



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

Agenda - Monday, August 21, 2023 - 6:00 PM

Call to Order

Roll Call

Invocation given by Director Harris

Pledge of Allegiance led by Bi-State Building Manager Kristine Barron

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

A limit of five (5) minutes per person is allotted for citizens to express their concerns to the Board of Directors, with a maximum of fifty (50) minutes reserved for Citizens Communication.

Please fill out a Citizen Communication Card with your name and contact information for the City Clerk's records.

CONSENT

1. Approval of the minutes of the special called meeting August 7, 2023, and the regular meeting August 7, 2023. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
2. Adopt a Resolution to reschedule Board of Directors meetings in 2024 that conflict with certain holidays. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

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3. Consider the following action concerning the clean-up of five (5) nuisance properties:
Conduct a Public Hearing to receive comments regarding certification of certain delinquent taxes.
Adopt a Resolution certifying the amount to be put on the tax books as delinquent and collect accordingly. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards
4. Consider the following action concerning substandard structures:
Conduct a Public Hearing regarding the demolition of two (2) substandard structures.
Adopt a Resolution condemning two (2) substandard structures for demolition. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards

5. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department to apply for an Outdoor Recreation Matching Grant from the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism in the amount of \$250,000.00 to construct an all-inclusive playground at the Texarkana Arkansas Recreation Center. (PARKS) Parks and Recreation Director Adam Dalby.
6. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Acting City Manager to enter into a contract to purchase Union Elementary School as additional space for the Texarkana, Arkansas Police Department. (TAPD) Police Chief Michael Kramm
7. Adopt an Ordinance to allow Central Records & Communication (CRC) to provide record entry and limited record maintenance for small Texas Police Departments for a fee. (CRC) CRC Manager Wendy Herring
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)
8. Adopt an Ordinance authorizing the Acting City Manager to enter into a lease-purchase agreement for three (3) Toyota Tacoma trucks for the Texarkana, Arkansas Police Department. (TAPD) Assistant Police Chief Bobby Jordan
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9. Adopt an Ordinance authorizing the Acting City Manager to enter into a Construction Contract with Hightech Signs the Front Street Stage Sign. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards
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10. Adopt an Ordinance to amend the *City of Texarkana, Arkansas, Code of Ordinances* to include an alcohol beverage permit for hotels/motels and restaurants. (FIN) Acting City Manager/Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson
11. Adopt an Ordinance authorizing the Acting City Manager to accept the amendment of the City's 401(a) retirement plans with Mission Square (formerly ICMA) for noncivil service employees. (FIN) Acting City Manager/Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson
12. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Acting City Manager to enter into contracts with Crossties and Big Ass Touring, Inc., regarding the performance of Priscilla Block at the Front Street Festival Plaza. (ADMIN) Acting City Manager/Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY

EXECUTIVE SESSION

13. Adopt a Resolution appointing Randy Henry to the Historic District (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, September 5, 2023

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2023 City Calendar

Gateway Farmers Market - Open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays - 7AM- Noon

Gateway Farmers Market Fall Tailgates & Tables - Saturday, September 16th - 8AM - 2PM

Universal Vibe - Saturday, November 4th - 10AM - 10PM

Gateway Farmers Market Holiday Market - Saturday, November 18th - 10AM - 2PM

Founders' Week Celebration – December 4th – 10th

Texarkana Rec Center Calendar

Ageless Grace - Mondays – 2PM – 3PM

Gym Open - Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays – 8AM - 7PM & Saturdays - 8AM – Noon

Dance Fitness - Tuesdays - 6PM & Saturdays - 11AM