



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Monday, August 05, 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: Acting City Manager Tyler Richards, City Attorney Josh Potter, City Clerk Heather Soyars, and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

* Ward 2 Director Laney Harris arrived at 6:01 PM.*

Invocation given by Pastor Chris Owens.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Acting City Manager Tyler Richards.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Pastor Chris Owens, 3614 Garland Avenue, wanted to invite the Board of Directors to the community clean up.

Linwood Huckins, 509 Draughn Street, complained to the Directors and asked if they would help him with a house people lived in next to him that had no water or electricity.

PRESENTATION(S)

1. Presentation of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas Employee Service Awards. (ADMIN)

Rachel Hopkins	FIN	5 Years
Robert Kattin, Jr.	BI-STATE	5 Years
Michael Bryan	TAPD	10 Years
Jana Dial	TAPD	15 Years
Brett Suggs	TAFD	5 Years
Jeffery Tanner	TAFD	30 Years

CONSENT

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

2. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting July 15, 2024. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
3. Resolution No. 2024-60 appointed Tyler Richards to the Employee Retirement System Committee. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

REGULAR

Director Jewell made a motion to move items 4, 5, and 6 regarding the Airport behind the Planning and Zoning ordinances, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Hart.

7. Ordinance No. 17-2024 rezoned property located at 6103 Mt. Olive Drive, from C-4 Crossroads Business Park to a Planned Unit Development for the purpose of constructing MCDONALD HEIGHTS subdivision consisting of 5 single family homes (Ward 6). (PWD-Planning) City Planner Jamie Finley

After a brief discussion, the motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its first reading in abbreviated form made by Director Roberts, 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 ordinance was read the first time in abbreviated form.

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading in abbreviated form made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Hart.

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 ordinance was read the second time in abbreviated form.

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third and final reading in abbreviated form made by Director Brewer, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Hart.

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 ordinance was read the third time in abbreviated form.

Motion to adopt the ordinance made by Assistant Mayor Hart, Seconded by Director Hollibush.

Mayor Brown asked if anyone would like to speak for or against this ordinance.

No one came forward.

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 ordinance adopted.

An emergency clause was added at the request of the property owner.

The applicant requests an emergency clause. An emergency clause requires a separate and distinct vote of the board and is valid only if there is a two-thirds vote of approval by the board. (Hdbk. Const. Amend 7)

Motion to enact the emergency clause made by Assistant Mayor Hart, Seconded by Director Roberts.

Mayor Brown asked if anyone would like to speak for or against the emergency clause.

No one came forward.

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 emergency clause enacted.

8. Ordinance No. 18-2024 amended Ordinance No. L-61, to strike the last sentence under the definition of “Mobile home park”. (PWD-Planning) City Planner Jamie Finley

After a brief discussion, the motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its first reading in abbreviated form made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Hart.

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 ordinance was read the first time in abbreviated form.

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading in abbreviated form made by Director Brewer, 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 ordinance was read the second time in abbreviated form.

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third and final reading in abbreviated form made by Director Hollibush, 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 ordinance was read the third time in abbreviated form.

Motion to adopt the ordinance made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Director Brewer.

Mayor Brown asked if anyone would like to speak for or against this ordinance.

No one came forward.

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 ordinance adopted.

9. Ordinance No. 19-2024 added Limited Mixed Use Rural Zone to the *City of Texarkana, Arkansas, Code of Ordinances*, **Section 28-11** Zoning districts established. (PWD-Planning) City Planner Jamie Finley

After a brief discussion, the motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its first reading in abbreviated form made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Hart.

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 ordinance was read the first time in abbreviated form.

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading in abbreviated form made by Director Hollibush, 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 ordinance was read the second time in abbreviated form.

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third and final reading in abbreviated form made by Director Brewer, 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 ordinance was read the third time in abbreviated form.

Motion to adopt the ordinance made by Assistant Mayor Hart, Seconded by Director Hollibush.

Mayor Brown asked if anyone would like to speak for or against this ordinance.

No one came forward.

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 ordinance adopted.

10. Ordinance No. 20-2024 added the rezoning fee for Limited Mixed Use Rural Zone of \$100 to the *City of Texarkana, Arkansas, Code of Ordinances Section 28-129 Fees*. (PWD-Planning)
City Planner Jamie Finley

After a brief discussion, the motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its first reading in abbreviated form made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Hart.

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 ordinance was read the first time in abbreviated form.

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading in abbreviated form made by Director Brewer, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Hart.

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 ordinance was read the second time in abbreviated form.

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third and final reading in abbreviated form made by Director Hollibush, 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 ordinance was read the third time in abbreviated form.

Motion to adopt the ordinance made by Assistant Mayor Hart, Seconded by Director Roberts.

Mayor Brown asked if anyone would like to speak for or against this ordinance.

No one came forward.

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 ordinance adopted.

4. Adopt a Resolution authorizing 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. (AIRPORT) Director Paul Mehrlich

After a brief discussion, motion to table the resolution for clarification on the agreement made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Hart.

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 tabled for clarification on the agreement.

5. Resolution No. 2024-61 adopted the FY2025 Airport Budget. (AIRPORT) Airport Director Paul Mehrlich

After a brief discussion, the motion to adopt the resolution with an amendment to the budget of no salary increases 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 Mayor declared the resolution adopted with the amendment to the budget of no salary increases.

6. Resolution No. 2024-62 adopted the FY2025 Airport Capital Budget. (AIRPORT) Airport Director Paul Mehrlich

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

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

None

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, August 19, 2024

ADJOURN

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

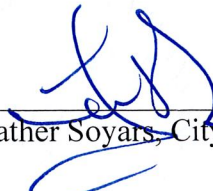
Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Jewell, and Assistant Mayor Hart.

The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

APPROVED this the 19th day of August 2024.



Allen L. Brown, Mayor



Heather Soyars, City Clerk