



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Monday, March 18, 2024 - 6:00 PM

Mayor Allen Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Allen Brown, Ward 1 Director Terry Roberts, Ward 2 Director Laney Harris, Ward 3 Director Steven Hollibush, Ward 4 Director Ulysses Brewer, and Ward 5 Director Danny Jewell.

ALSO, PRESENT: City Manager Robert Thompson, City Attorney Joshua Potter, City Clerk Heather Soyars, and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

ABSENT: Assistant Mayor Ward 6 Jeff Hart.

Invocation given by Mayor Brown.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Public Works Director Tyler Richards.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Leedell Robertson, 2108 East 11th Street, had concerns about the noise coming from Tri-State Iron and Metal.

CONSENT

Director Roberts made the motion to adopt the Consent agenda, Seconded by Director Brewer. The motion carried and the following item was approved:

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting March 4, 2024. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
2. Resolution No. 2024-20 authorized the City Manager to Purchase a 2016 Ford F-550 Bucket Truck from Specialty Fleet Sales, LLC. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards

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3. Resolution No. 2024-21 authorized the City Manager to enter into a memorandum of understanding with Texas A&M University Texarkana to enhance workforce productivity and professional development. (ADMIN) City Manager Robert Thompson

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

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

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY

Director Brewer said he received a complaint from a citizen off Hickory Street, concerning a dog getting out of a fence and they were worried for the children in the neighborhood's safety.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Thompson said he attended the National League of Cities conference last week in Washington, D.C. along with Director Harris. He said it was a beneficial conference and he met several individuals from Arkansas.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Directors entered Executive Session at 6:16 PM to discuss an appointment to the City Beautiful Commission and the City Manager's six months evaluation.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at **9:59 PM {Approved as amended with the correct time}** 6:59 PM and the following action was taken.

4. Resolution No. 2024-22 appointed Rosland Blair-Lewis to the City Beautiful Commission. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

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

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

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

5. City Manager Robert Thompson's six (6) months evaluation. (BOD)

No action was taken.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, April 1, 2024

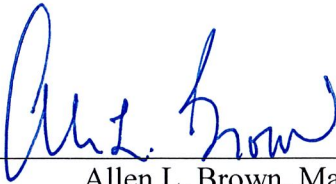
ADJOURN

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

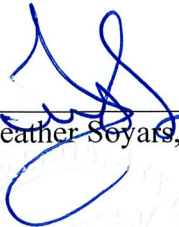
Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, and Director Jewell.

The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

APPROVED this the 1st day of April 2024.



Allen L. Brown, Mayor



Heather Soyars, City Clerk

