



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Monday, August 19, 2024 - 6:00 PM

Mayor Allen Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Allen Brown, Ward 1 Director Terry Roberts, Ward 2 Director Laney Harris, Ward 3 Director Steven Hollibush, Ward 4 Director Ulysses Brewer, Ward 5 Director Danny Jewell, and Assistant Mayor Ward 6 Director Jeff Hart.

ALSO, PRESENT: City Attorney Josh Potter, City Clerk Heather Soyars, and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

ABSENT: Acting City Manager Tyler Richards.

Invocation given by Ward 1 Director Terry Roberts.

Pledge of Allegiance led by TWU Assistant Executive Director Kenny Icenhower.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

No one came forward.

PRESENTATION(S)

1. Proclamation declaring August 19, 2024, as Judy Priest Day.

CONSENT

Assistant Mayor Hart made the motion to adopt the Consent agenda, Seconded by Director Hollibush. The motion carried and the following items were approved:

2. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting August 5, 2024. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
3. Resolution No. 2024-63 authorized the purchase of a 2025 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor to replace a damaged vehicle. (TAPD) Interim Police Chief Ed Chattaway

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4. Resolution No. 2024-64 conditionally authorized the City of Texarkana, Arkansas, Public Facilities Board to proceed with the issuance of approximately \$24,000,000 of waterworks and sewer facilities revenue bonds. (TWU) Assistant Director Kenny Icenhower and Rose Law Firm Counsel Jim Fowler

After a brief discussion, the motion to adopt the resolution made by Assistant Mayor Hart, Seconded by Director Roberts.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Jewell, and Assistant Mayor Hart.

The motion carried 7-0 and the Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

5. Resolution No. 2024-65 authorized the Acting City Manager to enter into a contract with Johnson Controls, Inc., to install an Advanced Metering Infrastructure System with a Leak Detection Monitoring System in combination with Satellite Based Leak Detection. (TWU) Assistant Executive Director Kenny Icenhower

After a brief discussion, the motion to adopt the made by Assistant Mayor Hart, Seconded by Director Brewer.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Jewell, and Assistant Mayor Hart.

The motion carried 7-0 and the Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

6. Resolution No. 2024-66 authorized the Acting City Manager to enter into a lease agreement with the Texarkana Regional Airport to apply for a loan from the Arkansas Energy Office for solar covered parking. [TABLED August 5, 2024] (AIRPORT) Director Paul Mehrlich

After a brief discussion, the motion to adopt the made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Director Roberts.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Jewell, and Assistant Mayor Hart.

Voting Nay: Director Harris

The motion carried 6-1 and the Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY

Director Harris said the Texarkana Metropolitan Planning Organization had been working on a connect to 2050 plan and the citizens would be able to give their input.

Director Roberts wanted to say thank you to Roger Douglas and Traice Lee for a job well done since Tyler Richards became Acting City Manager.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, September 3, 2024

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Mayor requested an Executive Session to discuss city manager applicants. The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:51 PM.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:05 PM and no action was taken.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Assistant Mayor Hart, Seconded by Director Hollibush.

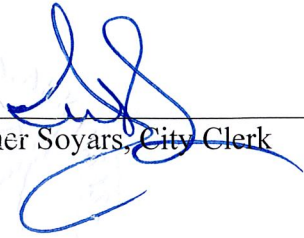
Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Jewell, and Assistant Mayor Hart.

The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.

APPROVED this the 3rd day of September 2024.



Allen L. Brown, Mayor



Heather Soyars, City Clerk