



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

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

**Minutes - Monday, November 15, 2021 - 6:00 PM**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Allen Brown, Ward 1 Director Terry Roberts, Ward 2 Director Laney Harris, Assistant Mayor Ward 3 Steven Hollibush, Ward 4 Director Ulysses Brewer, Ward 5 Director Barbara Miner and Ward 6 Director Jeff Hart.

ALSO, PRESENT: City Manager E. Jay Ellington, City Attorney George Matteson, City Clerk Heather Soyars.

ABSENT: Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance given by Director Terry Roberts.

### **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

- Bernice Dinkins, 204 Eastside Drive, asked for an update on Nix Creek and who could she contact concerning the overgrown lot owned by the railroad.
- Assistant Fire Chief William Smith presented the Board with a plaque for his appreciation of their support while he was on military leave with the Army Reserves.
- Les Munn thanked the Board for their support with Crossties and all the events held there throughout the year.
- Director Harris shared information from the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs with the other members of the Board.

### **PROCLAMATION(S)**

1. Mayor Brown presented a Proclamation for Small Business Saturday on November 27, 2021, to Amber Keith, Business Advisor of Northeast Texas Small Business Development Center, and member of the Shop Small TXK 2021 Committee and to Vashil Fernandez, City of Texarkana, Texas, Interim Director of Planning & Community Development and Chairperson of the Shop Small TXK 2021 Committee.

## **CONSENT**

Director Harris requested Item 5. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a construction contract with Contech Contractors for Jefferson Avenue Rehabilitation Project (PWD), be removed from the Consent agenda for discussion.

Director Brewer made the motion to adopt the Consent agenda, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Hollibush. The motion carried and the following items were approved:

2. Approval of the minutes of the called meeting October 28, 2021, and the regular meeting November 1, 2021. (CCD)
3. Resolution No. 2021-56 authorized the City Manager to purchase four 2022 Ford Police Interceptor vehicles for the Texarkana Arkansas Police Department. (TAPD)
4. Resolution No. 2021-57 authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract for the Millwood Water Treatment Plant Settling Basin Interior Repairs/Liner Project. (TWU)
6. Resolution No. 2021-58 authorized the City Manager to enter into a construction contract with Contech Contractors for Cherry Street Rehabilitation Project. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards

## **REGULAR**

5. Resolution No. 2021-59 authorized the City Manager to enter into a construction contract with Contech Contractors for Jefferson Avenue Rehabilitation Project. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards

Director Harris asked when this street project was approved.

Public Works Director Tyler Richards said this was approved by the Board in the 2021 Budget.

Mayor Brown asked if anyone would like to speak for or against this item.

No one came forward.

Director Harris made motion to adopt resolution, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Hollibush.

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

The motion carried 7-0 and the Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY**

Director Roberts gave a special Thank You to Texarkana, Arkansas Fire Department Administrative Assistant Marian Holder, for her help with a resident who needed smoke alarms. He was impressed with her kindness and efficiency.

Mayor Brown said there would be an announcement of the teams playing in the Live United Bowl on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at the Red Wall at Arkansas High. The game would be played on Saturday, December 4, 2021.

## CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Jay Ellington said:

- He had passed his 120 days mark.
- He had a goal sheet for 2022, which would be discussed during the budget process.
- He was working with staff for a Request for Proposals for Waste Haulers.
- He would meet with the Fort Smith, Arkansas, City Manager tomorrow.
- He reminded the Board members to complete his 90-day evaluation.
- He said Thursday's budget workshop would focus on capital projects, changing fees, and Board decision packages.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, December 7, 2021**

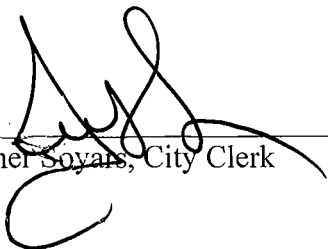
### ADJOURN

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

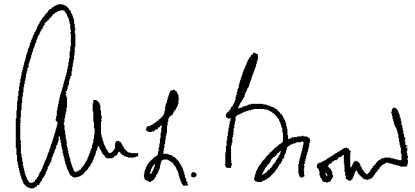
Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Hart.

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.

**APPROVED** this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021.



Heather Soyars, City Clerk



Allen L. Brown, Mayor