



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Monday, April 04, 2022 - 6:00 PM

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

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

ABSENT: Ward 5 Director Barbara Miner.

Invocation given by Assistant Mayor Steven Hollibush.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Fire Chief David Fletcher.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

No one came forward

PRESENTATION(S)

1. Texarkana Public Library Presentation. (ADMIN) Library Director Jennifer Strayhorn
2. Presentation of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas Employee Service Awards. (CCD) Heather Soyars

The Arkansas Municipal League awarded Rachel Hopkins a certificate for completing Basic Grant Writing and Management Training.

Scott Megason	TAPD	30 Years
Dara Cornett	TAPD	20 Years
Mary Beck	City Planner	15 Years
Adam Benton, Jr.	TWU	15 Years
Larry Bradshaw	TWU	15 Years
Quincy Hubbard	TWU	10 Years
Stanley Kowzic	TWU	15 Years
Mundang Johnson	TWU	10 Years

CONSENT

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

3. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting March 21, 2022. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
4. Resolution No. 2022-25 authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with A.L. Franks Engineering for the design of Tennessee Road, Meadows Road, and Union Road Improvements. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards
5. Resolution No. 2022-26 authorized the City Manager to purchase a TIGER Boom Rotary Mower for the Public Works Department Streets Division. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards
6. Resolution No. 2022-27 authorized the City Manager to purchase Nutanix Hyper-Converged Infrastructure Solution to be utilized as server hosting by the Texarkana Water Utilities (TWU) for both cities of Texarkana, Arkansas, and Texarkana, Texas. (TWU-IT) IT Manager Brandon Uselton

REGULAR

7. Resolution No. 2022-28 amended the 2022 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Budget for inclusion of specific street projects. (FIN) Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson
 - Rolling Ridge - \$436,000
 - Dudley Ave - \$615,000
 - Jefferson Ave (12th to 18th) - \$220,000
 - Stallion Dr - \$138,000
 - Woodland Rd. - \$390,000
 - Sanderson Ln (I30 to Sugarhill Rd.) - \$456,000
 - Boyd Rd. - \$680,000

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

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, and Director Hart.

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

8. Ordinance No. 11-2022 rezoned a tract of land located in the 600 block of Meadows Road from R-2 Single-family residential to A-1 Mixed use rural zoning, in order to build a shop before building the house. (Barr) (Ward 3) (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 was made by Director Hart, Seconded by Director Roberts.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Assistant Mayor 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 Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Seconded by Director Brewer.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Assistant Mayor 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 Roberts, Seconded by Director Hart.

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

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

9. Ordinance No. 12-2022 rezoned a tract of land located at 91 S. Valley Drive from R-1 Rural residential to A-1 Mixed use rural zoning, in order to build a shop before building the house. (Kegley) (Ward 1) (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 Hollibush, Seconded by Director Hart.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Assistant Mayor 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 Brewer, Seconded by Director Hart.

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

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

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

10. Ordinance No. 13-2022 rezoned a tract of land located at 5706 Four States Parkway from R-1 Rural residential to O-1 Office quiet commercial. (Asbille) (Ward 6) (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 Hollibush, Seconded by Director Hart.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Assistant Mayor 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 Roberts.

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

The motion carried 6-0 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 Hart, Seconded by Director Brewer.

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, and Director Hart.

The motion carried 6-0 and the Mayor declared the emergency clause enacted.

11. Ordinance No. 14-2022 granted the request for prerequisite municipal approval of a private club application on behalf of Hector Leal for the Cattlemen's Club, Inc., at 4018 N. Stateline Avenue. (CCD)

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 Hart.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Assistant Mayor 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 Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Seconded by Director Harris.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Assistant Mayor 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 Hart, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Hollibush.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Assistant Mayor 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 Brewer, Seconded by Director Hart.

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, and Director Hart.

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

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. (Hdbk. Const. Amend 7)

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

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, and Director Hart.

The motion carried 6-0 and the Mayor declared the emergency clause enacted.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY

Mayor Brown said April 13, 2022, the Arkansas Governor, Asa Hutchinson and Secretary of Commerce, Mike Preston would be in town for a press conference to announce the Arkansas Economic Development Commission designated Texarkana as an Arkansas competitive community and the REDI Arkansas Manufacturing Center received site certification.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager E. Jay Ellington gave the following report:

- He said the Animal Care and Adoption Center (ACAC) held a public forum and forty-eight citizens and three Directors were present.
- He met with several downtown property owners to discuss the Front Street Plaza.
- He attended the Arkansas Municipal League Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas, last week along with Director Harris and Assistant Mayor Hollibush.
- At the end of April, he would attend a City Manger Meeting in Arkadelphia, Arkansas.
- The State of the City was last week, it was well received and well attended by the community.
- The Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet would be held this Friday, April 8, 2022.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, April 18, 2022

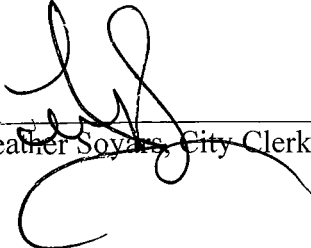
ADJOURN

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

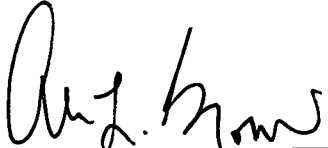
Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Director Brewer, and Director Hart.

The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM.

APPROVED this the 18th day of April 2022.



Heather Soyars, City Clerk



Allen L. Brown, Mayor