



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Monday, November 01, 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.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance given by Director Jeff Hart.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- Director Harris read a proclamation from Governor Asa Hutchinson declaring the month of November as Business and Industry Month.
- Director Hart wanted to thank all the citizens who came out for the city-wide clean-up.

PRESENTATION(S)

1. Presentation of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas Employee Service Awards. (CCD)

Mayor Brown and City Manager E. Jay Ellington presented Employee Service Awards to:

Cody Cunningham	TAFD	5 Years
TyRhonda Henderson	FIN	10 Years
Andy Anthony	TAPD	15 Years

CONSENT

Director Harris requested item 4. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Purchase Agreement with Phillips Refrigeration for Kitchen Equipment for the Texarkana Rec. Center (PWD), to be removed from the Consent agenda for discussion.

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

2. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting October 18, 2021. (CCD)
3. Resolution No. 2021-51 rescheduled the Monday, December 6, 2021, Board of Directors' meeting to Tuesday, December 7, 2021, due to the Annual Christmas Parade. (CCD)

REGULAR

4. Resolution No. 2021-52 authorized the City Manager to enter into a Purchase Agreement with Phillips Refrigeration for Kitchen Equipment for the Texarkana Rec Center. (PWD)

Director Harris said he removed this item off the Consent agenda to state he would not vote for or against this item.

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

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

No one came forward.

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

Voting present: Director Harris.

The motion carried 6-1 and the Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

5. Resolution No. 2021-53 approved the Texarkana Water Utilities (TWU) FY 2021-2022 Budget. (TWU) (TABLED 10182021) Interim Executive Director, Gary Smith and TWU Finance Director, Tricia Briggs

Director Hart made the motion to adopt the resolution, Seconded by Director Brewer.

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

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.

6. Resolution No. 2021-54 authorized the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement on behalf of the Texarkana, Arkansas Police Department (TAPD) with the Airport Authority for use of property and building located at 3801 E. 19th Street. (TAPD) Lt. Scott Megason

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

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

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.

7. Ordinance No. 30-2021 amended the Personnel Policy. (FIN) Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson

After a brief discussion motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its first 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 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 Roberts.

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 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 third and final 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, Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Hart.

Voting Nay: Director Harris

The motion carried 6-1 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 adopt the emergency clause made by Director Hart, Seconded by Director Roberts.

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

8. Resolution No. 2021-55 rescheduled 2022 Board of Directors' meetings that conflict with certain holidays. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

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

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

No one came forward.

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

Voting Nay: Director Harris.

The motion carried 6-1 and the Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

9. Ordinance No. 31-2021 authorized the purchase of 100 Glock Model 45 Black MOS Compact 9mm Gen 5 with Ameriglo Sights. (TAPD) Capt. James Atchley

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

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

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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.

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No one came forward.

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

10. Ordinance No. 32-2021 rezoned a tract of land located at 110 E. 14th Street from C-3 Open-display commercial to R-4 Medium-density residential to develop rental property (McDowell). [Ward 2] (PWD-Planning) City Planner Mary Beck

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

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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 Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Seconded by Director Roberts.

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.

11. Ordinance No. 33-2021 rezoned a tract of land located at 612 Thatcher Street, containing three residences from C-3 Open-display commercial to R-4 Medium-density residential in order to replat the property for individual investments (Butler). [Ward 3] (PWD-Planning) City Planner Mary Beck

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

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

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY

Director Roberts said the Police Department's "No Shave November," was off to a great start. Police Chief Kristie Bennett said they raised \$10,000.00, in the 1st week.

Director Miner said the Fall Festival downtown was a great success.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager E. Jay Ellington gave the following report:

- He asked the Board to complete and return his performance evaluation form.
- Budget workshops were scheduled, one for November 18, 2021, at 2:30 PM and December 2, at 4:30 PM.
- The proposed budget would be sent out November 10, 2021.
- Reminded the Board of the Economic Development Committee meeting November 4, 2021, at 4:00 PM and the Solid Waste Committee meeting November 4, 2021, at 5:00 PM.
- Tomorrow he would meet with the City Manager of Arkadelphia, Arkansas.
- He was working on a community programming review with Sports Manager Adam Dalby.
- Wanted LifeNet to present their annual report to the Board.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, November 15, 2021

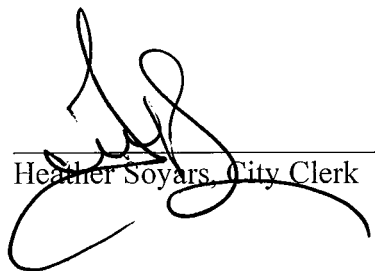
ADJOURN

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

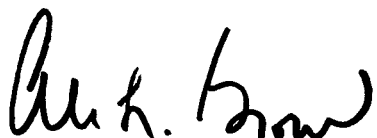
Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Hart.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM.

APPROVED this the 15th day of November 2021.



Heather Soyars, City Clerk



Allen L. Brown, Mayor