



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Monday, May 01, 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 5 Director Danny Jewell.

ALSO PRESENT: Acting City Manager TyRhonda Henderson, City Attorney Joshua Potter, City Clerk Heather Soyars, and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

ABSENT: Ward 6 Director Jeff Hart.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance given by Assistant Mayor Terry Roberts.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

The following persons spoke in support of a petition to the Arkansas Highway Department (ARDOT) to name the Highway 71S viaduct the *Reverend Londell Williams Overpass*.

- Joe Denmon, 10205 Highway 296.
- Bertha Dunn, 2704 East 15th Street.
- James Andrew Keeton, 6217 West 7th Street.
- Kenneth Reid.
- Larry Jordon, 1615 Delaware.
- Dennis Taylor, Assistant Pastor of Park Avenue Baptist Church.
- Londell Williams, daughter of the late Londell Williams.
- Doris Block.

PRESENTATION(S)

1. Proclamation presented to Danny Gordon for National Preservation Month. (PWD-Planning) City Planner Mary Beck
2. Proclamation presented to City Clerk Heather Soyars for Municipal Clerks Appreciation Week. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
3. Proclamation presented to Texarkana Water Utilities Executive Director Gary Smith for National Drinking Water Week. (TWU) Executive Director Gary Smith

CONSENT

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

4. Approved the minutes of the special called meeting at 4:30 PM on April 17, 2023, and the regular meeting at 6:00 PM on April 17, 2023. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
5. Resolution No. 2023-34 authorized the Acting City Manager to enter into a construction contract with Phase 1 Concrete, Inc., for the purpose of building an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) handicap ramp at the front North of the Bi-State Justice Center. (Bi-State) Bi-State Building Maintenance Manager Kristine Barron
6. Resolution No. 2023-35 authorized the Acting City Manager to enter into a contract with ACS Playground Adventures for the construction and installation of playground equipment at Iron Mountain Park. (PRD) Parks and Recreation Director Adam Dalby

REGULAR

7. Resolution No. 2023-36 supported a petition to the Arkansas Highway Department (ARDOT) to name the Highway 71S viaduct the *Reverend Londell Williams Overpass*. (PWD-Planning) City Planner Mary Beck

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

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

Voting Nay: Director Harris.

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

8. Ordinance No. 17-2023 rezoned a tract of land located in the 6200 block of Thomasville Lane, from R-1 Rural residential to R-3 Low density residential in order to build a single-family dwelling. (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 Roberts, Seconded by Director Hollibush.

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

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 Hollibush.

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

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 Hollibush, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Roberts.

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

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

Motion to adopt the ordinance made by Director Hollibush, 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, Assistant Mayor Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, and Director Jewell.

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY

Director Harris asked if the grass and dirt on the sidewalks in College Hill could be removed before the street sweeper was used on the streets again.

Director Jewel asked if there were any restrictions on the parking lot located on Arkansas Boulevard for the Nix Trail.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, May 15, 2023

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Directors entered Executive Session at 7:10PM.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:22 PM.

The Board of Directors requested Agenda Item 9. Adopt a Resolution making appointments to various board and commissions. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars, be separated into three resolutions for each board and commission and acted upon by the Board of Directors individually.

~~9.—Adopt a Resolution making appointments to various boards and commissions. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars~~

ADDENDUM – EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. **TABLED** - Adopt a Resolution making appointments to the Advertising and Promotion Commission. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

10. Resolution No. 2023-37 made the following appointments to the Airport Authority. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

Ronald Bruce Term: 5/14/2023----2026

Adger Smith Term: 5/14/2023----2026

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

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

Voting Nay: Mayor Brown.

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

11. Resolution No. 2023-38 made the following appointments to the Planning Commission. (CCD)
City Clerk Heather Soyars

Bertha Dunn Term: 5/6/2023----2026
Clyde "Boots" Thomas Term: 5/6/2023----2026

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 Jewell.

Voting Nay: Director Harris.

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

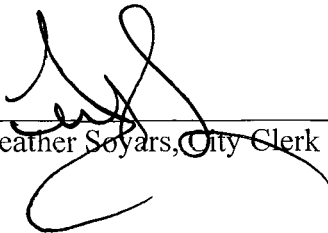
ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Roberts.

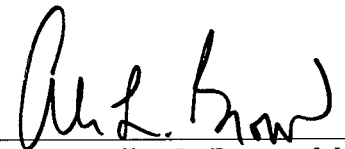
Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, and Director Jewell.

The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

APPROVED this the 15th day of May 2023.



Heather Soyars, City Clerk



Allen L. Brown, Mayor