



Rescheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas
216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Tuesday, June 21, 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.

*Director Brewer arrived at 6:04 PM.

*Director Miner arrived at 6:25 PM.

Invocation given by Director Terry Roberts.

Pledge of Allegiance led by City Manager E. Jay Ellington.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

No one came forward.

PROCLAMATION(S)

1. Proclamation presented to David Baumgardner, President and CEO of LifeNet, Inc., upon his retirement. (Admin)

*Director Brewer arrived at 6:04 PM.

PRESENTATION(S)

2. Presentation by Texarkana Water Utilities (TWU) Executive Director Gary Smith and NewGen Strategies & Solutions regarding water and sewer rates. (TWU)

TWU Executive Director Gary Smith gave a brief presentation of proposed water and sewer improvements. He said the increase in rates would help provide funding for those projects.

NewGen Strategies & Solutions' Chief Financial Officer Chris Ekrut gave a presentation of the proposed implementation of 3-year rate water and sewer rate increases.

*Director Miner arrived at 6:25 PM.

CONSENT

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

3. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting June 6, 2022. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
4. Resolution No. 2022-36 authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with Rorie Stone Construction, LLC, for the Cook Road Water Line Extension Project. (TWU) Executive Director Gary Smith

REGULAR

5. Resolution No. 2022-37 authorized the Airport Authority to purchase 8 acres of land adjacent to the Texarkana Regional Airport. (Airport) Airport Director Paul Mehrlich

Airport Director Paul Mehrlich said the 8 acres of land located at 4200 East 19th Street would be used as the new taxiway for future aeronautic development. He said there would be no cost to the City for the purchase of the land. The funding would come from the CARES Funds and the sale of another property off Highway 67.

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

Mayor Brown asked if anyone would like to speak for or against this resolution.

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

No one came forward.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager E. Jay Ellington gave the following report:

- He was constructing a schedule for the hiring process of the new Police Chief.
- The workshop concerning health insurance premium increases had been moved to June 27, 2022, at 4:00 PM in the Administrative Conference Room.
- The Animal Care and Adoption Center would host a chip event and it would be free to the first 200 animals.
- He said he was trying to establish cooling stations in the community utilizing City facilities and nonprofit locations.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, July 5, 2022

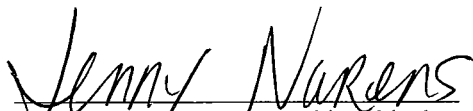
ADJOURN

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

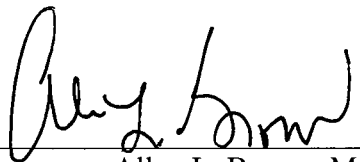
Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Hart.

The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.

APPROVED this the 5th day of July 2022.



Jenny Narens, Deputy City Clerk



Allen L. Brown, Mayor