



Rescheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas
216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Tuesday, September 06, 2022 - 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 Steven Hollibush, 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.

ABSENT: Ward 4 Director Ulysses Brewer and City Clerk Heather Soyars

Invocation given by Director Miner.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Interim Police Chief Bobby Jordan.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Lane Rogers, Chubby Cheeks Liquor, said he needed help with the homeless people behind the liquor store and Lane's Gifts. He said the hotel on the other side of Chubby Cheeks was a problem also due to the "women of the night". Mr. Rogers asked if the City could get the property owner on the other side of Lane's Gifts to mow the vacant lot.

Allen Rogers, Lane's Gifts, said the lot next to Lane's Gifts had grown up so much there were homeless people living there. He asked the City for help to get the homeless people away from his location and to mow the vacant lot.

PRESENTATION(S)

1. Presentation of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas Employee Service Awards. (ADMIN) City Manager E. Jay Ellington

Patrick Franks	TWU	5 Years
Kenneth Icenhower	TWU	5 Years
Dale Thornton	TAPD	5 Years

Director Miner left the Board Room at 6:12PM.

CONSENT

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

2. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting August 15, 2022. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
3. Resolution No. 2022-54 rescheduled Board of Directors meetings in 2023 that conflict with certain holidays. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
4. Resolution No. 2022-55 approved the reimbursement of \$29,210.30 to the Texarkana Regional Airport from American Rescue Act Funds. (FIN) Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson
5. Resolution No. 2022-56 allowed the Airport Authority to donate the Air Force RADOME to the Air Force Radar Museum. (Airport) Airport Director Paul Mehrlich
6. Resolution No. 2022-57 appointed PeTree Banks to the Texarkana, Arkansas Public Employee Retirement System (TAPERS). (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
7. Resolution No. 2022-58 authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract for the East 28th Street – County Avenue to Hickory Street Proposed 6” Water Main Project. (Ward 4) (TWU) Executive Director Gary Smith

Director Miner returned to the Board Room at 6:14PM.

REGULAR

8. Resolution No. 2022-59 accepted the year end 2021 Audit Report. (FIN) Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson

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

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 Miner, and Director Hart.

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

9. Ordinance No. 27-2022 rezoned a tract of land located at 3014 Linn Ferry Road from R-1 Rural residential to A-1 Mixed use rural zoning in order to build an event center with cabins on a 31-acre parcel that was also a residence. (Ward 1) (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 Director Roberts, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Hollibush.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Director Miner, 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 Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Seconded by Director Roberts.

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

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

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY

Director Hart said he wanted to make citizens aware of people walking and riding bicycles in the middle of the road on Realtor Road.

Director Harris said he would like to meet the final candidates for the new Police Chief before hiring. He asked if the City would be installing charging stations for electric cars and if so, maybe the City could partner with EZ-Mart to house the stations. Director Harris said he would like to hold off on any renaming of property until after the election. He asked if the Arkansas-side would be able to sale alcohol on Sunday.

Mayor Brown said there would be a workshop Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 5:00PM for the Texarkana Water Utilities and the Airport Budgets. He said there would be an executive session at the next meeting to discuss the City Manager.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager E. Jay Ellington gave the following report:

He stated there would be a presentation given by the Public Works Director Tyler Richards at the next meeting.

He said there was a redistricting workshop, and he would take any recommendation from the Board on which direction they would like to move forward.

He mentioned the National Night Out would be October 4, 2022.

He noted this fall the contracts with the refuse haulers would be brought before the Board.

He said the budget process had already begun.

He announced Kenny Icenhower was named the Assistant Director for Texarkana Water Utilities.

He also said to keep an eye on the City calendar, the Rec Center had several events going on.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, September 19, 2022

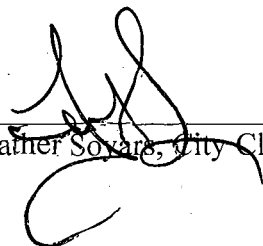
ADJOURN

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

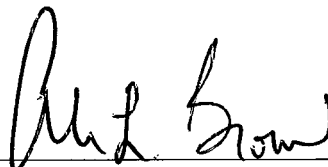
Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Director Miner, and Director Hart.

The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

APPROVED this the 19th day of September 2022.



Heather Soyars, City Clerk



Allen L. Brown, Mayor