



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Monday, September 20, 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 Mayor Allen Brown.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Jennifer Harland with AEP SWEPCO presented a \$50,000 donation from the AEP Foundation for the Texarkana Recreation Center.

A citizen commented he would like a recommendation for an attorney to help with the custody of his children and he was also looking for a house to purchase.

Another citizen said the empty lot on the corner of Spring Street and Ferguson Street needed to be mowed.

PRESENTATION(S)

1. Street study presentation given by Public Works Director Tyler Richards. (PWD)

Public Works Director Tyler Richards presented the Street Study to the Board of Directors. He said the City had 45 miles of road in loss condition, which would cost \$20 million to repair; 49 miles of road in critical condition, which would cost \$15 million; and 151 miles of road in fair condition which would cost \$30 million to repair. He also said the City had over 2,000 potholes.

CONSENT

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

2. Approval of the minutes of the rescheduled regular meeting September 7, 2021. (CCD)

REGULAR

3. Resolution No. 2021-44 renewed and extended the Texarkana Water Utilities' FY2020-2021 Budget to continue operation until the FY2021-2022 Budget was approved. (TWU)

After a brief discussion Director Roberts made the motion to adopt the resolution, 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 Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

4. Resolution No. 2021-45 authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with Kesser International, Inc., to complete the Nix Creek Dredging and Bank Stabilization Project. (PWD)

After a brief discussion Director Hart made the motion to adopt the resolution, 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 Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

5. Ordinance No. 28-2021 waived competitive bidding requirements and authorized the purchase of Motorola Flex CAD/RMS and Jail Manager Systems. (CRC)

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 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.

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third and final 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 third and final time in abbreviated form.

Motion to adopt the ordinance made by Director Hart, 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.

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 Roberts, Seconded by Director Brewer.

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 and the Mayor declared the emergency clause adopted.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager E. Jay Ellington said:

- There would be a Solid Waste Committee meeting within the next 30 days to discuss a rate increase for the haulers.
- Economic Development Committee to meet and give direction to the City Manager as well as coordination with the multiple functions within the City.
- He was progressing on the staff side with an infill housing project with the dilapidated houses.
- The budget process on the staff side had begun.
- The second workshop for the American Rescue Plan Act Funding was scheduled for Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at 5:30 PM.
- He gave the Board an evaluation form to fill out regarding his 90 days as being the city manager.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, October 4, 2021

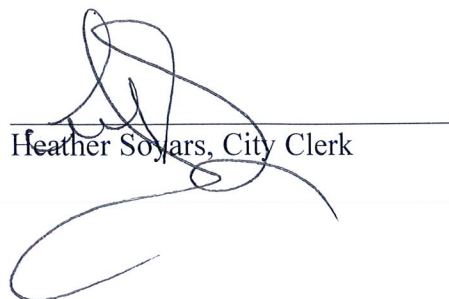
ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn 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 meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.

APPROVED this the 4th day of October 2021.



Heather Soyars, City Clerk



Steven Hollibush, Assistant Mayor