



## Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

**Minutes - Monday, June 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 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, City Clerk Heather Soyars and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

Invocation given by Director Jeff Hart.

Pledge of Allegiance given by Animal Care and Adoption Center Director Lenor Teague.

### **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

- No one came forward.

### **PROCLAMATION(S)**

1. Proclamation presented to Mike Malone, President and CEO of the Texarkana Chamber of Commerce, upon his retirement. (Admin)

### **PRESENTATION(S)**

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

Eric Ethridge	ADMIN	15 Years
Wesley Adam Sheffield	FIRE	10 Years
Kenneth Marquess	TWU	10 Years
Thomas Neeley	TWU	10 Years
Jason Williams	TWU	10 Years

## **CONSENT**

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

3. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting May 16, 2022. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

## **REGULAR**

4. Consider the following action concerning six (6) substandard structures:

Conduct a Public Hearing to receive comments regarding certification of certain delinquent taxes.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing.

Public Works Director Tyler Richards gave a brief summary concerning the liens placed upon these properties: 204 Marguerite, 804-806 Ash, 1402 Betty, 701 Orleans, 1205 Prince, 902 Euclid.

Mayor Brown asked if anyone would like to speak concerning this item.

Director Harris asked if the only substandard structure demolished with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds were 902 Euclid Street.

Public Works Director Tyler Richards said he did not have that information at this time but would be glad to provide it to Director Harris.

No one else came forward.

Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing.

Resolution No. 2022-35 certified the amount to be put on the tax books as delinquent and collected accordingly. (PWD) Shawn Maxey Building Official

204 Marguerite, 804-806 Ash, 1402 Betty, 701 Orleans, 1205 Prince, 902 Euclid

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.

Director Brewer asked if the additional ten percent (10%) cost added to the lien processing were annually or monthly.

City Attorney George Matteson said it was a onetime fee.

No one else 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.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY**

- Director Roberts said he had communication issues with the Public Works Department regarding street repairs in his ward.
- Director Harris said a meeting was held at the Iron Mountain Center last week about filling in the swimming pool and he did not think it was a good idea. He wanted an update on the redistricting process.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager E. Jay Ellington gave the following report:

### **I. Year's Recap**

- He said during his first year there were seventy-five resolutions and thirty-nine ordinances approved.
- He mentioned there were several community projects he worked with.
- He also stated in his handout were the number of meetings he attended during the last twelve months.

### **II. Plan of Work**

- City Manager E. Jay Ellington gave out a draft of the intended work he planned to do and wanted the Board of Directors' input.

Director Brewer asked what the timeframe would be for returning the draft to him.

Mr. Ellington said he would like them back within a months' time.

Director Hart told City Manager E. Jay Ellington thank you for a job well done.

Assistant Mayor Hollibush asked if there were any updates from Data Scout on the redistricting.

City Manager E. Jay Ellington said it could be completed sometime in June.

Director Brewer asked who had the jurisdiction authorization for the redistricting of the wards.

City Manager E. Jay Ellington said it would fall underneath the Board of Directors, but he chose to receive outside help.

City Attorney George Matteson said the outside help was sought out, but the recommendations of DataScout would come back to the Board of Directors, and they would have the final approval.

Director Harris said the issue was between Ward 2 and Ward 3, and he thought there should be a meeting involving those directors on some decisions.

Director Roberts mentioned he thought Ward 2 was the only ward that had a change in the percentages and thought Ward 2 was the only ward needing to be changed.

City Attorney George Matteson said there was not a set percentage number for City Manager Form of Government.

Assistant Mayor Hollibush asked what it would take to have the redistricting completed before this election.

City Attorney George Matteson said it would not be completed by then.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

City Manager E. Jay Ellington asked for an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

The Board of Directors entered into Executive Session at 6:41 PM.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:03 PM.

No action was taken.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, June 21, 2022**

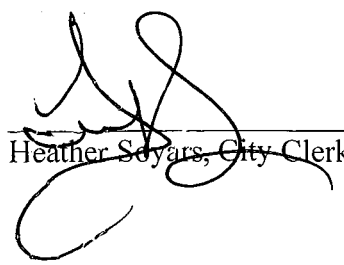
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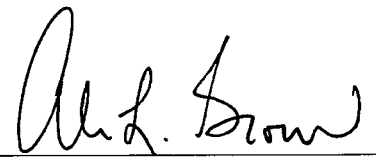
Motion to adjourn made by Director Hart, Seconded by Director Roberts.

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

The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.

**APPROVED** this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 2022.

  
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Heather Soyars, City Clerk

  
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Allen L. Brown, Mayor