



**Rescheduled Regular Meeting of the
Board of Directors**
City of Texarkana, Arkansas
216 Walnut Street
Minutes - Tuesday, July 05, 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, Ward 4 Director Ulysses Brewer, Ward 5 Director Barbara Miner and Ward 6 Director Jeff Hart.

ALSO, PRESENT: City Manager E. Jay Ellington, City Attorney George Matteson, and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

ABSENT: Assistant Mayor Ward 3 Steven Hollibush and City Clerk Heather Soyars

Invocation given by guest of Director Harris, Apostle Marven Warren with New Direction Kingdom Ministries International.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Bernice Dinkins, 204 Eastside Drive, wanted to know when the City would mow the empty lots around her house and she wanted an update on Nix Creek.

PROCLAMATION(S)

1. Proclamation declaring the Month of July 2022, as Parks & Recreation Month. (ADMIN)

PRESENTATION(S)

2. Presentation of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas Employee Service Awards. (ADMIN)
City Manager E. Jay Ellington

Dorian Cox, Jr.

TWU

5 Years

CONSENT

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

3. Approval of the minutes of the rescheduled regular meeting June 21, 2022. (CCD)
City Clerk Heather Soyars
4. Resolution No. 2022-38 designated and authorized the Mayor and City Manager to execute certain documents in connection with funding administered by the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission for proposed water and sewer projects. (TWU)
Executive Director Gary Smith

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5. Resolution No. 2022-39 amended the FY 2022 Budget to include the increase to the Municipal Health Benefit Fund Premium. (FIN) Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson

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

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

No one came forward.

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

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

6. ***FIRST READING*** Adopt an Ordinance granting a Limited Franchise to Bird Rides, Inc., for the non-exclusive right and privilege to operate a Stand-up Electric Scooter Sharing Program. (ADMIN) City Manager E. Jay Ellington

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 Director Roberts.

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

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

7. Adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 26, Article II, Sections 26-28 and 26-29, of the *City of Texarkana, Arkansas, Code of Ordinances* to provide for revisions to water and sewer rates. (TWU) Executive Director Gary Smith

After a brief discussion, the motion to place the ordinance on its first reading made by Director Hart.

The motion failed for lack of Second.

8. Ordinance No. 20-2022 rezoned a tract of land located in Ward 1 at 4026 Genoa Road from R-1 Rural residential to A-1 Mixed use rural zoning in order to build a shop in a side yard of the primary structure (Doss). (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 Harris, Seconded by Director Roberts.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Director Brewer, Director Miner, 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 Harris, Seconded by Director Roberts.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Director Brewer, Director Miner, 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 Director Harris, Seconded by Director Roberts.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Director Brewer, Director Miner, 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 Roberts, Seconded by Director Harris

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, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Hart.

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 enact the emergency clause made by Director Roberts, Seconded by Director Harris.

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

No one came forward.

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

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY

No one came forward.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager E. Jay Ellington gave the following report:

- He said the planning process for the April 28, 2024, eclipse had started.
- He said there were 27 demolition permits issued in the community.
- The Front Street Plaza and Stage Cover bids would be submitted by July 12, 2022.
- He said the Right-of-Way Maintenance bid would also be submitted by July 12, 2022.
- He said he would work with each Board member regarding the plan of work.
- The City would receive a street sweeper by October.
- He said contracts for the private partners involved with the Plaza Development had begun.
- He said he would take any direction on how to proceed with the water and sewer rates ordinance.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, July 18, 2022

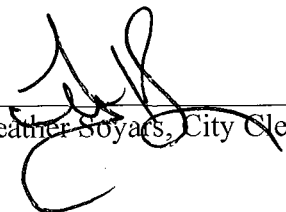
ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Director Roberts, Seconded by Director Harris.

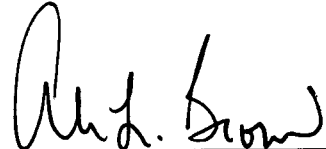
Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Hart.

The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

APPROVED this the 18th day of July 2022.



Heather Soyars, City Clerk



Allen L. Brown, Mayor