



## **Rescheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**

City of Texarkana, Arkansas  
216 Walnut Street

**Minutes - Tuesday, January 02, 2024 - 6:00 PM**

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

PRESENT: Mayor Allen Brown, Assistant Mayor Ward 1 Terry Roberts, Ward 2 Director Laney Harris, Ward 3 Director Steven Hollibush, Ward 4 Director Ulysses Brewer, Ward 5 Director Danny Jewell, and Ward 6 Director Jeff Hart.

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

Invocation given by Director Danny Jewell.

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

### **ASSISTANT MAYOR**

1. Resolution No. 2024-1 appointed Director Jeff Hart as Assistant Mayor for a term of 1 year. (BOD)

Motion to adopt the resolution made Director Roberts, Seconded by Director Brewer.

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

The motion carried 7-0 and the Mayor declared Director Hart as Assistant Mayor.

2. Oath of Office for Assistant Mayor Ward 6 Jeff Hart. (BOD)

Texarkana, Arkansas, District Judge Tommy Potter administered the Oath of Office to Assistant Mayor Hart.

### **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

No one came forward.

### **PRESENTATION(S)**

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

Lenor Teague	ACAC	5 Years
Jason Shores	Manager of Vehicle Maintenance- TAPD	5 Years
Kristen Beach	TAPD	5 Years
Alton Kirkland	TAPD	20 Years
Donald R. Crittenden	TWU	35 Years

**CONSENT**

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

4. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting December 18, 2023. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
5. Resolution No. 2024-2 approved the Rules of Order and Procedure per ACA 14-43-501, every 1st meeting in January. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
6. Resolution No. 2024-3 authorized and directed the City Manager to enter into a renewal agreement with the Texarkana Housing Authority for services of two (2) officers assigned from the Texarkana Arkansas Police Department for special patrols and enforcement operations on Housing Authority properties. (TAPD) Police Chief Michael Kramm
7. Resolution No. 2024-4 authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with KAJACS of Little Rock, Arkansas, for the Highway 71 Waterline Relocation Project. (TWU) Executive Director Gary Smith
8. Resolution No. 2024-5 authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with RBIS, LLC, for the 12” Sewer Main Rehab Project on East Broad Street and East 3rd Street. (TWU) Executive Director Gary Smith

**ACTION ITEMS**

9. Ordinance No. 1-2024 to rezone a tract of land located at 4001 Arkansas Boulevard, from C-2 Central Business and M-1 Limited Manufacturing to a Planned Unit Development in order to build a comprehensive multi-purpose campus for Harvest International Ministries. (Ward 3) (PWD-Planning) City Planner Jamie Finley

After a brief discussion, the motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its first reading in abbreviated form made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Hart.

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

The motion carried 7-0 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 Hollibush.

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

Voting Nay: Director Jewell.

The motion carried 6-1 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 Hart, Seconded by Director Brewer.

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

Voting Nay: Director Jewell.

The motion carried 6-1 and the ordinance was read the third time in abbreviated form.

Motion to adopt the ordinance made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Director Brewer.

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, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Jewell, and Assistant Mayor Hart.

The motion carried 7-0 and the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted.

#### **NON-ACTION ITEMS**

None

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY**

Director Harris asked City Planner Jamie Finley if she had heard from the Arkansas Municipal League regarding an appeal process for the citizens regarding Tri-State Iron and Metal.

City Planner Jamie Finley said she had not heard from them.

Mayor Brown said when the site plan was done in the beginning, notices were sent out to the citizens surrounding Tri-State Iron and Metal. If the citizens had a problem with the plan, they were supposed to voice that information before and while it was going through the Planning Commission.

Director Harris asked Police Chief Kramm if the police department had training on how to deal with a person with mental health issues.

Police Chief Kramm said unfortunately officers were trained at a basic level to deal with someone who had a mental health issue. He said there were very few places in town that help with a mental health condition. Police Chief said the police officers did the best they could with those types of calls to ensure no harm was done to themselves or anyone else.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, January 16, 2024**

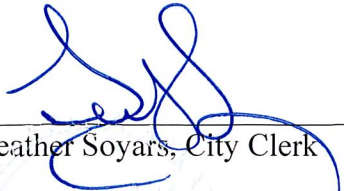
#### **ADJOURN**

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

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


The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:39 PM.

**APPROVED** this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024.



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Heather Soyars, City Clerk



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Allen L. Brown, Mayor

