



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS CITY OF TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS

JANUARY 2, 2018

## Rescheduled 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                      City Clerk Heather Soyars

3. Invocation given by Director Terri Peavy
4. Pledge of Allegiance led by Director Terri Peavy  
    [Directors Harris and Johnson arrived at the meeting at 6:03 PM]

5. Comments from the Mayor:
  - **Safest Cities in Arkansas** – Texarkana ranked Top No. 20 in Arkansas for Safest Cities in the United States from SAFEHome.Org.

6. Presentation(s):
  - **City of Texarkana, Arkansas Employee/Retirement Service Awards (CCD):**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Department:</b>	<b>Years of Service:</b>
Adam Grayson	FIRE	10
Diesre Henderson	TWU	5
James Jones II	TWU	5
Roger Johnson	TWU	20

### CONSENT:

7. The minutes of the regular meeting December 18, 2017. (CCD)
8. **Resolution No. 2018-1** – A resolution reappointing City Staff to the Personnel Policy Committee for the term of January 6, 2018---2020 (Dara Cornett, Tracie Lee and Jenny Narens). (CCD)
  - Motion to adopt Consent Agenda made by: Director Odom  
 Motion seconded by: Director Teeters

Motion carried unanimously

**REGULAR:**

9. **Resolution No. 2018-2** - A resolution confirming the City Manager's nomination and appointment of the Public Works Director, Tyler Richardson. (**Admin**)

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of Director Harris for further discussion.

Director Harris said the Board of Directors should not be involved in the hiring of staff.

City Manager Kenny Haskin said he agreed with Director Harris, but this position required confirmation by the Board per the City *Code of Ordinances*.

- Motion to adopt the resolution made by: Director Odom
- Motion seconded by: Director Teeters

Directors Bell, Johnson, Miner, Odom, Peavy and Teeters voted aye.  
Director Harris voted present.

Motion carried with 6 ayes and 1 present.

10. Citizen Communication

- No one came forward.

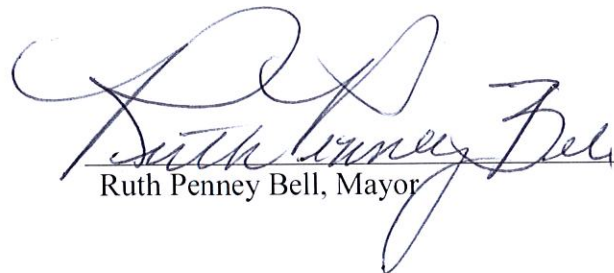
11. Executive Session – Board did not enter into Executive Session.

12. Adjourn

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

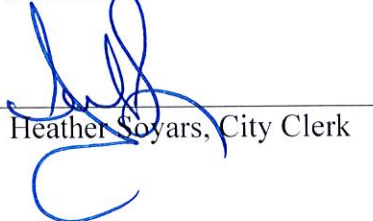
Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:11 PM.



Ruth Penney Bell, Mayor

**ATTEST:**



Heather Soyars, City Clerk