



Rescheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas
216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Tuesday, July 06, 2021 - 6:00 PM

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

PRESENT: Mayor Allen Brown, Ward 1 Director Terry Roberts, 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, and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

Ward 2 Director Laney Harris arrived at 6:03 PM.

ABSENT: City Clerk Heather Soyars

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance given by Director Barbara Miner

PRESENTATION(S)

1. Presentation of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas Employee Service Awards. (CCD)
2. Presentation of 17 substandard structures to be condemned by Public Works Director Tyler Richards

CONSENT

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

3. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting June 21, 2021. (CCD)
4. Resolution No. 2021-34 authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with NewGen Strategies to perform a water and sewer rate study. (TWU) Executive Director JD Phillips

REGULAR

5. Consider the following action concerning substandard structures:

Conduct a Public Hearing regarding the condemnation of 17 substandard residential structures. Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing.

No one came forward and Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing.

Resolution No. 2021-35 to condemn 17 substandard structures [804 & 806 Ash, 1402 Betty, 614 Charles, 1505 East, 521 Euclid, 902 Euclid, 8 Ferguson, 902 Jackson, 1007 Jackson, 839 Laurel, 204 Marguerite, 2109 Marietta, 221 Martha, 1603 Morrison, 701 Orleans, 1205 Prince, and 2120 Walter]. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards

Motion to adopt the resolution made by Director Hart, 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, Director Miner, and Director Hart.

The motion carried 7-0 and the Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

6. Ordinance No. 21-2021 rezoned property located at 1925 Line Ferry Road from M-2 General Manufacturing to R-3 Low-Density Residential. (Ward 1) (Blair) (PWD-Planning) City Planner Mary Beck

Motion to read the ordinance the first time 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 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 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 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 Miner.

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.

7. Ordinance No. 22-2021 rezoned property located at 2620 Jefferson Avenue from R-2 Single-Family Residential to R-3 Low-Density Residential. (Ward 5) (Harvey) (PWD-Planning) City Planner Mary Beck

Motion to read the ordinance the first time 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 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, 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 Director Brewer, Seconded by Director Roberts.

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 Miner.

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.

8. Ordinance No. 23-2021 purchased kennels for the new Animal Care and Adoption Center. (Ward 2) (ACAC) Brenda Williamson Animal Care and Adoption Center Interim Director

Motion to read the ordinance the first time in abbreviated form 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 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 Miner, 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 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, 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 Miner.

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.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- Freeman's Powder Coating, 2007 East Street, was concerned because the state and the city stopped by and asked them to move the cars they were working on.
- Director Roberts introduced Kristine Barron, the new Bi-State Justice Building Maintenance Manager.
- Director Hart thanked Public Works Director Tyler Richards for all his hard work.
- Director Miner thanked the citizens who kept their lawns in good condition but wanted to remind citizens you could not place the yard clippings in the streets.
- Bernice Dinkins, 204 Eastside Drive, asked if she needed to call the state or the city when the grass around Arkansas Bridge along Eastside Drive needed to be cut.

No one else came forward.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:54 PM.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:01 PM.

9. Resolution No. 2021-36 appointed Natasha Crabbe, M. Carmen Mauldin, and reappointed Jamie Simmons and Danny Gordon to the Historic District Commission. (CCD)

Motion to adopt the resolution made by Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Seconded by Director Roberts.

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.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, August 2, 2021

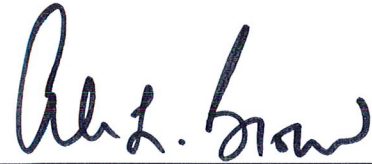
ADJOURN

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

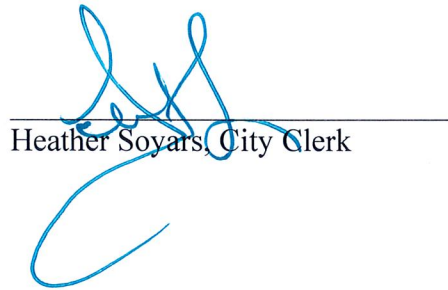
Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Hart.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM.

APPROVED this the 19th day of July 2021.



Allen L. Brown, Mayor



Heather Soyars, City Clerk