



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Monday, September 18, 2023 - 6:00 PM

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

PRESENT: Assistant Mayor Ward 1 Terry Roberts, Ward 2 Director Laney Harris, Ward 3 Director Steven Hollibush, Ward 4 Director Ulysses Brewer, Ward 5 Danny Jewell, and Ward 6 Director Jeff Hart.

ALSO, PRESENT: City Manager Robert Thompson, City Attorney Joshua Potter, City Clerk Heather Soyars, and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

ABSENT: Mayor Allen Brown.

Invocation given by Director Ulysses Brewer.

Pledge of Allegiance led by District Court Karen Reed.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Mary McQueen, 708 Pinehurst Street, asked if the Public Works Department would come back and finish cutting down the overgrown lot next door to her.

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

Laney Harris, 2005 Stephanie Street, asked if the City could change the process of a planned unit development zoning request.

PRESENTATION(S)

1. John Wilkerson, General Counsel for Arkansas Municipal League presented Senator Jimmy Hickey, Jr., and Representative Carol Dalby with the Distinguished Legislative Award.
2. Proclamation presented to IT Director Brandon Uselton for IT Professionals Day, September 20, 2023.
3. Proclamation presented to Personnel Administrator Rachel Hopkins for Personnel/Human Resources Day, September 26, 2023.
4. Presentation given by CEO, Dave Snavelly regarding LifeNet. (ADMIN) Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson

Director Hollibush left the Board room at 6:25 PM and returned at 6:27 PM.

CONSENT

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

5. Approval of the minutes of the special called meeting September 5, 2023, and the regular meeting September 5, 2023. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
6. Resolution No. 2023-80 authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with Light Direction and Ranging (LiDAR) remote sensing technology from Pictometry International Corp. dba EagleView. (TWU) Executive Director Gary Smith
7. Resolution No. 2023-81 authorized the City Manager to enter into an interlocal agreement with Texarkana Water Utilities and Miller County, approving a contract with Pictometry International Corp. dba EagleView Technologies to provide digital aerial photography. (TWU) Executive Director Gary Smith

REGULAR

8. Resolution No. 2023-82 accepted the contract for Robert Thompson as the new City Manager. (FIN) Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson

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

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

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

9. Resolution No. 2023-83 approved the Texarkana Water Utilities (TWU) FY2023-2024 Budget. (TWU) Executive Director Gary Smith and Finance Director Tricia Briggs

After a brief discussion, the motion to adopt the resolution made by Director Hart, Seconded by Director Brewer.

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

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

10. Resolution No. 2023-84 accepted the year end 2022 Audit Report. (FIN) Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson

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

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

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY

Director Hart asked for help from the citizens in locating Sawyer Siau who went missing. He said if there was any information regarding him, please contact the Miller County Sheriff's office to help this family find closure. Director Hart asked the local businesses to please post a flyer about the missing man in their windows.

Director Hollibush announced this year's National Night Out would be October 2, 2023, and it would be sponsored by Sparklight.

Director Brewer wanted to let the citizens know to have full access to the Rec Center, they could fill out an application and purchase a membership.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Directors stated they did not need to go into executive session to discuss this item.

11. Resolution No. 2023-85 appointed Chead Blue and Jamie Finley to the City Beautiful Commission. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

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

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

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

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, October 2, 2023

ADJOURN

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

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

The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

APPROVED this the 2nd day of October 2023.



Heather Soyars, City Clerk



Terry Roberts, Assistant Mayor