



Rescheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas
216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Tuesday, December 07, 2021 - 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.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance given by Reverend Terry Williams, guest of Director Laney Harris.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Mayor Brown said he was pleased with the turnout at the Live United Bowl, and he thanked the Public Works Department and the Police Department for their involvement with the event.

PRESENTATION(S)

1. Presentation of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas Employee Service Awards. (CCD)

Telvin Wilson TAPD 5 Years

CONSENT

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

2. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting November 15, 2021. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
3. Resolution No. 2021-60 authorized the City Manager to enter into a construction contract with R & W Electric for Interstate 30 median lights electrical replacement. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards
4. Resolution No. 2021-61 authorized the City Manager to purchase one (1) Freightliner Vac-Con Dual Engine Truck. (TWU) Interim Executive Director Gary Smith

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5. Resolution No. 2021-62 authorized the City Manager to amend the current residential Garbage and Trash Hauler contracts with Edmondson's Trash Service and Richardson Waste, Inc. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards

Director Harris said Western Waste, Inc., asked for the same increase in 2018, and it was denied.

Public Works Director Tyler Richards said this would be a \$2.00 increase starting in 2022. Future increases would depend upon the Consumer Price Index (CPI) beginning in 2023, with a 3% cap, for the remaining term of the hauler contracts.

Mayor Brown said the haulers' financials were presented to the Finance Department. He said those financials should have been disclosed to the Solid Waste Committee.

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

No one came forward.

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

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

Voting Nay: Director Harris.

The motion carried 6-1 and the Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

6. Ordinance No. 34-2021 accepted the annexation of certain territory to the City of Texarkana, Arkansas, approving the schedule of services to be extended to said area; assigning such to wards and zoning districts; and for other purposes. (Ward 1) (PWD-Planning) City Planner Mary Beck

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

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 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 Hart.

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 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 Hart.

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 ordinance was read the third and final time in abbreviated form.

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

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, Director Miner, and Director Hart.

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

7. Ordinance No. 35-2021 rezoned a tract of land located at 4400 Old Blackmon Ferry Road from R-1 Rural residential to A-1 Mixed use rural zoning in order to operate a rural business. (Ward 1) (PWD-Planning) City Planner Mary Beck

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

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 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 Hart.

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 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, and Director Hart.

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

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

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, Director Miner, and Director Hart.

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

8. Ordinance No. 36-2021 rezoned property located at 308 Senator Street from the current industrial zone of W-1 Wholesale and warehousing to R-4 Medium density residential in order to develop housing. (Ward 2) (PWD-Planning) City Planner Mary Beck

After a brief discussion motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its first 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, and Director 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 Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Seconded by Director Brewer.

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 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, and Director Hart.

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

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

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

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager E. Jay Ellington gave the following report:

- He thanked Mainstreet Texarkana for a successful Christmas Parade.
- He said Shop with a Cop was a success and an excellent experience.
- He said the elected officials were the hierarchy and should be on the dais, with the support staff in a separate area. A new cabinet/desk area was made for the support staff to match the existing dais.
- Leadership Texarkana Government Sessions would be on December 14, 2021.
- State of the City breakfast would be held January 26, 2022.
- Joint City Meeting would be February 1, 2022.
- He thanked the Board of Directors and staff for their support with the budget process.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY

Director Roberts said the Animal Care and Adoption Center would host a pet adoption event on December 18, 2021.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, December 20, 2021

ADJOURN

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

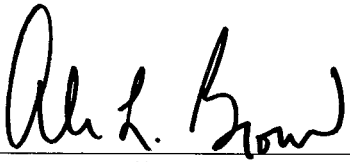
Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Hart.

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM.

APPROVED this the 20th day of December 2021.



Heather Soyars, City Clerk



Allen L. Brown, Mayor