



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

City of Texarkana, Arkansas  
216 Walnut Street

**Minutes - Tuesday, January 04, 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, and Ward 5 Director Barbara Miner.

ALSO, PRESENT: City Manager E. Jay Ellington, City Clerk Heather Soyars and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

ABSENT: Ward 6 Director Jeff Hart and City Attorney George Matteson.

[Harris arrived at 6:04 PM]

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance given by Mayor Brown.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

No one came forward.

**PRESENTATION(S)**

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

Douglas Pearson	TAPD	5 Years
Zachary Lee	TAPD	5 Years
David Easley	TAPD	20 Years

2. Celebrating 2021! The City's year in review video presentation. Media Manager Eric Ethridge

[Harris arrived at 6:04 PM]

**CONSENT**

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

3. Approval of the minutes of the rescheduled regular meeting December 20, 2021. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

## **REGULAR**

4. Resolution No. 2022-1 approving the FY2022 BiState Justice Fund Budget, the amendments to the FY2021 BiState Justice Fund Budget, an amendment to the FY2022 General Fund Budget, and increasing authorized personnel. (FIN) Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson

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

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

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

5. Ordinance No. 1-2022 to rezone property currently zoned RM manufactured housing subdivisions and R-1 Rural residential to A-1 Mixed use rural zoning. This property is located at 5628 Tennessee Road. (Ward 1) (PWD-Planning) City Planner Mary Beck

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

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

The motion carried 6-0 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 Roberts.

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

The motion carried 6-0 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 Assistant Mayor Hollibush.

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

The motion carried 6-0 and the ordinance was read the third time in abbreviated form.

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

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.

The motion carried 6-0 and 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 adopt the emergency clause made by Director Roberts, Seconded by Director Brewer.

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

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

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager E. Jay Ellington gave the following report:

- He wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- He made mention every Board member should have a 2022 City Calendar along with a 2022 Board Meeting Calendar.
- He said the City was moving forward with purchasing new equipment and projects.
- He said the Comprehensive Plan process had started and the Board would receive notices for upcoming meetings.
- The workshop regarding the Miller County Jail and Juvenile Detention Center would be rescheduled.
- The City & Town magazine had an article about the Texarkana Airport.
- He said every Board member was given a FY2022 Budget packet.
- The City was not working at 100% due to several people out with COVID-19.
- He wanted to point out the two joint meetings scheduled: State of the City Breakfast and the Joint City Meeting.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY**

No one came forward.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, January 18, 2022**

## **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.

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 PM.

**APPROVED** this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

  
Heather Soyars, City Clerk

  
Allen L. Brown, Mayor