



## **Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

**Minutes - Monday, July 15, 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 Director Ulysses Brewer.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Fire Chief David Fletcher.

### **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

No one came forward.

### **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:

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting July 1, 2024. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
2. Resolution No. 2024-55 authorized the Acting City Manager to enter into a contract for the purchase of chemicals for water and wastewater treatment. (TWU) Executive Director Gary Smith
3. Resolution No. 2024-56 authorized the Acting City Manager to enter into a construction contract with Tatum Excavating Company, Inc., (TEC, Inc.) for the Rehabilitation Project of Draughn Street, Hastings Crossing, Manor Way, and Old Boyd Road. (PWD) Acting City Manager Tyler Richards

### **REGULAR**

4. Ordinance No. 14-2024 granted the request for prerequisite municipal approval of a private club application for 112 East 5th Street, Joe's Italian Bistro. (Roberts) (ADMIN) Acting City Manager/Public Works Director Tyler Richards

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 Director Hollibush, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Hart.

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 to be able to submit the application to the state.

*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.

5. Conduct a Public Hearing to consider 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)

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing.

City Planner Jamie Finley gave a brief presentation regarding the undeveloped streets and alleys.

Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing.

Ordinance No. 15-2024 approved 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

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 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.

An emergency clause was added at the request of the property owner to be able to begin their project.

*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 Harris.

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.

6. Ordinance No. 16-2024 amended Ordinance No. 13-2024, to correct the legal description of the property located at 951 Phillips Lane, to read N½ of the SE¼ of the SE¼ of the SE¼ and part of the SW¼ of the SE¼ of the SE¼, Section 6, Township 16 South, Range 28 West, Miller County, Arkansas containing 8 acres more or less. (Ward 1) (PWD-Planning) City Planner Jamie Finely

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 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 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.

An emergency clause was added at the request of the property owner to be able to begin construction.

*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.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY**

Director Harris said he received an email last week from the National League of Cities regarding a one-day workshop hosted by Housing and Urban Development (HUD), in Chicago, Illinois, next week.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Acting City Manager Tyler Richards said in the red folders he gave to each Board member were the applications for City Manager.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board of Directors entered Executive Session at 6:21 PM to discuss an appointment to the Historic District Commission.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 6:37 PM and the following action was taken.

7. Resolution No. 2024-57 appointed Dr. Ellen Holmes to the Equalization Board. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

Assistant Mayor Hart made the motion to appoint Dr. Ellen Holmes to the Equalization Board, 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.

8. Resolution No.2024-58 made an appointment to the Planning Commission. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

Assistant Mayor Hart made the motion to appoint Cori Mobbs to the Planning Commission, 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.

9. Resolution No. 2024-58 reappointed Mary Beck and appointed Laura Cowling to the Public Facilities Board. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

Assistant Mayor Hart made the motion to reappoint Mary Beck and appoint Laura Cowling to the Public Facilities Board, 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.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, August 5, 2024**

**ADJOURN**

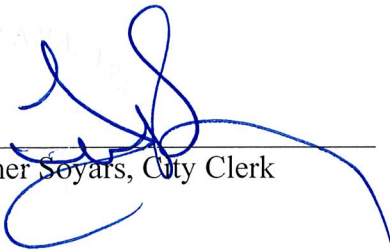
Motion to adjourn made by Assistant Mayor Hart, Seconded by Director Hollibush.

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 6:40 PM.



Allen L. Brown, Mayor



Heather Soyars, City Clerk