



## Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

**Minutes - Monday, June 21, 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 and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were given by Director Ulysses Brewer.

### **PRESENTATION(S)**

1. Presentation of the Budget Variance Report given by Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson. Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson gave the Budget Variance Report of January – March 2021. She stated total revenues and expenditures were on track for the first quarter.
2. Presentation of the land purchase by the Airport Authority given by Airport Director Paul Mehrlich.

Airport Director Paul Mehrlich gave a short presentation of 38 acres of land the Airport wished to purchase. The purchase would create a 120-acre parcel on the east side of the Airport for future aeronautic development.

### **CONSENT**

Director Harris requested item 5. Adopt a Resolution allocating the \$1 million donation to the Animal Care and Adoption Center located in Ward 2. (FIN), to be removed from the Consent agenda for discussion.

Director Roberts made the motion to adopt the Consent agenda, Seconded by Director Hart. The motion carried and the following items were approved:

3. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting June 7, 2021. (CCD)
4. Resolution No. 2021-30 made appointments to various boards and commissions. (CCD)
6. Resolution No. 2021-31 authorized the City Manager to enter into a construction contract with Tatum Excavating Company, Inc., (TEC), for East 46th Street, Tennessee Road and

Sanderson Lane Rehabilitation Projects located in Ward 3. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards

7. Resolution No. 2021-32 authorized the Airport Authority to purchase 38 acres of land adjacent to the Texarkana Regional Airport located in Ward 3. (Airport) Director Paul Mehrlich

## **REGULAR**

5. Resolution No. 2021-33 allocated the \$1 million donation to the Animal Care and adoption Center located in Ward 2. (FIN) Finance Director Tyrhonda Henderson

Director Harris said he removed this item off the Consent agenda because he wanted to thank the late Neva McCormick and her family for the donation.

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

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

No one came forward.

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.

8. Consider the following action regarding a request to abandon certain portions of dedicated undeveloped Crescent Street and Dogwood Drive, located in Ward 1.

Conduct a Public Hearing for comments concerning this request. Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing.

No one came forward and Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing.

Ordinance No. 20-2021 approved the abandonment of certain portions of dedicated undeveloped Crescent Street and Dogwood Drive, located in Ward 1. (Gordon) (PWD-Planning) City Planner Mary Beck

Motion to read the ordinance the first time in abbreviated form made by Director Hart, Seconded by Director Brewer.

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 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 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 motion carried 7-0 and the ordinance was read the second time in abbreviated form.

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

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

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

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

No one came forward.

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 ordinance adopted.

### **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

- Bernice Dinkins, 204 Eastside Drive, expressed her concerns about how overgrown Nix Creek was and asked when it would be cleaned out.
- Lavenia A. Harris, 918 Locust, said she was concerned about the abandoned house next door to hers and the unkempt lot across the street. She asked what was going to be done about these items.
- Rea Donna Jones, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), invited the Board of Directors and public to the Stateline Corridor Study meeting to be held at 6:00 PM, on June 29, 2021, at the Arkansas Convention Center.

No one else came forward.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, July 6, 2021**

### **ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn made by Director Hart, Seconded by Director Roberts.

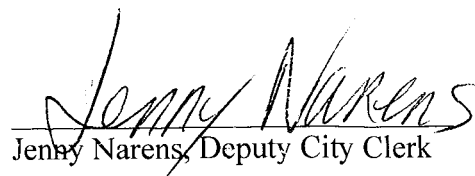
Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Hart.

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM.

**APPROVED** this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.



Allen L. Brown, Mayor



Jenny Narens, Deputy City Clerk