

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas 216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Monday, October 04, 2021 - 6:00 PM

Assistant Mayor Hollibush called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PRESENT: Assistant Mayor Ward 3 Steven Hollibush, 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, City Clerk Heather Soyars and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

ABSENT: Mayor Allen Brown.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance given by Director Brewer.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Director Harris read a statement regarding the August 14, 2021, Neighborhood Cleanup, (see attached).

PROCLAMATION(S)

1. Assistant Mayor Hollibush read a Proclamation declaring October 2021, as United Way Month. (Admin)

PRESENTATION(S)

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

John Pinkham	TWU	40 Years
Tracie Lee	Public Works	15 Years
Jacob Montoya	TAPD	5 Years
Marcos Luna	TAPD	5 Years

3. Video presentation by the City Beautiful Commission of the Citywide Cleanup Day, Saturday, October 23, 2021. (CBC)

CONSENT

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

- 4. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting September 20, 2021. (CCD)
- 5. Resolution No. 2021-46 approved the purchase a 2022 Ford Transit Crime Scene van. (TAPD) Capt. Bobby Jordan

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY

None.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager E. Jay Ellington gave the following report:

- The BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY was part of the agenda where the Directors could speak 3-5 minutes about matters in their ward and the City.
- He and the Finance Director were working on the final budget schedule.
- National Night Out would be Tuesday, October 5, 2021.
- The community had many Fall events scheduled.
- He was working on the pilot for infill housing projects.
- The Rec Center was 98% completed. The dedication would be later this fall. Refuse Operator John McCoy would be the manager at the Rec Center.
- The Animal Care and Adoption Center had a new director and new employees had been hired. The City of Texarkana, Texas, still helped when needed.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, October 18, 2021

ADJOURN

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 PM.

APPROVED this the 18th day of October 2021.

Allen L. Brown, Mayor

Heather Soyars, City Clerk