



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

City of Texarkana, Arkansas
216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Tuesday, September 08, 2020 - 1:00 PM

**THIS WAS A VIRTUAL MEETING HOSTED BY ZOOM AND WAS
STREAMED LIVE ON THE CITY'S YOUTUBE PAGE.**

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Mayor Allen Brown called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Allen Brown, Assistant Mayor Ward 1 Linda Teeters, Ward 2 Director Laney J. Harris, Ward 3 Director Steven Hollibush, Ward 4 Director Ulysses Brewer, Ward 5 Director Barbara S. Miner, and Ward 6 Director Terri Peavy.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Kenny Haskin, City Attorney George Matteson, and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

ABSENT: City Clerk Heather Soyars

CONSENT

Director Harris requested item 2 Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a construction contract with Tatum Excavating Company, Inc., (TEC) for Texarkana Trail Connections be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Director Hollibush made the motion to adopt the Consent agenda, Seconded by Director Miner. The motion carried unanimously.

The items approved were:

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular rescheduled meeting August 17, 2020. (CCD)
3. Resolution No. 2020-29 - authorized the City Manager to purchase vehicle exhaust removal systems for five fire stations from Air Cleaning Technologies. (TAFD)
4. Resolution No. 2020-30 - authorized the City Manager to purchase a Brush Fire Truck for the Texarkana Fire Department. (TAFD)

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2. Resolution No. 2020-31 – authorized the City Manager to enter into a construction contract with Tatum Excavating Company, Inc., (TEC) for Texarkana Trail Connections. (PWD)

Director Harris said there was nothing mentioned of connecting the trail around Preston Street. He also said the grass along the walking trail around the creek was over-grown.

Public Works Director Tyler Richards said Preston Street was included in this project. He said he would look at the grass along the walking trail and would speak with Sports Manager Adam Dalby about mowing.

Director Harris made the motion to adopt the resolution, Seconded by Director Hollibush. Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, Director Peavy.

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

5. Ordinance No. 9-2020 - levying the 2020 tax rate. (FIN) (TABLED 08/17/2020)
Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson

Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson said each year, the City was required to establish the property tax levy for that year which was then applied by the County to property tax bills in the next year. The proposed 2020 tax levy was the same as in prior years—5 mils for general fund operations, 1 mil for the fire pension fund, 1 mil for the police pension fund, 1 mil for the library fund, and 2.5 mils for general obligation bond debt service payments. Passage of this ordinance would not increase property tax rates for any City resident.

Motion to read the ordinance the first time in abbreviated form made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Director Brewer.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, Director Peavy.

The motion carried 7-0. 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 Brewer.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, Director Peavy.

The motion carried 7-0. 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 Hollibush, Seconded by Director Brewer.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, Director Peavy.

The motion carried 7-0. The ordinance was read the third time in abbreviated form.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, Director Peavy.

The motion carried 7-0. The Mayor declared the ordinance adopted.

6. Ordinance No. 10-2020 - granted the request for prerequisite municipal approval of a private club application by Ashley Nicole Wright, as applicant of behalf of El Frio Express, Inc. (CCD) Attorney Josh Potter

Motion to read the ordinance the first time in abbreviated form made by Director Harris, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Teeters.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, Director Peavy.

The motion carried 7-0. 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 Hollibush.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, Director Peavy.

The motion carried 7-0. 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 Assistant Mayor Teeters.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, Director Peavy.

The motion carried 7-0. The ordinance was read the third time in abbreviated form.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, Director Peavy.

The motion carried 7-0. The Mayor declared the ordinance adopted.

7. Ordinance No. 11-2020 - granted the request for prerequisite municipal approval of a private club application by Marisol Roxanna Eaton, as applicant of behalf of Texarkana Hideout, Inc. (CCD) Attorney Jake Potter

Motion to read the ordinance the first time in abbreviated form made by Assistant Mayor Teeters, Seconded by Director Miner.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, Director Peavy.

The motion carried 7-0. 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 Brewer.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, Director Peavy.

The motion carried 7-0. 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 Hollibush, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Teeters.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, Director Peavy.

Voting Nay: Assistant Mayor Teeters. No response was heard from her even though she was visible on screen.

The motion carried 6-1. The ordinance was read the third time in abbreviated form.

Motion to adopt the ordinance made by Director Peavy, Seconded by Director Brewer.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, Director Peavy.

The motion carried 7-0. The Mayor declared the ordinance adopted.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

John and Julie-Ray Harrison, Partnership for the Pathway Board Members, thanked the Board for helping with the trail system improvement project.

Director Harris spoke for Tony McGlothlin, a Ward 2 resident who was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. McGlothlin wanted to petition to have a mobile home put back on his property at 25 Cleveland Street. Director Harris said the Code had changed and Mr. McGlothlin had to put a modular home instead of a mobile home on his property.

Tobitha Williams, 2803 East 11th Street, was concerned about the large potholes in the street and it was not safe to drive over them.

Robert Martin, 3 White Willow Place, wanted to discuss a plan of action to address Nix Creek water drainage and flooding around 3423 Cherry Street.

Director Miner said Mr. Martin had contacted her and wanted all of Nix Creek ditches cleaned and had issues with the flooding.

Director Peavy asked for an update on the building being torn down in the downtown area.

Public Works Director Tyler Richards said he was fighting with the insurance company and if things did not work out with them, he would file with the contractor's bond.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, September 21, 2020

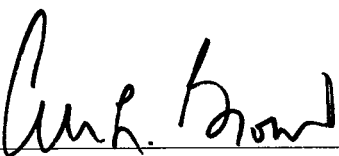
ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Assistant Mayor Teeters, Seconded by Director Hollibush.

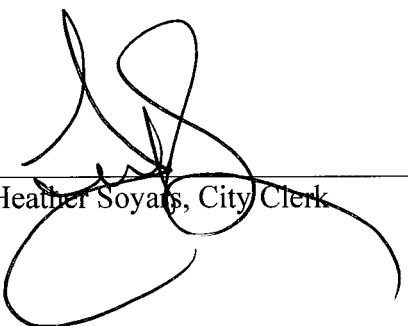
Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, Director Peavy.

The motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 1:42 PM.

APPROVED this the 21st day of September, 2020.



Allen L. Brown, Mayor



Heather Soyars, City Clerk