

**CALLED MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE CITY OF TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS
JUNE 13, 2017**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

The Board of Directors of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas, convened in called session at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, June 13, 2017.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Ruth Penney Bell asked the 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 City Manager Kenny Haskin, City Attorney George M. Matteson and City Clerk Heather Soyars. Director Laney J. Harris was absent.

Mayor Bell asked it be duly noted there was a quorum present for tonight's meeting.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Mayor Ruth Penney Bell.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Ruth Penney Bell led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

LETTER OF CENSURE:

Mayor Bell said the Board of Directors were here for one reason only, to approve or disapprove and sign a letter of censure. This letter was precipitated by alleged actions and behaviors the entire Board perceived as being unapproved and disapproved by this Board. She said this was not a hearing. Ample opportunity was given to Director Harris to refute, to explain or to deny any of these allegations during the Executive Session at the June 5, 2017 Board of Directors' meeting. Mayor Bell said the letter of censure was not seeking to remove anyone from office or seeking to silence a director. The letter of censure expressed the Board's views that the alleged actions and behaviors were not what

this Board wished to reflect. She said the alleged actions and behaviors reflected bad upon the Board of Directors and on the City, itself.

Director Odom, seconded by Director Peavy, moved to approve the letter of censure and present the letter to Director Harris. The 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.

The City Clerk called each Director to sign the letter of censure before a notary.

ADJOURNMENT:

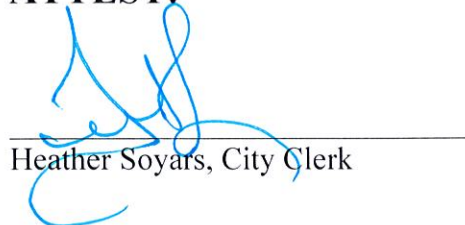
Director Johnson, seconded by Director Peavy, moved to adjourn the meeting. The Clerk called the roll and the following vote resulted: Directors Johnson, Miner, Odom, Peavy, Teeters, and Bell voted aye. The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned, as there were six ayes and no nays.

The meeting adjourned at 1:11 PM.



Ruth Penney Bell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Heather Soyars, City Clerk