



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Monday, January 04, 2021 - 6:00 PM

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

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance given by Mayor Allen Brown.

OATH OF OFFICE

Texarkana, Arkansas District Judge Wren Autrey administered the Oath of Office to Terry Roberts, Director Ward 1 - Laney Harris, Director Ward 2 - Jeff Hart, Director Ward 6.

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

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Dr. Kenny Haskin, City Attorney George Matteson, City Clerk Heather Soyars and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Directors entered into Executive Session at 6:06 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 6:31 PM.

1. Election of Assistant Mayor

Motion to nominate Director Hollibush as Assistant Mayor made by Director Roberts, Seconded by Director Hart.

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

The motion carried 7-0. Mayor Brown declared the nomination adopted.

Texarkana, Arkansas District Judge Wren Autrey gave the Oath of Office to Assistant Mayor Steven Hollibush.

2. Resolution No. 2021-1 made the following appointments to the Board of Directors' boards, commissions and committees: Advertising and Promotion Commission – Director Ulysses Brewer and Director Barbara Miner; Council of Governments Board – Director Jeff Hart; Economic Development Committee – Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, Director Roberts; Emergency Medical

Systems Committee – Director Brewer, Director Miner, Director Roberts; Employees Retirement System Committee – Mayor Brown and Director Harris; Intergovernmental Advisory Committee – Mayor Brown and Director Brewer; Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee – Assistant Mayor Hollibush and Director Miner; Public Utilities Committee – Director Brewer, Director Harris, Director Miner; Solid Waste Management Committee – Mayor Brown, Director Hart, Director Roberts; Texarkana Urban Transit District Board – Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Director Harris, Director Hart.

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, Director Miner, Director Hart.

The motion carried 7-0. Mayor Brown declared the resolution adopted.

CONSENT

Director Harris made the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, Seconded by Director Hart. The motion was carried, and the following items were approved:

3. Approval of the minutes of the regular rescheduled meeting December 21, 2020 and the called meeting December 29, 2020. (CCD)
4. Resolution No. 2021-2 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)
5. Resolution No. 2021-3 authorized the purchase of five (5) 2021 Ford Explorer (Hybrid Model) for use as patrol units. (TAPD)
6. Resolution No. 2021-4 designated the City's Franchise Fee Secured Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2021-A, as qualified tax-exempt bonds. (FIN)

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7. Ordinance No. 1-2021 authorized the purchase of five (5) WatchGuard Camera System VISTA HD Wi-Fi and 4RE System Bundle. (TAPD) Interim Chief Kristi Bennett and Captain James Atchley

Director Harris asked when the body cameras were turned on and off.

Captain James Atchley said when the police officer received a 911 call, the body camera would turn on.

Director Harris asked how long they kept the videos from the camera.

Captain James Atchley said if it were related to a case, it would be kept until the case was completed.

Director Brewer asked if the tactile operation center were able to monitor the officer turning the camera on and off.

Captain James Atchley said it would be after the fact, but they could see when the camera came on and turned off.

Motion to place the ordinance on its first reading in abbreviated form made by Director Harris, Seconded by Director Brewer

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

The motion carried 7-0. 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 Hart.

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

The motion carried 7-0. 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 Director Roberts.

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

The motion carried 7-0. The ordinance was read the third and final time in abbreviated form.

Motion to adopt the ordinance made by Director Miner, Seconded by Director Roberts.

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

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

An emergency clause is requested. An emergency clause requires a separate and distinct vote of the board and is valid only if there is a two-thirds vote of approval by the Board.

Motion to approve the emergency clause made by Director Roberts, Seconded by Director Hart.

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

The motion carried 7-0. The Mayor declared the emergency clause approved.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Carl Nelson, 609 Manor Way, spoke about the potholes in Lakewood Estates and the lights that were out on Interstate 30. He said when it rained Windstream 911 calls were placed and it ended

up being a 911-hangup nuisance call. He also spoke about the Interlocal council meeting coming up.

Mike Malone, President of the Texarkana Chamber of Commerce, introduced Robin Bass, a new member of their staff working in the Economic Development Department.

Robin Bass said she was looking forward to working with the City.

Director Miner said she got a call about the water in Forest Park area. She said a citizen got water in their house again.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, January 19, 2021

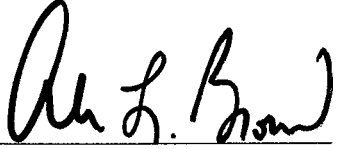
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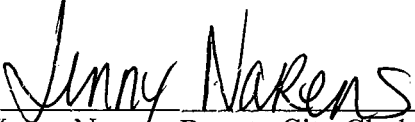
Motion to adjourn made by Director Hart, Seconded by Director Miner.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

APPROVAL of the minutes on this 19th day of January, 2021.


Allen L. Brown, Mayor


Jenny Narens, Deputy City Clerk