



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Monday, April 18, 2022 - 6:00 PM

Mayor Allen Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Brown, Ward 1 Director Terry Roberts, Ward 2 Director Laney Harris, Ward 3 Assistant Mayor Steven Hollibush, Ward 4 Director Ulysses Brewer, and Ward 5 Director Barbara Miner.

ALSO, PRESENT: City Manager E. Jay Ellington, City Clerk Heather Soyars and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

ABSENT: Ward 6 Director Jeff Hart and City Attorney George Matteson.

Invocation given by Mayor Allen Brown.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Police Chief Kristi Bennett.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Director Harris said the White House had a program called Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) to help low-income households receive discounts on internet service and laptops. He also stated the Economic Development Administration (EDA) Build to Scale Program released \$45 million worth of grant funding. The two funding streams were the "Venture Challenge" and the "Capital Challenge."

PRESENTATION(S)

1. Texarkana Arkansas Police Department 2022 Strategic Plan Presentation. (TAPD) Chief Kristi Bennett

CONSENT

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

2. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting April 4, 2022. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
3. Resolution No. 2022-29 authorized the City Manager to purchase a Control System from Montgomery Technology Inc., for the Bi-State Justice Building Jail. (Bi-State) Building Maintenance Manager Kristine Barron

REGULAR

4. Resolution No. 2022-30 accepted the 2021 audit engagement letter prepared by the accounting firm BKD, LLP. (FIN) Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson

Motion to adopt the resolution made by Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Seconded by Director Miner.

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

No one came forward.

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

Voting Nay: Director Harris

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

5. Resolution No. 2022-31 granted permission to the City Manager to submit the applications of four lots of land to the Commissioner of State Lands Urban Homestead Act 1009 of 1993. (Admin) City Manager E. Jay Ellington

Motion to adopt the resolution made by Director Roberts, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Hollibush.

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, Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Director Brewer, and Director Miner.

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

6. Ordinance No. 15-2022 authorized a Temporary Fuel Surcharge be added to the Texarkana Water Utilities bill for Waste Haulers. (PWD)

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

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

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 Brewer, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Hollibush.

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

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 Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Seconded by Director Roberts.

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

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

Motion to adopt the ordinance made by Director Miner, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Hollibush.

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, Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Director Brewer, and Director Miner.

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 Brewer.

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, Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Director Brewer, and Director Miner.

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 attended an ARDOT meeting today, and they discussed overlays being put on Highway 71, Highway 237, Sugarhill Road and Highway 108.
- The City had a great turnout for the REDI event with the governor.
- He would be in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, Thursday, and Friday for the Arkansas City Manager meeting.
- There would be an A&P meeting April 27, 2022, at 4:30 PM.
- Food Truck Festival located at Bobby Ferguson Park would be held on April 30, 2022.
- Twin City Black History Association Parade would be downtown on April 30, 2022.
- Twin City Meat Up would be April 22, 2022.
- Dance fitness would be every Tuesday night at the Rec Center.
- He said the Comprehensive Plan meeting would be open to the public on April 28, 2022, from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM located in the Rec Center.
- Animal Care and Adoption Center (ACAC) had an advisory board made up of eight people. Mr. Ellington said they reduced the fees for rescue agents from \$40.00 to \$10.00 per animal.
- The City received the ARDOT permit for the I-30 lights.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Directors entered Executive Session at 6:53 PM.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:02 PM and the following action was taken:

7. Resolution No. 2022-32 made appointments to the Board of Adjustment and the Historic District Commission. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

| <u>Board/Commission:</u> | <u>Appointee:</u> | <u>Term:</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Board of Adjustment | Ray Cox Reappointment | 2/17/2022---2025 |
| Board of Adjustment | Ricky Pondexter Reappointment | 2/17/2022---2025 |
| Historic Dist. Commission | David Ellison Appointment | For the unexpired term of Doris Davis 1/17/2020---2023 |
| Historic Dist. Commission | Natasha Crabbe Reappointment | 1/17/2022---2025 |
| Historic Dist. Commission | David Jones Reappointment | 1/17/2022---2025 |

Motion to adopt the resolution made by Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Seconded by Director Roberts. 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, Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Director Brewer, and Director Miner.

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

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, May 2, 2022

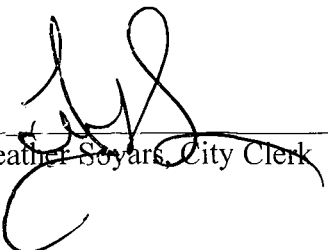
ADJOURN

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

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

The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.

APPROVED this the 2nd day of May 2022.


Heather Soyars, City Clerk


Allen L. Brown, Mayor