



**Rescheduled Regular Meeting of the
Board of Directors**

City of Texarkana, Arkansas
216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Monday, June 01, 2020 - 1:00 PM

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LIVE ON THE CITY'S YOUTUBE PAGE.**

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Mayor Allen Brown called the meeting to order.

PRESENT: Mayor Allen Brown, Ward 1 Assistant Mayor Linda Teeters, Ward 2 Director Laney J. Harris, Ward 3 Director Steven Hollibush, Ward 4 Director Ulysses Brewer, Ward 5 Director Barbara S. Miner, and Ward 6 Director Terri Peavy.

[During Roll Call Director Harris and Assistant Mayor Teeters did not respond but were visible on video.]

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Dr. Kenny Haskin, City Attorney George Matteson, City Clerk Heather Soyars and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

CONSENT

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Director Miner.

The motion carried unanimously, and Mayor Brown declared the Consent Agenda approved. The items approved were:

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular rescheduled meeting May 20, 2020. (CCD)
2. Resolution No. 2020-15 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a consulting contract with A.L. Franks Engineering, Inc., for East 50th Street Rehabilitation. (PWD)
3. Resolution No. 2020-16 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a consulting contract with A.L. Franks Engineering, Inc., for Sanderson Lane Pavement Rehabilitation. (PWD)
4. Resolution No. 2020-17 supporting fair, direct federal emergency support to reopen and rebuild local American economies. (CCD)

REGULAR

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

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NEXT MEETING DATE: MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020

ADJOURN

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, Director Peavy.

The motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 1:12 PM.

ADDENDUM

Minutes were amended on June 15, 2020, to add the following statement from Director Harris.

From: L Harris <laneyharris.ward2@yahoo.com>

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 1:45 PM

To: ARK-Soyars, Heather <heather.soyars@txkusa.org>; ARK-Haskin, Kenny <kenny.haskin@txkusa.org>; ARBOD-Matteson, George <george@mgmlawllp.com>

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To: Heather Soyar

I am attaching the letter I read and gave reference to and read and my statement of George Floyd. I belived at one meeting the mayor suggest you attach my statement.

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Laney Harris Statement during Citizen Communication

Dear Representative Westerman, Senator Boozman and Senator Cotton As a municipal leader and a constituent, I am writing on behalf of my community to urge you to support local governments in the next round of federal assistance in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Communities like mine are taking extraordinary measures to protect our residents' health and safety, including continuing essential services.

Unfortunately, the fiscal consequences of COVID-19 are unprecedented and unbudgeted.

The lost revenue to our local economy cannot be fully recouped through the local tax base.

Without a relief lifeline to safely reopen our local economy, Texarkana will have to make cuts to essential services and lay off local workers, including Public work including environment maintain, street & park department, and others such as police & fire who keep our communities safe and moving forward during this difficult time. We thank you for your efforts to provide immediate relief through the prior federal relief packages, and ask you to advocate in Congress for our community to receive the funding support that we need for essential services.

I ask for your support for DIRECT relief in the next package to protect the members of our communities who help protect us. Specifically, I am asking for your support of legislation that includes:

- \$500 billion over two years of federal aid for local governments.
- Fair and direct funding allocations to each and every local government with no exclusions based on population.
- Equal funding overall for municipal governments and county governments.

This is not a request for a handout, nor a call for a federal bailout – this is the extension of our intergovernmental partnership, a critical local-federal bond that we seek in order to reopen and restore the economic health of our great nation. We not only want America to survive but thrive.

I urge you to include and support the above priorities in the next bill. Our community and our nation depend on it.

Sincerely,


Laney Harris, City Director Ward 2
Texarkana, AR

George Foyd

I understand with the civil unrest with the death of George Floyd. I totally support peaceful protest across the nation and that all person involved shall be accountability for their action. And furthermore, community leaders in every cities or towns shall advocates against anti-racist principles in every act of out work

APPROVED this the 15th day of June, 2020.


Allen L. Brown, Mayor


Heather Soyars, City Clerk