

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE CITY OF TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS
AUGUST 6, 2007**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

The Board of Directors of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas, convened in regular session at 7:00 PM on August 6, 2007 with the following members present: Assistant Mayor Williams, and Directors Shirley Bradley, Patsy Cornelius, Chad Dowd, Kathy Dunphy, and Sue Johnson. Also present were Interim City Manager Harold E. Boldt, City Attorney Ned Stewart, and City Clerk Patti Scott Grey. Mayor Horace G. Shipp was absent.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Director Patsy Cornelius.

DIXIE WORLD SERIES ANNOUNCEMENT:

Assistant Mayor Williams commented that he had spoken to Mayor Shipp and the Mayor had asked to him to make the following announcement, Texarkana, Arkansas would host the 2009 Dixie League World Series.

CITY MANAGER HAROLD E. BOLDT'S WARD UPDATES:

Assistant Mayor Williams introduced Interim City Manager Harold E. Boldt. Mr. Boldt made comments, regarding Woodland Street and Bobby F. Ferguson as follows:

▪ **WARD 5 – WOODLAND STREET:**

Mr. Boldt commented on Woodland Street. While presenting a Power Point Presentation, Mr. Boldt stated the project was completed. He further commented on the new Public Works Director, working alongside his street crews to get the project completed. Mr. Boldt then asked Public Works Director Jeff Hill to make a few comments.

Public Works Director Jeff Hill commented on the rain causing delays and problems with the asphalt. He spoke of the rain permeating much deeper than originally thought. Mr. Hill then stated the street had to be excavated once more and a section of the street was totally rebuilt.

▪ **WARD 6 – BOBBY F. FERGUSON PARK:**

Mr. Boldt also gave an update on the project of Bobby F. Ferguson Park. He outlined the process in which the lake would be enlarged.

Assistant Mayor Williams asked if the lake would be stocked with bass and various other fish. Mr. Boldt answered, yes, with additional stocking up to twice a year.

2ND QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Boldt reviewed the 2nd Quarter Financial Report, while presenting the PowerPoint and briefly describing each item regarding revenue and expenditures. He also spoke in regard to how much the City had received “to date” and what was still expected.

WARD MEETING REPORTS:

Assistant Mayor Londell Williams asked Ward Directors 3, 4 and 5 if they would mind postponing their Ward Report until the next board meeting. The Directors agreed to postpone their reports until the next board meeting, August 20, 2007.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

MINUTES:

The minutes approved were of the regular meeting of July 16, 2007.

RESOLUTION NO. 5438:

Resolution No. 5438 approves the 20th Annual POW/MIA vigil and Annual "Ride to Remember" for the Texarkana Area Chapter No. 278 Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 5439:

Resolution No. 5439 authorizes an interlocal agreement with the City of Texarkana, Texas for mutual aid fire protection, for a period ending August 15, 2008.

RESOLUTION NO. 5440:

Resolution No. 5440 authorizes and directs the Interim City Manager to execute a contract with Alan Plummer Associates, Inc. of Ft. Worth, Texas, for engineering services associated with the preparation of a water distribution system master plan for Texarkana, Arkansas, and Texarkana, Texas, with the Arkansas portion not to exceed \$56,178.

RESOLUTION NO. 5441:

Resolution No. 5441 authorizes and directs the Interim City Manager to execute a contract with Murray, Thomas & Griffin, Inc. for engineering services associated with the preparation of a sanitary sewer master plan for Texarkana, Arkansas, and Texarkana, Texas, with the Arkansas portion not to exceed \$33,500.

REGUARL AGENDA:

PUBLIC HEARING:

Assistant Mayor Williams opened a public hearing to receive comments regarding Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Income.

Community Development Director Barbara Pitts introduced LaMona Burks, a Spanish Interpreter, and stated this was a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirement, before she briefly began speaking in regard to the item. She gave an overview of the CDBG program and explained how it was authorized by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The primary objective was to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanded economic opportunities benefitting persons of low and moderate income.

Director Johnson asked if recommendations would be brought before the board. Ms. Pitts answered, yes.

Director Dowd asked if deadlines for request for proposals would be published and Ms. Pitts answered, yes.

Mr. Boldt clarified Ms. Pitts answer to Director Johnson's question by stating requests would be made and the board would have time to review each request before making a decision.

Rosie Warfield-McGill, Faith, Love & Hope Youth Corporation Director, asked the Board to consider using some of the monies for neighborhood revitalization and for funding an after-school program at the Faith, Love & Hope Youth Center.

Jimmy "Smitty" Smith, Arkansas Municipal Auditorium Commissions Representative, asked for \$22,000 of the funds to remove the Westbrook Building to put in additional parking for the Municipal building

Ermer Pondexter, Fair Housing Director (12 years), asked for funds to allow her department to handle issues with the elderly when there was a dispute or uninhabitable conditions between landlords and tenants.

Dr. Teretha Harper, 2808 Woodland, with Edgenics Learning Center-Texarkana located in the Iron Mountain Center, asked for funds to bring programs to kids and the community that would provide educational support to area youth and seniors.

Assistant Mayor Williams asked if anyone in the audience or board members had questions or comments concerning this item.

No one else came forward; therefore the Assistant Mayor declared the public meeting closed.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Assistant Mayor Williams opened a public hearing to receive comments regarding condemning three (59) substandard structures.

Mr. Boldt commented on fifty-nine homes that needed to be condemned and asked Building Official Ernie Bradford to speak about these structures.

Building Office Ernie Bradford explained the process behind condemning each of these structures. He commented on the property owners being given notice on the condition of each of their properties.

The following citizens: Linda Morrison, Kathy Guest Jackie Estelle Cates, Augusta Hughes, Duke Massey, Don Howell, Joseph Neil, came forward to speak in regard to their property. Assistant Mayor Londell Williams asked that they speak with Public Works Director Jeff Hill instead of addressing the Board directly.

Assistant Mayor Williams asked if anyone in the audience or board members had questions or comments concerning this item.

No one else came forward; therefore the Assistant Mayor declared the public meeting closed.

RESOLUTION NO. 5442:

Resolution No. 5442 was read in its entirety. Said resolution condemns the following substandard structures:

ADDRESS	Street	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	OWNER
219	Arkansas St.	Lot 6 – Block 4 Sunshine Addition	Stephen Talley 3014 Field Ave LosAngeles, CA 90016
409	Artesian	S½ of lots 5 & 6 – Blk 26 – Kirby College Add.	Howell Family Trust c/o Charles Howell 36 PR 1136 Texarkana, AR 71854
2014	Ash	Lot 9 – Block 2 Scott & Jones 2 nd . Add.	William Patterson 2014 Ash Texarkana, AR 71854
615	Belmont	Lot 7 – Block 3 Orr’s 3 rd . Addition	Elbert Haney & Ruth Walker 1628 Church St Oakland, CA 94621
1104	California	W½ lot 14 – Blk 1 Conger’sMajors Revised Addition	Margie Morrision 1510 Oats Texarkana, AR 71854
1110	California	W½ lot 11 –Rev Blk 1 Conger’sMajors Revised Addition	Lelah Henderson Heirs c/o Ola Taylor 309 Charles Texarkana, AR 71854
1210	California	W½ lots 7 & 8 – Blk 1 Conger’sMajors Revised Addition	O’Neal Legardye Sr. c/o Arlene Legardye 86 Piney Grove Cr. Texarkana, TX 75501

922	Cherry	Block 138 Bronway Addition	Hgts	George & Dixie Dickson c/o Eddie Coe 4106 Arbor Dr Texarkana, TX 75503
609	Cleveland	Lots 17 thru 20 Bramble Highland Park Revised Addition		Billy & Sally Danner 107 Shell Dr. Texarkana, AR 71854
808	Couch	Lot 8 – Block00D Langsdale Addition		Toneal-Tony-Molly Thurston 2003 Marietta Texarkana, AR 71854
931	County	Lot 2 – Block 1 J.B. Bryant’s Addition		Ben J. Horne & D/M Patterson 931 County Texarkana, AR 71854
1421	County	Lot 5 – Block 1 Deutchman’s Addition		Jamie Barrios 1421 County Texarkana, AR 71854
1612	Delaware	Lot 2 – Block 8		Edwin Taylor Sr 4633 Hwy 29N Hope, AR 71801
1715	Delaware	Lot 4 – Block 3 Orr’s 3 rd Addition		M & E Shannon & L.J. Thompson 120 East 9 th St Texarkana, AR 71854
2608	Delaware	Lot 5 – Block 5 Springer’s Addition		Walte & Birdie Jefferson c/o Hollis Jefferson 6931 Sugar Hill Rd Texarkana, AR 71854
1123	Division	Lot 10 – Block 12 Williams South Side Addition		Tony Floyd 931 Pecan Texarkana, AR 71854

1418	Division	Lot 5 – Block 7 Bouricands Addition	Augusta Hughes 2225 East St Apt 71 Texarkana, AR 71854
1507	Dudley	Lot 5 – Block 1 Oats Addition	Works-M & R Brown & Kennington 1507 Dudley Texarkana, AR 71854
207	East Broad	Lot 12 Block 072	Clifton A. Jones 308 Doris Queen City, TX 75572
2208	East 10 th	Lots 1 thru 3 – Blk 5 Texarkana Loan & Trust	C.T. Hinshaw 36 Broadmoor Texarkana, AR 71854
2220	East 11 th Garage in rear	Lot 2 – Block 5 Texarkana Loan & Trust Addition	Beatrice Adams 1604 East 9 th Texarkana, AR 71854
216	East 13 th	Lot 1 - Block 3 Deutchman's 1 st Add	James Thompson 1118 Ash Texarkana, AR 71854
2203	East 9 th	Lot 3 thru 12 – Blk 2 Texarkana Loan & Trust	C.T. Hinshaw 36 Broadmoor Texarkana, AR 71854
2425	East Street	Sec 5 – T16 – R28	Danny Davidson P.O. Box 1334 Texarkana, TX 75504
314	Ferguson	Lot 9 – Block 2 Webber's Addition	Eric & Tonya Brown 1524 Garland Ave Texarkana, AR 71854

509	Ferguson	Lot 5 – Block 1 Temple & Cook Add	Clara Brown c/o Mary Baucham 1514 Ravine Crossing Garland, TX 75040
905	Garden	S½ of E½ lot 2 & N20' of E½ lot 3 – Block 6 Ferguson Garden Add.	Eric Williams 5 Dustin Terrace Nash, TX 75569
92	Grant	Lot 14 – Block 5 Carter-Kirby-Fouke Addition	J.C. Coleman 1909 East 9 th Texarkana, AR 71854
905	Grape	Lot 1 – Block 36 Kirby College Add.	Johnny Davis 905 Grape Texarkana, AR 71854
1302	Hancock	Lot 9 – Block 4 Iron Mt. Addition	C.T. Hinshaw 36 Broadmoor Texarkana, AR 71854
1501	Hancock	Lot 3 – Block 5 Mountain View Add	Ollie Davis 22 Preston Cr Texarkana, AR 71854
2802	Hastings Crossing	Pt SW NW – 2.880 ac Sec 03 – T16 – R28	Keith & Kenneth Bullard 3328 East Street Texarkana, AR 71854
1810	Kniffin	Lot 1 – Block 1 Robert Orr's 1 st . Add	J.C. Rushing & Pauline Foster 719 Park Place Texarkana, AR 71854
1515	Kyle	Lot 20 – Block 3 Nix Creek Addition	Beulah Sewell c/o Alma Sewell 915 Gerson Las Vegas, NV 89106

1619	Kyle	Lot 21 – Block 1 A.T. Kirby Addition	Anthony D’Royal Davis 1619 Kyle Texarkana, AR 71854
3204	Laurel	Lot 10 less S 2.4’ & 12.5’ of Lot 11 Oakland Hgts Addition	Jack & Meredith Mills 1651 MC 244 Fouke, AR 71837
1308	Lincoln	Lot 5 – Block 14 Iron Mt. Ind. College Addition	Harry-Kusin-Sherman Friedman 406 Texas Blvd Texarkana, TX 75501
2021	Linden	Lot 1 – Block 3 Greenway Park Add	Debbie Whinery 3002 Senator Texarkana, AR 71854
915	Louisiana	Lots 3 thru 12 – Blk 2 Texarkana Loan & Trust	C.T. Hinshaw 36 Broadmoor Texarkana, AR 71854
1202	Martha	Lot 6 – Block 1 Garden Villa Addition	Wayne Watkins 1366 MC 41 Fouke, AR 71837
800	Mary	Lot 12 – Block 7 Temple & Cook Add	Patricia Smith P O Box 68 Fouke, AR 71837
1611	Morrision	Lot 6 – Block 1 A.T. Kirby Addition	Sony A. Smith Abner 3320 Beech Texarkana, AR 71854
509	Orleans	Lot 5 – Block 1 Hillcrest Addition	Troy Kennington 501 Burton Texarkana, AR 71854
611	Park	Lot 7 – Block 5 Orr’s 2 nd Addition	Mattie Noble 611 Park Street Texarkana, AR 71854

915	Pecan		Lot 12 – Block 4 Goldenberg Addition	Linda L. Vaughn 3316 Westover Dr. Plano, TX 75093
85	Pinehurst		Sec 29 – T15- R28	Junior Dade & C. Tillman c/o Patricia Barlow 3207 Bender Rd Texarkana, TX 75501
2107	Preston		Pt SW NW NE Sec 29 – T15 – R28	David Balnchard 14032 300 th Ave. Frazee, MN 56544
3201	Preston		Lot 10 – Block 1 Brooklawn Addition	Dagnea Carter 3201 Preston Texarkana, AR 71854
1005	Prince		Lot 3 – Block 11 Bronway Hgts. Addition	Glenn Sullivan & Ama Massey 1500 South Main Hope, AR 71801
1519	Prospect		Lot 6 – Block J Bronway Hgts Addition	James Cook 3002 E 50 th Street Texarkana, AR 71854
1807	Selma		Lot 4 – Block 6 Arabella Hgts Addition	Chris Hansche 1807 Selma Texarkana, AR 71854
305 & 303	South Line	State	Lot 10 – Block 27 Bronway Hgts Addition	Thomas & Ida Green 311 South State Line Texarkana, AR 71854
2214	Spring		75X35' W pt. Lot 1 – Block 37 – Kirby College Addition	Vernal & Angela Argo 739 County Rd 13 Fulton, AR 71838
710	Walnut		Lot 9 & S½ lot 10 – Blk 10 – Original City	Mildred Smith Cates 710 Walnut Texarkana, AR 71854

712	Walnut	N½ lot 10 & S½ lot 11 Blk 10 – Original City	Mildred Smith Cates 710 Walnut Texarkana, AR 71854
2210	Washington	Lot 11 – Block 11 Sunshine Addition	Ruthie Davis 2210 Washington Texarkana, AR 71854
3219	Washington	Lot 15 – Block 1 Eastland Addition	Rickey Simpson 8063 Line Ferry Rd Texarkana, AR 71854
51	Wellington	Lot 9B – Block 8 Carter-Kirby-Fouke Addition	David Blanchard 14032 300 th Ave. Frazee, MN 56544

Director Cornelius, seconded by Director Dunphy, moved to adopt the resolution. The Clerk called the roll and the following vote resulted: Directors Bradley, Cornelius, Dowd, Dunphy, Johnson, and Williams voted aye. The Mayor declared the resolution adopted, as there were six ayes and no nays.

DOUG BROWN REZONING:

An ordinance was introduced to be entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. K-286". Said ordinance rezones a tract of land located in the 4200 block of Garland Avenue from R-2 Single Family Residential, and requests that the tract be rezoned R-3 Low Density Residential in order to construct duplexes on three lots, the same being more specifically described as follows:

Lots 1, 2, & 3, **ELK MEADOW 2ND SUBDIVISION**, Texarkana, Miller County, Arkansas.

City Planner Eston McGee commented on this rezoning being approved four to one by the Planning and Zoning Commission with one commissioner being absent and one

position being vacant. Mr. McGee said this rezoning was consistent with other rezoning in the area.

Director Cornelius asked if the rezoning was approved by the Planning Commission, in part due to rezoning already going on in that area even though it went against the master plan. Director Cornelius also said she had some concerns with the drainage issues.

Mr. McGee said that was a big factor but added that three family homes could be built on that property without any review at all by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Doug Brown, 1006 Vanderbilt Road, and owner of the property commented on the drainage being improved in that neighborhood and along Nix Creek.

Don Worthington, Oakridge Drive, Texarkana, Texas, stated he and Mr. Brown were in a partnership on this project. He commented on watching the property and was not aware of any flooding on the property.

Public Works Director Jeff Hill agreed with Director Cornelius over her concerns with the flooding issues.

Assistant Mayor Williams moved to have the ordinance read in abbreviated form. The motion died, due to a lack of a second.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

Rev. Londell Williams, Assistant Mayor

ATTEST:

Patti Scott Grey, City Clerk