



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Monday, July 03, 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 5 Director Danny Jewell and Ward 6 Director Jeff Hart.

ALSO PRESENT: Acting City Manager/Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson, City Attorney Joshua Potter, and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

ABSENT: Ward 4 Director Ulysses Brewer and City Clerk Heather Soyars.

Invocation given by Director Danny Jewel.

Pledge of Allegiance led by City Planner Mary Beck.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Director Harris continued with his presentation regarding the streets in Ward 2.

PROCLAMATION(S)

1. Proclamation celebrating July as Parks & Recreation Month presented to Parks & Recreation Director Adam Dalby

PRESENTATION(S)

2. Presentation of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas Employee Service Awards. (ADMIN)

Kimberly Stone	District Court - Probation	5 Years
Adam Dalby	Parks & Rec	5 Years
John McCoy	Parks & Rec	5 Years
Jordan Qualls	Parks & Rec	5 Years
Roger Douglas	PWD	5 Years
Bennie C. Muldrew	PWD – Streets	15 Years
Kyle Caudle	TAPD	10 Years
Jeremy Hendrix	TAPD	10 Years
Michael W. Hurst	TWU	5 Years
Amy C. Uselton	TWU	5 Years

Corey L. Atkinson	TWU	15 Years
Barbara M. Baker	TWU	20 Years
Lionel L. Stuckey	TWU	30 Years
Mary Beck – Retirement	PWD-Planning	22 Years

CONSENT

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

- 3. Approval of the minutes of the rescheduled regular meeting June 20, 2023. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
- 4. Resolution No. 2023-57 authorized the Acting City Manager to enter into a contract for the purchase of chemicals for water and wastewater treatment. (TWU) Executive Director Gary Smith

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- 5. Resolution No. 2023-58 conditionally authorized the City of Texarkana, Arkansas Public Facilities Board to proceed with the issuance of approximately \$22,000,000 of Waterworks Facilities Revenue Bonds. (TWU) Executive Director Gary Smith

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

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

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

- 6. Resolution No. 2023-59 amended the Rules of Order and Procedure Manual for the Board of Directors of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas. (BOD)

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

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

Voting Nay: Mayor Brown

The motion carried 5-1 and the Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

- 7. Ordinance No. 21-2023 authorized the Acting City Manager to enter into an agreement for the purchase of thirty-seven (37) Watchguard Body Cameras and related software, hardware, licenses, and warranties. (TAPD) Captain James Atchley

After a brief discussion, Director Jewell wanted to have two separate votes, one for reading in abbreviated form and the another to read the ordinance.

Motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance in abbreviated form made by Director Hart, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Roberts.

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

The motion carried 6-0 and the ordinance would be read in abbreviated form.

Motion to place the ordinance on its first reading made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Roberts.

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

Voting Nay: Director Jewell

The motion carried 5-1 and the ordinance was read on its first reading.

Motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance in abbreviated form made by Assistant Mayor Roberts, Seconded by Director Hart.

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

Voting Nay: Director Jewell

The motion carried 5-1 and the ordinance would be read in abbreviated form.

Motion to place the ordinance on its second reading made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Director Hart.

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

Voting Nay: Director Jewell

The motion carried 5-1 and the ordinance was read on its second reading.

Motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance in abbreviated form made by Director Hart, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Roberts.

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

The motion carried 6-0 and the ordinance would be read in abbreviated form.

Motion to place the ordinance on its third and final reading made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Roberts.

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

Voting Nay: Director Jewell

The motion carried 5-1 and the ordinance was read on its third and final reading.

Motion to adopt the ordinance made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Roberts.
Mayor Brown asked if anyone would like to speak for or against this ordinance.

No one came forward.

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

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

The applicant requests an emergency clause. 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. (Hdbk. Const. Amend 7)

Motion to enact the emergency clause made by Director Hart, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Roberts.

Mayor Brown asked if anyone would like to speak for or against the emergency clause.

No one came forward.

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

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

8. Ordinance No. 22-2023 to rezone a parcel of land located on the Northeast corner of Grand Avenue and 37th Street from R-3 Low-density residential to R-4 Medium-density residential. (WARD 4) (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 Hart, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Roberts.

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

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 Hollibush, Seconded by Director Hart.

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

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 Assistant Mayor Roberts, Seconded by Director Hart.

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

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

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

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

No one came forward.

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

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

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Motion to enact the emergency clause made by Director Hart, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Roberts.

Mayor Brown asked if anyone would like to speak for or against the emergency clause.

No one came forward.

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

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

9. **TABLED** - Adopt an Ordinance to approve the City of Texarkana, Arkansas, Comprehensive Plan. (PWD-Planning) City Planner Mary Beck

After a brief discussion, the motion to table the ordinance made by Director Harris, Seconded by Director Hart.

Voting Yea: Director Harris.

Voting No: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Roberts, Director Hollibush, Director Jewell, and Director Hart.

The motion failed to table the ordinance 1-5.

Juliet Richey with Garver gave a brief PowerPoint presentation.

Motion to table the ordinance made by Director Hart, Seconded by Director Hollisbush.

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

Voting Present: Director Harris.

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No one came forward.

NEXT MEETING DATE: July 17, 2023

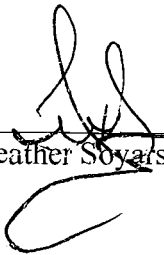
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Motion to adjourn made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Director Hart.

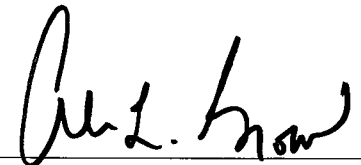
Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Jewell, and Director Hart.

The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

APPROVED this the 17th day of July 2023.



Heather Soyars, City Clerk



Allen L. Brown, Mayor