



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Monday, July 17, 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, and Ward 5 Danny Jewell.

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

ABSENT: Ward 6 Director Jeff Hart

Invocation given by Mayor Allen Brown.

Pledge of Allegiance led by IT Director Brandon Uselton.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

David Peavy, 105 Olive Street, wanted to say the City staff did a great job to help in his issues he was having with downtown.

Teresa Cox, 1910 Bramble Street, spoke about the potholes around her street.

Ruby Nelson, #11 N. Valley Drive, spoke about how bad the road conditions were in the entire City and something needed to change.

CONSENT

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

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting July 3, 2023. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

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2. Consider the following action concerning the 2023 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program:

Conduct a Public Hearing to allow citizen input regarding the use of Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program monies for the Texarkana, Arkansas Police Department.

Police Chief Michael Kramm gave a brief presentation.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing.

Director Harris said he would like signs downtown stating citizens were under 24-hour surveillance.

Director Hollibush asked if the grant would cover the cost in full for the cameras.

Police Chief Michael Kramm said yes.

Director Hollibush asked if funds became available from this grant, could the funds be used on anything else.

Finance Director/Acting City Manager TyRhonda Henderson said for this grant you would normally use the money on what you were applying for.

No one else came forward.

Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing.

Resolution No. 2023-60 granted permission to submit the 2023 application and further authorized the Acting City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Interlocal Agreement with Miller County, regarding the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG-yearly grant). (TAPD) Captain James Atchley

Motion to adopt the resolution made by Director Brewer, Seconded by Director Hollibush.

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

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

3. Ordinance No. 23-2023 approved an agreement with Miller County for the housing of municipal prisoners. (TAPD) Assistant Chief Bobby Jordan

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

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

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 Harris, Seconded by Director Jewell.

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

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 Director Hollibush.

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

Voting Nay: Director Jewell.

The motion carried 5-1 and the ordinance was read the third time in abbreviated form.

Motion to adopt the ordinance made by Director Harris, 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, and Director Brewer.

Voting Nay: Director Jewell.

The motion carried 5-1 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 Assistant Mayor Roberts, Seconded by Director Brewer.

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, and Director Brewer.

Voting Nay: Director Jewell.

The motion carried 5-1 and the Mayor declared the emergency clause enacted.

4. Ordinance No. 24-2023 approved the City of Texarkana, Arkansas, Comprehensive Plan. [TABLED July 3, 2023] (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 Hollibush, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Roberts.

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

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

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

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

The motion carried 6-0 and the ordinance would be read for the second time.

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

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 Director Brewer.

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

The motion carried 6-0 and the ordinance would be read for the third and final time.

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

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

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

Motion to adopt the ordinance made by Director Brewer, 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, and Director Brewer.

Voting Nay: Director Jewell.

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

5. Ordinance No. 25-2023 granted a Limited Franchise to Bird Rides, Inc. (Admin) Acting City Manager/Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson

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

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

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

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

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

Voting Nay: Director Jewell.

The motion carried 5-1 and the ordinance would be read for the second time.

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

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

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 Director Brewer.

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

Voting Nay: Director Jewell.

The motion carried 5-1 and the ordinance would be read for the third and final time.

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

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

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

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, and Director Brewer.

Voting Nay: Director Jewell.

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

6. Ordinance No. 26-2023 to amend the Personnel Policy. (FIN) Acting City Manager/Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson

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

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

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

The motion carried 6-0 and the ordinance would be read on its first reading.

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

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

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

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

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

Voting Nay: Director Jewell.

The motion carried 5-1 and the ordinance would be read for the second time.

Motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance in abbreviated form made by Director Brewer, Seconded by Director Hollibush.

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

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 Brewer.

Voting Nay: Director Jewell.

The motion carried 5-1 and the ordinance would be read for the third and final time.

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

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

Voting Nay: Director Harris.

The motion failed and the ordinance was read in its entirety.

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 Hollibush, and Director Brewer.

Voting Nay: Director Harris and Director Jewell.

The motion carried 4-2 and the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY

Assistant Mayor Roberts spoke about the road conditions and how the Public Works Department was working as fast as they could to fix them, and the City hired an outside contractor to just fill potholes.

Director Harris spoke about the 2013 Street Bond and said most of the money was for Crossroads Parkway and not city streets.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Directors entered Executive Session at 7:22 PM.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:32 PM.

- 7. Resolution No. 2023-61 made appointments to the Public Facilities Board. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Term</u>
Mary Beck - reappointment	7/17/2023----2024
Eric Ethridge - reappointment	7/17/2023----2025
TyRhonda Henderson - appointment	7/17/2023----2026
Tyler Richards - reappointment	7/17/2023----2027
Jamie Finley - reappointment	7/17/2023----2028

The motion to adopt the resolution made by Director Brewer, Seconded by Director Hollibush.

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

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

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, August 7, 2023

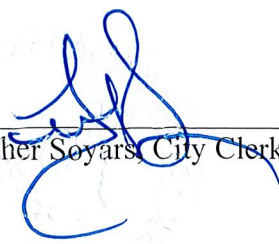
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Motion to adjourn made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Director Brewer.

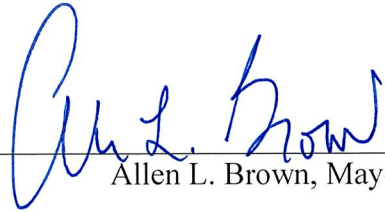
Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, and Director Jewell.

The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

APPROVED this the 7th day of August 2023.



 Heather Soyars, City Clerk



 Allen L. Brown, Mayor