side.

Director Teeters asked how Texarkana, Arkansas fees compared to the Texas-side.

Mr. Whitten said most of the residential/commercial construction fees were relatively less than what was on the Texas-side. He said the fees discussed in Section 1 and Section 5 of the ordinance related to Planning Commission items, and who would meet next week to vote on this ordinance. Mr. Whitten said in May the Public Works Department had a workshop with the Planning Commission and went over the adjustments, answered questions, and made changes.

Mayor Bell said as important as this was and as much controversy as it might generate, the Board could put the ordinance on its first reading tonight.

Director Johnson moved the ordinance be read in abbreviated form and the ordinance be placed on its first reading. The motion was seconded by Director Teeters.

Dewayne Hall, 2303 College Street, said he had a right to speak about the ordinance.

Mayor Bell said the Board was just voting to place the ordinance on its first reading in abbreviated form. She said after the Board placed the ordinance on its first reading the citizens could address the ordinance because the Board was not going to vote on the ordinance tonight. Mayor Bell said the Board was voting to place the ordinance on its first reading and there would be two subsequent readings at the next two meetings.

Mr. Hall said he had a right to speak on each issue that came before the Board.

Mayor Bell said yes. Mr. Hall surely did and the Board was going to give him the right, but all the Board was doing was voting on to place the ordinance on its first reading. She said this was not to vote tonight, this was just reading the ordinance. Mayor Bell asked the City Attorney if she were correct.

City Attorney George M. Matteson said yes, there was no action taken.

Mayor Bell said there was no action tonight and as soon as the Board voted to place the ordinance on its first reading then Mr. Hall could come forward and register any of his concerns.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll and the following vote resulted: Directors Harris, Johnson, Miner, Odom, Peavy, Teeters and Bell voted aye. The Mayor declared the motion carried, as there were seven ayes and no nays.

The ordinance was read the first time in abbreviated form.

Mayor Bell said anyone that would like to come forward to comment on this item was free to do so.

No one else came forward.

Mayor Bell said this was going to be the first reading and there would be two other readings before the Board voted on this issue.

Director Johnson said as a point of clarification citizens would be allowed an opportunity to address the Board before the final vote.

Mayor Bell said she would be remised if she did not allow that to happen this evening.

### **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:**

Mayor Bell asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak, on any subject up to a total of five minutes.

No one came forward.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Bell announced the Board would recess into Executive Session. She said the Arkansas FOIA handbook under Arkansas statute 25-19-101 stated, on open public meetings the specific purpose of the executive session should be announced to the public before going into executive session. Mayor Bell said the Board would consider these options; appointments, promotions, demotions, disciplining, or resignation of any public officer or employee.

The Executive Session convened at 7:05 PM.

Director Harris left the meeting when the Board members were entering the Executive Session at 7:07 PM.

Director Johnson left the Board room while in Executive Session at 7:13 PM and returned at 7:14 PM. He then left again returning shortly to the Board room.

{Noted by Mayor Bell: the Board waited 12 minutes to conduct the Executive Session waiting on Director Harris to return. Director Johnson left the Executive Session twice to see if he could locate Director Harris.}

### **MEETING RECONVENED:**

The meeting was reconvened at 7:28 PM by the Mayor following the Executive Session.

Mayor Bell said the Board would address issues the City was facing and especially the City Board and they were there to make motions. She said the first motion was dealing with one of the Board's elected Directors. Mayor Bell asked if there were any motions the Directors would like to read to the Board.

Assistant Mayor Miner said she would like to make a motion the Board Censures Director Laney Harris for three different things: 1) he used his position as a Director to open a City building and host a meeting without the City Managers knowledge; 2) he put himself in a position for a harassment complaint; 3) he had an altercation with a citizen at the RailFest. She said for those reasons she would like for Director Harris to be censured.

Director Johnson seconded the motion.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll and the following vote resulted: Directors Johnson, Miner, Odom, Peavy, Teeters and Bell voted aye. The Mayor declared the motion carried, as there were six ayes and no nays.

Mayor Bell said there was another action the Board had agreed to take this evening.

Director Johnson said as members of the Advertising and Promotion Commission (A&P), himself and Director Harris serve at the will of this Board. He said with regard to the information we just heard and the action the Board just took, he made a motion to remove Director Harris from the position representing this Board from the A&P Commission.

Director Odom seconded the motion.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll and the following vote resulted: Directors Johnson, Miner, Odom, Peavy, Teeters and Bell voted aye. The Mayor declared the motion carried, as there were six ayes and no nays.

Mayor Bell asked if there were any other items of business that needed to come before the Board.

Director Peavy said she would like to make a nomination to put Director Teeters on the A&P Commission Board in place of Director Harris.

Director Odom seconded the motion.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll and the following vote resulted: Directors Johnson, Miner, Odom, Peavy and Bell voted aye. The Mayor declared the motion carried, as there were five ayes and no nays. {Deputy Clerk Jenny Narens did not call upon Director Teeters for a vote.}

Director Teeters said she was thankful it was summertime so she could read up on the laws and by-laws of the A&P Commission.

Mayor Bell said Director Teeters was a good Board member and she was sure there would not be any censuring for her. She asked if there were any other business the Board needed to address.

No one else came forward.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Assistant Mayor Miner, seconded by Director Teeters moved to adjourn the meeting. The Deputy Clerk called the roll and the following vote resulted: Directors Peavy, Teeters, Johnson, Odom, Miner and Bell voted aye. The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned, as there were six ayes and no nays.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

  
Ruth Penney Bell, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Heather Soyars, City Clerk