



## Regular Rescheduled Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas  
216 Walnut Street

**Minutes - Monday, July 20, 2020 - 1:00 PM**

**THIS WAS A VIRTUAL MEETING HOSTED BY ZOOM AND WAS  
STREAMED LIVE ON THE CITY'S YOUTUBE PAGE.**

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Mayor Allen Brown called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

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

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

ABSENT: Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

\*Ward 5 Director Barbara S. Miner was present during Roll Call, the Consent Agenda and the approval of the July 6, 2020 Minutes.

### **CONSENT**

Director Harris requested item 1. Approval of the minutes of the regular rescheduled meeting July 6, 2020, be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Director Harris made the motion to adopt the Consent agenda, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Teeters. The motion carried unanimously.

The items approved were:

2. Resolution No. 2020-19 - appointing Planning Secretary Jamie Finley to the Public Facilities Board to fill the unexpired term 11/30/2019-2022, of former Planning Secretary Kay Smart. (CCD)
3. Resolution No. 2020-20 - authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for the purchase of chemicals for water and wastewater treatment. (TWU)

### **REGULAR**

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular rescheduled meeting July 6, 2020. (CCD)

Director Harris asked why the full statement of Harvey Woods regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Freedom Fest was not included in the minutes.

Mayor Brown said the full statement was not included because it was given during Citizen Communication.

Motion to approve the minutes made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Director Brewer. The motion carried 6-1 with Director Harris voting No.

4. Resolution No. 2020-21 - certifying UPS to participate in the tax back program. (ADMIN)

City Manager Dr. Kenny Haskin said the tax back initiative was a onetime tax credit for building materials, taxable machinery, furniture, fixtures, and equipment. He said the credit was used for the recruitment, retention of industrial development and distribution. City Manager Dr. Kenny Haskin said he was glad to see the state was involved in this credit as well as REDI. He said this was to help keep UPS on the Arkansas-side.

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

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

\*Director Miner became absent.

The motion carried 6-0. The Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

5. Consider the following action concerning six (6) substandard structures:

Conduct a Public Hearing to receive comments regarding certification of certain delinquent taxes.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing.

Public Works Director Tyler Richards said these liens were for the demolition of substandard structures.

Director Harris said in the future he would like the liens for demolitions that were paid with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, and the demolitions that were paid with City funds to be listed as separate agenda items.

Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing.

Resolution No. 2020-22 - certifying the amount to be put on tax books as delinquent and collected accordingly. (1305 Laurel, 1301 Booker, 1122 Mary, 307 Charles, 309 Charles, and 925 County) (PWD)

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Peavy.

Voting Nay: Director Harris.

The motion carried 5-1. The Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

6. Consider the following action concerning substandard structures:

Conduct a Public Hearing regarding the demolition of seven (7) substandard structures.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing.

Public Works Director Tyler Richards gave a brief PowerPoint presentation regarding the structures.

Director Harris asked how the structures were chosen for demolition.

Public Works Director Tyler Richards said demolitions were not chosen by area or ward. Burned structures were considered first then listed by chronological order and complaints.

Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing.

Resolution No. 2020-23 - condemning seven (7) substandard structures for demolition. (1209 Ash, 2625 Delaware, 926 Grand, 1502 Hilltop, 5542 Old Blackman Ferry, 306 Prince, and 402 Prince) (PWD)

Motion to adopt the resolution made by Director Harris, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Teeters.

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

The motion carried 6-0. The Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

#### **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Director Harris requested Mr. Hall to adopt a dog for no cost from the Animal Care and Adoption Center.

Director Peavy said her comment was concerning the statement the Police Department put in the newspaper regarding the governor's mask mandate. She said she had been asked by several citizens if the Texarkana Arkansas Police Department had the authority to pick and choose which laws to enforce. She requested to discuss this matter in Executive Session at the next in person meeting.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, August 3, 2020, at 1:00 PM via Zoom.**

#### **ADJOURN**

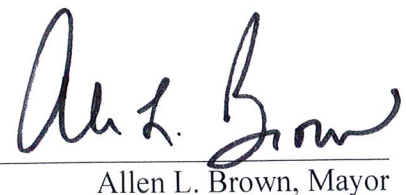
Motion to adjourn made by Director Brewer, Seconded by Director Hollibush.

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

The motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 1:33 PM

**APPROVED** this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2020.

  
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Heather Soyars, City Clerk

  
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Allen L. Brown, Mayor