



Rescheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas
216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Monday, January 29, 2024 - 6:00 PM

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

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 Danny Jewell, and Assistant Mayor 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.

[Director Jewell arrived at 6:01 PM.]

Invocation given by Assistant Mayor Jeff Hart.

Pledge of Allegiance led by City Clerk Heather Soyars.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

No one came forward.

CONSENT

Director Harris requested Item 2. Adopt a Resolution declaring Public Works equipment surplus and authorizing disposal in accordance with Arkansas Law. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards, be removed from the Consent agenda.

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

1. Approval of the minutes of the rescheduled regular meeting January 2, 2024. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

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2. Resolution No. 2024-6 declared Public Works equipment surplus and authorized disposal in accordance with Arkansas Law. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards

After a brief discussion, the motion to adopt the resolution 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 Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

3. Joint Resolution No. 2024-7 of the Board of Directors of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas, and the City Council of the City of Texarkana, Texas, supporting the Texarkana Metropolitan Planning Organization 2024 RAISE Grant application for the State Line corridor improvements. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards

After a brief discussion, the motion to adopt the resolution made by Director Roberts, 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 Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

4. **TABLED** - Ordinance amending the *City of Texarkana, Arkansas, Code of Ordinances Sec. 28-70*. – The storage and parking of trailers and commercial vehicles, and *Sec. 28-142*. – Definitions, to include recreational vehicles and define the same. (BOD) Director Danny Jewell

After a brief discussion, the motion to table the ordinance 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 Mayor declared the ordinance tabled.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY

Director Harris asked the status of the firework ordinance that was tabled.

Director Roberts thanked the Public Works Department and the 1st Responders for their work during the ice storm.

Director Brewer said there would be a Twin City Black History Parade downtown this weekend.

Assistant Mayor Hart wanted to congratulate Director Roberts on the award he received at the Martin Luther King Galla.

Director Hollibush said the Mardi Gras Parade would take place downtown on February 10, 2024.

Director Harris asked if the caboose next to Crossties would transfer to the new owners or would the public be able to rent it.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Robert Thompson said the City was aware of the potholes that came from the recent bad weather. He wanted to let the citizens know the asphalt company was closed until mid-February.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, February 5, 2024

ADJOURN

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

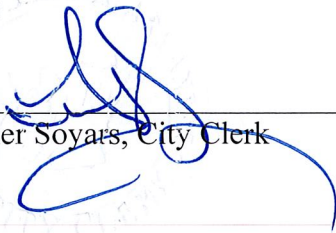
Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Jewell, and Assistant Mayor Hart.

The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM.

APPROVED this the 5th day of February 2024.



Allen L. Brown, Mayor



Heather Soyars, City Clerk