



Rescheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas
216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Tuesday, September 05, 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 Jewel, and Ward 6 Director Jeff Hart.

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 4 Director Ulysses Brewer.

Invocation given by Director Hollibush.

Pledge of Allegiance led by City Clerk Heather Soyars.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Directors entered Executive Session at 6:01 PM.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 6:05 PM, and the following action was taken:

Assistant Mayor Roberts made a motion to extend an offer for the City Manager position to Robert Thompson, Seconded by Director Hart.

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

The motion carried 6-0 and the Mayor declared the motion passed.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Sherry Hurley, 1709 Pearl Street, spoke about the streets being blocked around the biker club on 9th Street. She also spoke about houses on Pearl Street that should be condemned.

Mary McQueen, 708 Pinehurst Street, said someone came out and mowed the lot on Pinehurst Street, but they did not finish it. She also spoke about the biker club having an event and blocking off streets and the music.

Laney Harris, 2005 Stephanine Street, spoke about Pinehurst Street being blocked for the event at the biker club.

David Peavy, 105 Olive Street, spoke about the restaurant permit ordinance that was tabled at a previous meeting.

Pete Cheatham asked if the City would research the houses that were relocated back in the 1970s around Nix Creek and he asked if the Board of Directors had a Code of Ethics in place.

PRESENTATION(S)

1. Lifesaving award presented to Devin Bruce. (BOD)
2. Presentation of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas Employee Service Awards. (ADMIN)

Robert Oakes

PWD

5 Years

CONSENT

Assistant Mayor Roberts asked to remove Item 5. Adopt a Resolution to abolish Resolution No. 6254, regarding the Board of Directors travel allowances. (FIN) Acting City Manager/Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson

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 special called meeting August 21, 2023, and the regular meeting August 21, 2023. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
4. Resolution No. 2023-77 approved the reimbursement of \$205,221.85 to the Texarkana Regional Airport from American Rescue Act Funds. (FIN) Acting City Manager/Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson
6. Resolution No. 2023-78 authorized the Acting City Manager to enter into a construction contract with Francis Excavating, LLC., for the County Avenue Rehabilitation Project. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards
7. Resolution No. 2023-79 authorized the Acting City Manager to extend the existing Refuse Collection Contracts with Richardson Waste II, Inc., and Edmondson's Trash Service for the City of Texarkana, Arkansas. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards

REGULAR

5. **FAILED:** Adopt a Resolution to abolish Resolution No. 6254, regarding the Board of Directors travel allowances. (FIN) Acting City Manager/Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson

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

Voting Yea: Director Harris and Director Jewell.

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

The motion failed 2-4 and the Mayor the resolution failed.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY

Director Harris asked if sidewalks could be installed in his ward and about the cutting of the grass.

Director Hart asked if everyone would go to the Miller County Facebook page and share the information regarding the missing man named Swayer Siau.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, September 18, 2023

ADJOURN

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

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

The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.

APPROVED this the 18th day of September 2023.



Heather Soyars, City Clerk



Terry Roberts, Assistant Mayor