



CITY OF TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas
216 Walnut Street

Monday, January 07, 2019 - 6:00 PM

Mayor Allen L. Brown called the meeting to order, gave the invocation and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

District Court Judge Wren Autrey gave the Oath of Office to Ward 3 Director Steven Hollibush, Ward 4 Director Travis Odom and Ward 5 Director Barbara S. Miner.

PRESENT: Mayor Allen L. Brown, Ward 1 Director Linda Teeters, Ward 2 Director Laney J. Harris, Ward 3 Director Steven Hollibush, Ward 4 Director Travis Odom, Ward 5 Assistant Mayor Barbara S. Miner and Ward 6 Director Terri Peavy.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Dr. Kenny Haskin, City Attorney George Matteson, City Clerk Heather Soyars, and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Directors entered into Executive Session at 6:03 PM.

Director Laney Harris left the Board Room at 6:03 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 6:24 PM.

Director Laney Harris returned to the Board Room at 6:24 PM.

1. Election of Assistant Mayor and Oath of Office

Motion to nominate Director Teeters as Assistant Mayor made by Director Miner, Seconded by Director Hollibush.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Hollibush, Director Odom, Director Miner, Director Peavy,

Voting Abstaining: Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris.

Mayor Brown declared the nomination adopted by a vote of 5-2.

District Court Judge Wren Autrey gave the Oath of Office to Assistant Mayor Linda Teeters.

Resolution No. 2019-1 made the following appointments to the Board of Directors' boards, commissions and committees: Advertising and Promotion Commission - Director Miner and Assistant Mayor Teeters; Council of Governments Board - Director Peavy; Economic Development Committee - Mayor Brown, Director Hollibush, Director Miner, Director

Odom, and Assistant Mayor Teeters; Emergency Medical Systems Committee - Director Miner, Director Odom, and Director Peavy; Employees Retirement System Committee - Director Peavy and Assistant Mayor Teeters; Intergovernmental Advisory Committee - Mayor Brown and Director Odom; Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee - Director Hollibush and Director Miner; Public Utilities Committee - Director Harris, Director Miner and Director Odom; Solid Waste Management Committee - Mayor Brown, Director Peavy and Assistant Mayor Teeters; Texarkana Urban Transit District Board - Director Harris, Director Hollibush and Director Peavy.

Motion to adopt the resolution made by Director Peavy, Seconded by Director Odom.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Odom, Director Miner, Director Peavy, Director Hollibush.

Mayor Brown declared the resolution adopted by a vote of 7-0.

PRESENTATION(S)

3. City of Texarkana, Arkansas Employee Service Awards

The following employees received an award and pin for their service to the City but were unable to attend the meeting.

Cynthia Tyree with 15 years of service with Texarkana Water Utilities and Donald Crittenden with 30 years of service with Texarkana Water Utilities.

Mayor Brown thanked all employees for their service and dedication to the City and its citizens.

CONSENT

4. Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting December 17, 2018. (CCD)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Director Odom, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Teeters.

The motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR

Ordinance No. 1-2019 grants the request for prerequisite municipal approval of a private club application for the Arrow Bar. (Tony Couch)

Tony and Carol Couch are the owners of the Arrow Bar and have been in this location for eight years. The building was recently sold to another gentleman and the new owner raised their rent from \$800 a month to \$3000 a month. They had no choice but to relocate the Arrow Bar to a different site, 110 East 36th Street.

Mayor Brown said this was just to transfer the existing license from one location to another location.

Director Harris asked if there were a notice sent through the neighborhood of the new location.

Mayor Brown said he did not think a notice was necessary since the location was already zoned for this type of business.

City Attorney George Matteson said this request was just for the Board's approval to submit the application to the Alcohol and Beverage Control (ABC).

Mayor Brown said this request was giving the approval of the Board so Mr. and Mrs. Couch could continue with the ABC application process. He said the Board was not giving permission for the sale of liquor.

Motion to place the ordinance on its first reading in abbreviated form made by Assistant Mayor Teeters, Seconded by Director Odom.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Hollibush, Director Harris, Director Odom, Director Miner, Director Peavy.

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 Teeters, Seconded by Director Odom.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Hollibush, Director Harris, Director Odom, Director Miner, Director Peavy.

The ordinance was read the second time in abbreviated form.

Motion to further suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third and final reading in abbreviated form made by Director Miner, Seconded by Director Odom.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Hollibush, Director Harris, Director Odom, Director Miner, Director Peavy.

The ordinance was read the third and final time in abbreviated form.

Motion to adopt the ordinance made by Director Miner, Seconded by Director Odom.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Hollibush, Director Harris, Director Odom, Director Miner, Director Peavy.

Mayor Brown declared the ordinance adopted by a vote of 7-0.

Motion to adopt the emergency clause made by Assistant Mayor Teeters, Seconded by Director Odom.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Hollibush, Director Harris, Director Odom, Director Miner, Director Peavy.

Mayor Brown declared the emergency clause adopted by a vote of 7-0.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Director Harris asked if the Citizen Communication portion of the meeting would be shown. He stated a job opening for an auto mechanic was available at Texarkana Water Utilities, and he recommended the TIF District funds to be used for the Boys and Girls Club.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, January 22, 2019


ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Director Miner, Seconded by Director Odom.

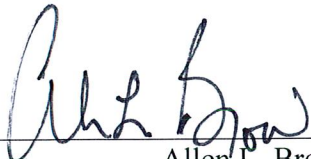
Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Odom, Director Miner, Director Peavy.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.

APPROVAL of the minutes on this 22nd day of January, 2019.



Heather Soyars, City Clerk



Allen L. Brown, Mayor