



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Monday, March 15, 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 Director Steven Hollibush, Ward 4 Director Ulysses Brewer, Ward 5 Director Barbara Miner and Ward 6 Director Jeff Hart.

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

ABSENT: Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was given by Director Brewer.

CONSENT

Director Harris requested item 2. Adopt a Resolution to accept the 2020 Audit Engagement Letter prepared by the accounting firm BKD, LLP. (FIN), be removed from the Consent agenda for discussion.

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

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting March 1, 2021. (CCD)
3. Resolution No. 2021-14 appointed Dara Cornett to the Texarkana, Arkansas Public Employee Retirement System (TAPERS) Committee. (CCD)

REGULAR

2. Resolution No. 2021-15 accepted the 2020 Audit Engagement Letter prepared by the accounting firm BKD, LLP. (FIN)

Director Harris said he wanted to save the City money by having the State Legislative Audit conduct the City audit. He said Texarkana, Arkansas schools and Miller County both use the State Audit.

Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson said the State would not provide a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which was needed for grants, bond rating and to borrow funds.

Director Hart asked if the audit satisfied state and federal requirements.

Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson said yes. There were three separate fees in this audit. The one-year engagement increased 5% from 2019 to 2020, plus additional fees up to \$8,000 for the implementation of GASB 84 and \$5,000 for anticipated on major program audited under Uniform Guidance.

Mayor Brown asked if those services were available with the State Legislative Audit.

Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson said the State Legislative Audit would only be able to perform a portion of the audit, and the other portions would have to be done by different firms. She said it would be pieced together and complicated.

Director Brewer asked what the timeline was for submittal.

Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson said there would be a delay due to the cyber threat last year.

Director Miner made the motion to approve the resolution, Seconded by Director Brewer.

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.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Mike Malone, Chamber of Commerce, announced the Chamber was hosting an interview with Congressman Bruce Westerman on Thursday, March 18, 2021. He said the Metropolitan Statistical Area deadline for comments would this Friday, March 19, 2021.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:22 PM.

The Board reconvened at 6:50 PM.

No action was taken.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, April 5, 2021

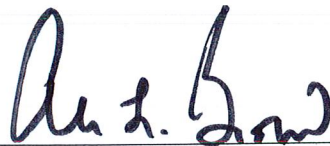
ADJOURN

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

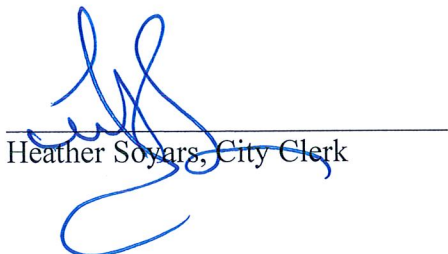
Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Hart.

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM.

APPROVED this the 5th day of April, 2021.



Allen L. Brown, Mayor



Heather Soyars, City Clerk