



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Monday, April 17, 2023 - 6:00 PM

Mayor Allen Brown called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 6 Director Jeff Hart.

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

ABSENT: Ward 5 Director Danny Jewell

Invocation given by Director Jeff Hart.

Pledge of Allegiance led by City Clerk Heather Soyars.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Toni Nix thanked Ward 4 Director Brewer for being such an excellent director and for his involvement in the community with the citizens. She also made mention of the Juvenile Detention Center and commended the City for trying to keep it open.

CONSENT

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

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting April 3, 2023. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
2. Resolution No. 2023-28 approved the reimbursement of \$18,140.70 to the Texarkana Regional Airport from American Rescue Act Funds. (FIN) Acting City Manager/Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson
3. Resolution No. 2023-29 accepted a reimbursable, non-matching Certified Local Government grant to conduct a window restoration workshop. (PWD-Planning) City Planner Mary Beck
4. Resolution No. 2023-30 authorized the Acting City Manager to enter into a contract for the U of A Way Sewer Extension Project. (TWU) Executive Director Gary Smith

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5. Resolution No. 2023-31 to purchase nine (9) 2023 Ford Police Vehicles from McLarty Ford. (TAPD) Assistant Chief Bobby Jordan

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

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

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

6. Resolution No. 2023-32 approved the salary of the Acting City Manager effective from the date of appointment, April 3, 2023. (BOD)

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

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

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

7. Resolution No. 2023-33 approved a contribution of \$200,000 to the City of Texarkana, Texas, for the purchase of Union Station as part of the Texarkana Union Station redevelopment project. (FIN) Acting City Manager/Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer.

Voting Nay: Assistant Mayor Roberts and Director Hart.

The motion carried 4-2 and the Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

8. Ordinance No. 16-2023 waived competitive bidding and authorizing the Acting City Manager to enter into agreements with Harris Systems USA, Inc., for software licenses, services, and support related to the CitySuite accounting and human resource management software, hosting, and additional years of conversion. (FIN) Acting City Manager/Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson

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 Hart.

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

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

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 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. (Hdbk. Const. Amend 7)

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

Mayor Brown asked if anyone would like to speak for or against the emergency clause.

No one came forward.

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

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY

Director Harris read the attached statement.

Director Hart wanted to remind the Board, just because the City had money budgeted did not mean they had to spend it. He said he wanted the City to be more responsible with the money it took in.

Assistant Mayor Roberts asked if the City purchased the Union Supply Company.

Mayor Brown said no.

Director Brewer thanked Ms. Nix for coming to the meeting tonight and encouraged more citizens to attend.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, May 1, 2023

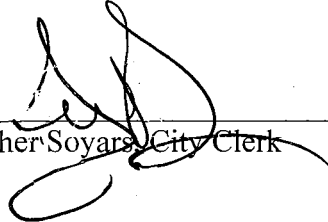
ADJOURN

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

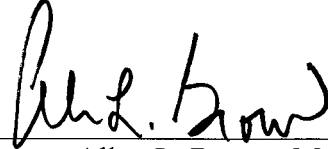
Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, and Director Hart.

The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM.

APPROVED this the 1st day of May 2023.



Heather Soyars, City Clerk



Allen L. Brown, Mayor

April 17, 2023
Tyler Richard, Public Work Director
Department Public Work
Texarkana, Arkansas 71854

Reference: Community Development Block Grant Public Comments Period?

In regards to my request today about when will the city will have CBDG hearing. It is also needed to be noted that it were done on March 20, at City Hall. My first response that there are two city community center that is currently open during the week, Sandflat Neighbor Center and Iron Mountain Neighbor Center and there is also Vera Bradfield Center.

Since there may be a thirty days comments period I am making the following comments.

1. Have the CDBG Public hearing in a place where you will at least guarantee some your attendees will be with someone the city is receiving the funds for. Low- to- Moderate Income (LMI) person.
2. Put 80% to 90% the money to use in the LMI neighbors.
3. The projects could be neighbors: repairing streets or roads, sidewalks, housing repaired, recreational needs, city park, city public building swimming pool, homebuyer down payment assistance.
4. Use more money in a area in order to show a impact.


Laney Harris City Director, Ward 2

CC: TyRhonda Henderson, Interim city manager