



## Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

**Minutes - Monday, June 05, 2023 - 6:00 PM**

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Acting City Manager/Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson, City Attorney Joshua Potter, and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

ABSENT: Ward 5 Director Danny Jewell and City Clerk Heather Soyars.

Invocation given by Director Steven Hollibush.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Fire Chief David Fletcher.

### **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Ramona Flowers, 1217 East 24<sup>th</sup> Street, asked about the signs on Jefferson Avenue and 24<sup>th</sup> Street next to her house.

Bernice Dinkins, 204 Eastside Drive, wanted an update on Nix Creek.

Carolyn Byers, 1516 Prospect Street, wanted to know about weed lots around her house.

Director Harris continued with his presentation regarding the streets in Ward 2.

### **PRESENTATION(S)**

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

Alan Collins	TAPD	5 Years
Christopher Cagle	TWU	5 Years
Ricky Hernandez	TWU	5 Years
Michael Thomas	TWU	5 Years
Robert Kunert	TWU	15 Years

2. Presentation of the Miller County Hazard Mitigation Plan. (TAFD) Fire Chief David Fletcher and Katie Hardy with Southwest Arkansas Planning & Development District (SWAPDD)

3. Presentation of the Comprehensive Plan. (PWD-Planning) City Planner Mary Beck

## **CONSENT**

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

4. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting May 15, 2023, and the special called meeting May 23, 2023. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
5. Resolution No. 2023-46 approved the reimbursement of \$37,683.00 to the Texarkana Regional Airport from American Rescue Act Funds. (FIN) Acting City Manager/Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson
6. Resolution No. 2023-47 authorized the Acting City Manager to enter into a contract with McLarty Ford for the purchase of a 2023 F250 4x4 crew cab  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton pickup truck. (PARKS) Parks and Recreation Director Adam Dalby
7. Resolution No. 2023-48 authorized the Acting City Manager to enter into a contract with Rorie Stone Construction, LLC, for the Old Blackman Ferry Road Water Extension Project. (TWU) Executive Director Gary Smith

## **REGULAR**

8. Resolution No. 2023-49 authorized the Acting City Manager to enter into a construction contract with Francis Excavating, LLC, for Rolling Ridge Drive, Dudley Avenue and Woodland Road Rehabilitation Projects. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards

After a brief discussion, the motion to adopt the resolution made by Assistant Mayor Roberts, Seconded by Director Brewer.

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

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

9. Resolution No. 2023-50 authorized and directed the Acting City Manager to enter into an agreement with Crossties, LLC, and Crossties of Texarkana, Inc., to create a downtown event venue. (PARKS) Parks & Recreation Director Adam Dalby

After a brief discussion, the motion to adopt the resolution made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Roberts.

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

Voting Nay: Director Harris

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

10. Ordinance No. 19-2023 amended the *City of Texarkana, Arkansas, Code of Ordinances Chapter 27.5* for the Operation of Wreckers and Wrecker Businesses. (TAPD) Police Chief Michael Kramm

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

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

The motion carried 6-0 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 Hollibush, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Roberts.

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

The motion carried 6-0 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 Assistant mayor Roberts, Seconded by Director Hollibush.

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

Voting Nay: Director Harris

The motion carried 5-1 and the ordinance was read the third time in abbreviated form.

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

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

Ms. Byers asked if she could choose a wrecker service if she knew of one.

Police Chief Kramm said yes.

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

Voting Nay: Director Harris

The motion carried 5-1 and the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted.

11. Ordinance No. 20-2023 rezoned a tract of land located at 3604 North Stateline Avenue, from C-3 Open-display commercial zoning to C-1 General retail commercial in order to divide the property. (Ward 4) (PWD-Planning) City Planner Mary Beck

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

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

The motion carried 6-0 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 Director Hollibush.

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

The motion carried 6-0 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 Hart.

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

The motion carried 6-0 and the ordinance was read the third time in abbreviated form.

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

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

No one came forward.

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

The motion carried 6-0 and the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY**

Director Harris asked the City Attorney to look into the Rules of Order and Procedure for the Board of Directors regarding presentations.

Director Hollibush asked the City Attorney if the Board could amend the Rules of Order and Procedure to allow Board members to make presentations or allow it at Board Commentary.

Director Hart asked the City Attorney to look to see if the Board could amend the Rules of Order and Procedure to allow Board of Directors to communicate with citizens during citizens communication time.

Director Hollibush asked to have a special called meeting regarding the Citywide Pothole bid Public Works Department received.

\*Assistant Mayor Roberts left the Board room at 7:16 PM and returned at 7:19 PM.\*

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board of Directors entered Executive Session at 7:24 PM.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:30 PM.

The Board of Directors requested Agenda Item 12. Adopt a Resolution making an appointment to the City Beautiful Commission and the Library Board. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars, be

separated into two resolutions for each board and commission and acted upon by the Board of Directors individually.

~~12. Adopt a Resolution making an appointment to the City Beautiful Commission and the Library Board. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars~~

#### **ADDENDUM – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

12. Resolution No. 2023-51 appointed Annette Lachowsky to the City Beautiful Commission. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

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

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

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

13. Resolution No. 2023-52 appointed Connie Brian to the Library Board with term date as 01/15/2023---2029. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

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

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

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

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, June 20, 2023**

#### **ADJOURN**

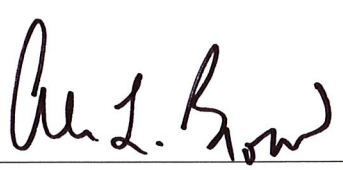
Motion to adjourn made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Director Brewer.

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

The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

**APPROVED** this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.

  
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Heather Soyars, City Clerk

  
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Allen L. Brown, Mayor