



**Rescheduled Regular Meeting of the
Board of Directors**
City of Texarkana, Arkansas
216 Walnut Street
Minutes - Wednesday, May 20, 2020 - 1:00 PM

**THIS WAS A VIRTUAL MEETING HOSTED BY ZOOM AND WAS
STREAMED 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.

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

Mayor Brown asked for a moment of silence to honor former Ward 4 Director Travis Odom, who recently passed away.

CONSENT

Director Harris requested the removal of the Consent Agenda Items below for discussion:

Item 2. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a design-build contract with Trull-Hollensworth Architects and Contech Contractors, Inc., for the design and renovation of the Texarkana Recreational Facility. (PWD)

Item 3. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement with Crossties of Texarkana, Inc., for use of the Caboose located on Wood Street. (ADMIN)

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

The motion carried unanimously, and Mayor Brown declared the Consent Agenda approved. The item approved was:

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting March 16, 2020. (CCD)

REGULAR

2. Resolution No. 2020-11 - authorized the City Manager to enter into a design-build contract with Trull-Hollensworth Architects and Contech Contractors, Inc., for the design and renovation of the Texarkana Recreational Facility. (PWD)

Director Harris stated he would vote 'present' on items concerning the old Boys and Girls Club because he was censured by the Board for hosting a meeting at that facility.

Motion to adopt the resolution made by Assistant Mayor Teeters, Seconded by Director Peavy.

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

Voting Present: Director Harris.

The Mayor declared the resolution adopted by a 6-1 vote.

3. Resolution No. 2020-12 - authorized the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement with Crossties of Texarkana, Inc., for use of the Caboose located on Wood Street. (ADMIN)

Director Harris asked if a notice were sent to the public about the possibility of leasing the Caboose. He said maybe someone else could lease the Caboose during the day and have Crossties use it at night.

City Manager Dr. Kenny Haskin said the Caboose had been sitting there for several years not being used and no one had asked to use it until now. He said there were several properties and parking lots the City leased, and they did not require a proposal.

Director Harris made a motion to approve Crossties' lease for use of the Caboose from 5:00 PM to 2:00 AM every day.

Mayor Brown declared the motion died for lack of a second.

Motion to adopt the resolution as submitted made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Director Teeters.

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

No response was given by Director Harris.

The Mayor declared the resolution adopted by a 6-1 vote.

4. Ordinance No. 3-2020 - expanded the powers of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas Public Facilities Board to secure and develop industry. (ADMIN)

City Manager Dr. Kenny Haskin said this was a modification to the current ordinance allowing the Public Facilities Board to engage in economic development activities.

Motion to read the ordinance the first time in abbreviated form made by Director Hollibush, 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 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 Hollibush, 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 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 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 ordinance was read the third time in abbreviated form.

Motion to adopt the ordinance made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Teeters.

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

The motion carried 7-0. 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.

Motion to approve the emergency clause made by Director Peavy, Seconded by Director Brewer.

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

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Director Harris suggested social distancing seating arrangements for the next in person Board meeting.

Mayor Brown said that was noted and asked City Manager Dr. Kenny Haskin if there were any updates from the Arkansas Municipal League regarding future in person meetings.

City Manager Dr. Kenny Haskin said they were still vetting the issue and looked for guidance from the governor and health inspectors. He said maybe within the next week and half we would know if the state would endorse in person meetings.

Mayor Brown said he was glad everyone was safe and appreciated everyone's support in complying with the governor's directives. He said hopefully after Memorial Day the City would have a projected date when we could move to Phase 2. Mayor Brown said the citizens and businesses needed to be applauded for abiding to the guidelines set forth by the state.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, June 1, 2020

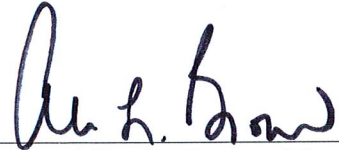
ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Director Peavy.

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 1:29 PM.

APPROVED this the 1st day of June, 2020.



Allen L. Brown, Mayor



Heather Soyars, City Clerk