



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Monday, May 16, 2022 - 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, and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

ABSENT: City Clerk Heather Soyars

[Director Miner arrived at 6:08 PM]

Invocation given by Director Jeff Hart

Pledge of Allegiance given by TWU Executive Director Gary Smith

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- William Alexander, 137 East Macedonia Road, said he needed help with the teardown of his property located on 220 E. Short 10th Street.
- D. Foster, 609 Harris Drive, said her parents owned property located on 516 Garden Street and 507 Garden Street. She said both properties were on a condemnation list at the same time and were set to be torn down, but only 516 Garden Street was done. Ms. Foster said she wanted 507 Garden Street torn down as well.
- Rocky Murray, 3037 Pleasant Grove Road, said he wanted to let the Board know he was still having issues with the tenants at 704 Artesian Street. He said there was a nuisance abatement law, and he hoped the City would try and fix the issue.

CONSENT

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

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting May 2, 2022. (CCD) Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens

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2. Consider the following action concerning substandard structures:

Conduct a Public Hearing regarding the condemnation of 15 substandard structures.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing.

Building Official Shawn Maxey gave a PowerPoint presentation of the substandard structures to be condemned.

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

No one came forward.

Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing.

Resolution No. 2022-34 condemned 15 substandard structures. (PWD) Building Official Shawn Maxey

[605 Artesian, (721 C Beech St, 721 Beech, 721 Beech St, 721 B Beech St), 1103 County Ave, 1023 County Ave, 2108/2110 County Ave, 509 East St, 607 Ida, 1408 Kline, 1608 Line Ferry Rd, 504 Mary, 2803 Pecan, 1408 Roberts, 1507 Rose, 220 E. Short 10th, 2410 E. 13th]

Motion to adopt the resolution made by Director Roberts, Seconded by Director Hart.

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.

3. Ordinance No. 18-2022 authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with Maximum Security Services for the Bi-State Justice Building. (Bi-State) Building Maintenance Manager Kristine Baron

After a brief discussion the motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its first reading in abbreviated form made by Director Roberts, 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 first time in abbreviated form.

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading in abbreviated form made by Director Hart, 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 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 Brewer, 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 ordinance was read the third time in abbreviated form.

Motion to adopt the ordinance made by Director Hart, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Hollibush.

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.

An emergency clause is requested. 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.

Motion to enact the emergency clause made by Director Roberts, Seconded by Director Hart.

Mayor Brown asked if anyone would like to speak for or against the emergency clause.

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 emergency clause enacted.

4. Adopt an Ordinance authorized the City Manager to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Miller County for housing certain juveniles detained by the City of Texarkana, Arkansas, in the Lantz Lurry Juvenile Detention Center. (Admin) City Manager E. Jay Ellington

After a brief discussion the motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its first reading in abbreviated form made by Director Roberts, Seconded by Director Harris.

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 Assistant Mayor Hollibush, 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 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 Brewer, 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 ordinance was read the third time in abbreviated form.

Motion to adopt the ordinance made by Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Seconded by Director Brewer. 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.

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Motion to enact the emergency clause made by Director Brewer, Seconded by Director Harris.

Mayor Brown asked if anyone would like to speak for or against the emergency clause.

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 emergency clause enacted.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY

Director Harris wanted to know if there had been a change in protocol for requesting a proclamation. He also wanted to know if the Rec Center had their own website since they had a lot of activities on the upcoming calendar. Director Harris asked if the parks could be wired for public Wi-Fi. He stated he did not think a Board member should be charged for a FOIA request.

Director Hart congratulated Gary Smith, the new Texarkana Water Utilities Executive Director.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager E. Jay Ellington gave the following report:

- He said there would be a Texarkana Water Utilities workshop Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 6:30 PM regarding the rates.
- He said the Solid Waste Committee would hold a workshop on Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 4:00 PM.
- He made mention last year, the second meeting in May, he was in the audience of the Board meeting, and he was hired in June 2021.
- He said there was an introduction for the activated alley this past weekend. It stretches nine blocks starting at Buhrman-Pharr all the way to the skate park and playground area.
- Saturday, May 21, 2022, would be the 1st Responder's Appreciation Day at Gateway Farmer's Market.
- Wednesday, May 18, 2022, was the appreciation event for the 1st Responder's.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Directors entered Executive Session at 6:50 PM.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:02 PM and no action was taken.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, June 6, 2022

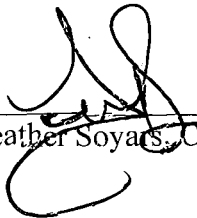
ADJOURN

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

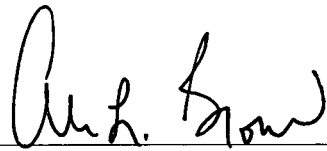
Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Hart.

The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM.

APPROVED this the 6th day of June 2022.



Heather Soyars, City Clerk



Allen L. Brown, Mayor