



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

City of Texarkana, Arkansas
216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Tuesday, June 20, 2023 - 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 Danny Jewell, and Ward 6 Director Jeff Hart.

ALSO, PRESENT: Acting City Manager/Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson, City Attorney Joshua Potter, and City Clerk Heather Soyars.

ABSENT: Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

Invocation given by Director Ulysses Brewer.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Police Chief Michael Kramm.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

David Peavy, 105 Olive Street, voiced his concerns about flooding and the need for retaining ponds; trains and whistle noise and the need for quiet zones; reviewing the lien laws as they are applied by the City; and the need for a dog park downtown and he suggested the Pocket Park for this use.

Director Harris asked the City Attorney about the Rules of Order and Procedure Manual regarding board meeting presentations. The City Attorney stated that change in the Rules of Order was for time management and decorum for time management. Discussion followed concerning changes to the Rules of Order voiced by Directors regarding presentations and the ability to respond to citizen comments during Citizen Communication.

PRESENTATION(S)

1. Presentation of the January 2023 thru March 2023 Budget Variance Report. (FIN) Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson
2. Presentation of the Front Street Festival Plaza restrooms. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards

CONSENT

Director Harris asked to remove Item 5. Adopt a Resolution authorizing and directing the Acting City Manager to submit a transportation alternatives reimbursable grant application to the Arkansas Highway Transportation Department (AHTD) Arkansas Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for County Avenue Sidewalk Improvements. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards and Item 6. Adopt a Resolution authorizing and directing the Acting City Manager to submit a recreational trails reimbursable grant application to the Arkansas Highway Transportation Department (AHTD) Arkansas Recreational Trails Program (RTP) for a Walking Trail. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards

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

3. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting June 5, 2023, the special called meeting June 7, 2023, and the special called meeting June 13, 2023. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
4. Resolution No. 2023-54 authorized the Acting City Manager to enter into an agreement with Regions Bank to accept a revolving line of credit of \$300,000.00 associated with a Purchase Power Card. (FIN) Acting City Manager/Finance Director

REGULAR

5. Resolution No. 2023-55 authorized and directed the Acting City Manager to submit a transportation alternatives reimbursable grant application to the Arkansas Highway Transportation Department (AHTD) Arkansas Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for County Avenue Sidewalk Improvements. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards

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

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

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

6. Resolution No. 2023-56 authorized and directed the Acting City Manager to submit a recreational trails reimbursable grant application to the Arkansas Highway Transportation Department (AHTD) Arkansas Recreational Trails Program (RTP) for a Walking Trail. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards

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

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

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY

Director Roberts asked if it was possible to reschedule the July 3rd board meeting due to the July 4th holiday. City Attorney Josh Potter said in his opinion, the meeting does not fall on the July 4th holiday and the meeting could not be rescheduled.

Director Jewell said he was absent from the last meeting and he wanted the towing ordinance to be read the second and third time at subsequent meetings for the public to be aware of this ordinance. He also was concerned with the cost of towing fees. A discussion followed with other Directors voicing their opinions of the towing ordinance.

Director Hollibush announced the Texarkana Regional Airport would present the Airport Master Plan to the community on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, 5:30 – 6:30 PM at the Texarkana Texas Convention Center.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, July 3, 2023

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Directors entered Executive Session at 6:52 PM to discuss the open city manager position.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:06 PM and no action was taken.

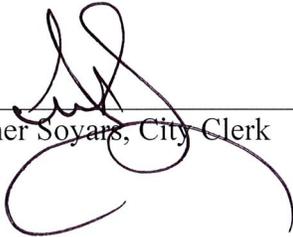
ADJOURN

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

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

The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM.

APPROVED this the 3rd day of July 2023.



Heather Soyars, City Clerk



Allen L. Brown, Mayor