



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Monday, November 07, 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, and Ward 5 Director Barbara Miner.

ALSO, PRESENT: City Manager E. Jay Ellington, City Attorney George Matteson, City Clerk Heather Soyars and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

ABSENT: Ward 6 Director Jeff Hart.

Invocation given by Assistant Mayor Hollibush.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Bi-State Justice Building Maintenance Manager Kristine Barron.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Director Miner said litter was bad in the community and urged citizens to help pick it up. She asked if the Texarkana Gazette would not fold the Sunday's paper like they did. Director Miner mentioned she served on the Board for eight years and these would be her final few Board meetings.

Director Harris read the proclamation from Governor Asa Hutchinson, declaring November 2022, as Business and Industry Appreciation Month in Arkansas.

PROCLAMATION(S)

1. Proclamation declaring November 26, 2022, as Small Business Saturday. (ADMIN)

PRESENTATION(S)

2. Presentation of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas Employee Service Awards. (ADMIN)

Thomas Durham	TWU	5 years
James Whisenhunt, III	TWU	10 years
Justicia Magsalay	TAPD	5 years
Landon Loe	TAPD	5 years
Thomas West	TAPD	15 years

Larry Cook	TAFD	15 years
Jason Carroll	TAFD	20 years
Michael McKee	TAFD	20 years
Brian Irvin	TAFD	20 years
Jim Wall	TAFD	20 years
Vincent Johnson	TAFD	30 years

3. Presentation by the Texarkana Regional Airport. (AIRPORT) Airport Director Paul Mehrlich

CONSENT

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

- 4. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting October 17, 2022. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
- 5. Resolution No. 2022-65 approved the reimbursement of \$38,100.00 to the Texarkana Regional Airport from American Rescue Act Funds. (FIN) Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson

REGULAR

6. ***THIS ITEM WAS TABLED ON THE PREVIOUS MEETING, OCTOBER 17, 2022***

Adopt a Resolution requesting the Miller County Quorum Court to increase the County Road levy to the maximum 3.0 mills. (ADMIN) City Manager E. Jay Ellington

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

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

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

- 7. Resolution No. 2022-66 authorized the City Manager to seek proposals for Amendment 78 financing for capital improvements for the Front Street Plaza project and to amend the FY2022 General Fund Budget to increase funding amount and associated allocation. (FIN) Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson

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

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

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

8. Resolution No. 2022-67 renewed the agreement with Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company for actuarial services for the Texarkana Arkansas Public Employee Retirement System (TAPERS). (FIN) Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson

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

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

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

9. Resolution No. 2022-68 authorized the City Manager to enter into an Industry Track Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad and an Agreement and Consent to Joint Use of Track with Cooper Tire. (ADMIN) City Manager Jay Ellington

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

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

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

10. Ordinance No. 31-2022 rezoned two tracts of land located in Ward 3 in the 5800 block of East 9th Street from R-1 Rural residential to A-1 Mixed use rural zoning in order to build garage/shop (Smith). (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 Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Seconded by Director Roberts.

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

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 Roberts.

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

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 Brewer, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Hollibush.

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

The motion carried 6-0 and the ordinance was read the third time in abbreviated form.

Motion to adopt the ordinance made by Assistant Mayor Hollibush, 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, and Director Miner.

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

11. Ordinance No. 32-2022 rezoned a quarter section of land located in Ward 3 in the 5100 block of Old Post Road from R-1 Rural residential to M-2 General manufacturing that would allow a one-year conditional use permit for batch concrete/asphalt mixing to occur up to 180 days of the permitted time in order to provide materials for renovations at the Texarkana Airport. (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 Brewer, and Director Miner.

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 Brewer, and Director Miner.

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 Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Seconded by Director Roberts.

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

The motion carried 6-0 and the ordinance was read the third time in abbreviated form.

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

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, and Director Miner.

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY

Director Roberts wanted to give a notice regarding the Christmas Parade to the shops downtown in case they wanted to stay open during that time for extra business.

Director Harris asked why it took so long to mow the grass he had requested several months ago. He said he noticed there were several electric lines being cut around town, but not in the area he wanted them to be cut. Director Harris said he requested a FOIA about concrete the other day and he wondered why his request for sidewalks on Pinchurst Street, had not been done. He asked that the City go to the Iron Mountain and Sandflat centers to get input on the Community Development

Block Grant Funding money. Director Harris asked what the City could do about starting a housing program for senior citizens.

Director Roberts said the SWEPCO representative told him that circuit 6570 was the 7th worst performing circuit they had, and it was due to overgrown trees and lines. He said there were over 350 citizens from Ward 1 on this circuit and he had been working with SWEPCO for over a year trying to fix the problem. Director Roberts said the last time the trees were trimmed was 26 years ago and SWEPCO was working on cutting the overgrown trees.

Assistant Mayor Hollibush said there was a new pavilion built at the Iron Mountain Center and this past Saturday, they held a ribbon cutting for it. He said he had worked with a group of people to bring back the Mardi Gras Parade and it was scheduled for February 18, 2023.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager E. Jay Ellington gave the following report:

- He said there would be service based contracts brought before the Board for REDI, Chamber of Commerce, MainStreet, Crossties, and 1894.
- He said Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson should have the budget workbooks out to each Board member by November 23, 2022. And he would like to schedule budget workshops for November 28 and 29, 2022.
- He said each Board member had received the LifeNet report from the new Chief Executive Officer Dave Snavley. And if the Board wanted him to come and give a presentation, he would set it up.
- The Christmas Parade would be December 5, 2022.
- He said on November 21, 2022, at 5:00PM there would be a Solid Waste Committee Meeting.
- He congratulated TyRhonda Henderson on her win with Arkansas Business.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, November 21, 2022

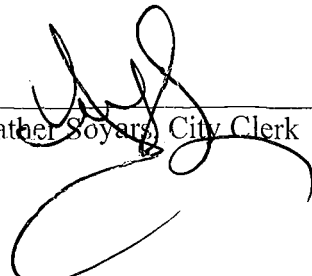
ADJOURN

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

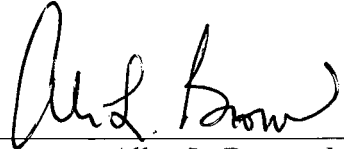
Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Director Brewer, and Director Miner.

The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

APPROVED this the 21st day of November 2022.



Heather Soyars, City Clerk



Allen L. Brown, Mayor