



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Monday, July 01, 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.

Invocation given by Mayor Allen Brown.

Pledge of Allegiance given by District Court Clerk Karen Reed.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Ramona Flowers, 1217 East 24th Street, asked the Board of Directors if they were having meetings with the citizens in their ward.

PROCLAMATION(S)

1. Presented a proclamation declaring July as Parks and Recreation Month. (ADMIN)

PRESENTATION(S)

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

Donna Story	Bi-State Maintenance	5 Years
Karen Reed	Courts	25 Years
Michael Cagle	TWU	5 Years
Fanny Williams	TWU	5 Years
Brandon Kidd	TAFD	5 Years
Eric Beach	TAPD	20 Years

CONSENT

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

3. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting June 17, 2024. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
4. Resolution No. 2024-50 set the date for a Public Hearing concerning the abandonment of undeveloped Princeton Street and Salem Street, as well as the undeveloped alley running east and west starting at Lot 27 and Lot 8 and ending at Lot 20 and Lot 15 of the ROSELAWN ADDITION (Ward 1). (PWD-Planning) City Planner Jamie Finley
5. Resolution No. 2024-51 authorized the Acting City Manager to enter into a contract with C. W. Fence Co., for the purchase and installation of fencing at the Texarkana Arkansas Police Department Union Training Facility. (TAPD) Interim Police Chief Ed Chattaway

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6. Ordinance No. 13-2024 rezoned property located at 951 Phillips Lane from R-3 Low Density Residential to A-1 Limited Mixed Use Rural for the purpose of building a shop prior to and in front of the planned residence. (Ward 1) (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 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 first time in abbreviated form.

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading in abbreviated form 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 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 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.

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

An emergency clause is requested. 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 of the Board

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

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.

7. Resolution No. 2024-52 approved the Memorandum of Understanding between Texarkana Regional Airport, Texarkana College, the City of Texarkana, Arkansas and the City of Texarkana, Texas for the 2026 Airshow. (This item was TABLED at the June 17, 2024, Board of Directors' meeting) (ADMIN) Acting City Manager Tyler Richards

After a brief discussion, the motion to adopt the resolution 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 adopted.

8. Resolution No. 2024-53 amended Resolution No. 2023-23 to reflect A.C.A. § 14-47-121 regarding the duties of the Acting City Manager. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

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

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

Voting Nay: Director Jewell.

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY

Director Harris asked when the requests he had put into the Public Works Department over a year ago would be completed. He also asked what needed to be done in order for Inghram Swimming Pool to be placed on the Historic Marker Register.

Director Hollibush said recently the Advertising & Promotion Commission approved a rebranding with a new logo and it launched today. He said, the previous logo, "Our Texarkana" became "Experience Texarkana" and the community seemed to like it.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, July 15, 2024

ADJOURN

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

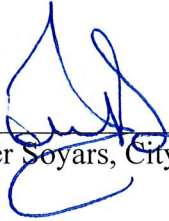
Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Jewell, and Assistant Mayor Hart.

The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.

APPROVED this the 15th day of July 2024.



Allen L. Brown, Mayor



Heather Soyars, City Clerk