



Rescheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas
216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Tuesday, September 03, 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 Pastor Chris Owens.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Texarkana Regional Airport Director Paul Mehrlich.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Mary McQueen, 708 Pinehurst Street, spoke about citizens in her neighborhood who would leave burn piles unattended.

Pastor Chris Owens, 3614 Garland Avenue, wanted to remind everyone about the City-wide cleanup on Saturday, September 7, 2024.

Bethany Hannah, 600 Pecan Street, asked for help with the homeless people around her house and rental properties.

Pete Cheatham, 1507 Ray Street, wanted to know if the roads in his ward would receive any upgrades. He also wanted to schedule a meeting for his ward with Director Hollibush to have an update on the Tri-State Iron and Metal issue and wanted the grass and tree debris removed from the recent storm.

PRESENTATION(S)

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

Hortense Shivers	TAPD Receptionist	25 Years
James Atkinson	TWU	5 Years
Tyanthony Jones	TWU	5 Years

2. Presentation of the quarterly financial report and the Director's report for the Texarkana Regional Airport Budget. (AIRPORT) Executive Director of Aviation Paul Mehrlich

CONSENT

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

3. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting August 19, 2024. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

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4. Resolution No. 2024-67 amended Resolution No. 2024-61, the FY2025 Airport Budget to include the removal of the real estate position. (AIRPORT) Director Paul Mehrlich

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

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.

5. Resolution No. 2024-68 approved the Texarkana Water Utilities (TWU) FY2024-2025 Budget. (TWU) Executive Director Gary Smith and Finance Director Tricia Briggs

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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY

Director Harris made mention about houses being torn down and wanted to know if the City would be able to hire a person to run a housing program.

Assistant Mayor Hart wanted to give a reminder about the City-wide clean-up this weekend starting at 7AM.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Acting City Manager Tyler Richards said he and Interim Police Chief Chattaway had a positive meeting with the Police Department last week and hoped for a great turn out tonight for the civil service promotional exams.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Mayor requested an Executive Session to discuss City Manager applicants. The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:54 PM.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:25 PM.

Director Hollibush made a motion to enter into contract negotiations with Tyler Richards for the City Manager position, 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 Board would enter into contract negotiations with Tyler Richards.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, September 16, 2024

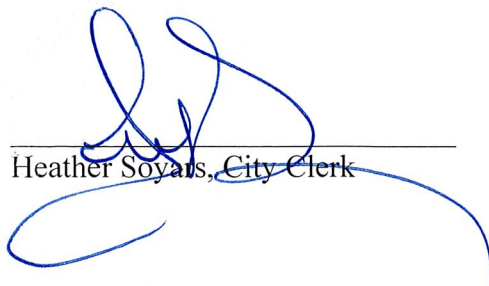
ADJOURN

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

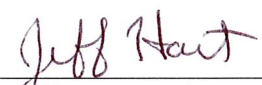
Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Jewell, and Assistant Mayor Hart.

The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.

APPROVED this the 16th day of September 2024.



Heather Soyars, City Clerk



Jeff Hart, Assistant Mayor