



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Monday, April 03, 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 4 Director Ulysses Brewer, Ward 5 Director Danny Jewell, and Ward 6 Director Jeff Hart.

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

Invocation given by Director Danny Jewell.

Pledge of Allegiance given by Bi-State Justice Building Manager Kristine Barron.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

No one came forward.

PRESENTATION(S)

1. Presentation of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas Employee Service Awards. (ADMIN)

Amie Moulton	TWU	5 Years
Gary Howard	TWU	5 Years
Darrell Banks	TWU	5 Years
Kyle Sharp	TWU	10 Years
Richard Walker	TWU	25 Years
Christopher Gore	TAFD	5 Years
Ruston Ueckert	TAFD	20 Years
Charles Smith	TAFD	25 Years
Claudia Phelps	TAPD	20 Years
Steven Mitchell	TAPD	20 Years
Les Munn	TAPD	20 Years
David Cornelius	PWD	30 Years

2. Proclamation presented to Central Records and Communications (CRC) Commander Wendy Herring for Dispatcher's Appreciation Week.

REGULAR I

3. Resolution No. 2023-23 allowed the Board of Directors to consider interim candidates either employed or not employed by the City of Texarkana, Arkansas, as Acting City Manager. (BOD)

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

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION I

The Board of Directors entered Executive Session I at 6:19 PM.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 6:24 PM, and the following action was taken:

4. Adopt a Resolution appointing an Acting City Manager. (BOD)

Motion to appoint TyRhonda Henderson as Acting City Manager made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Director Brewer.

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

The motion carried 7-0 and the Mayor declared TyRhonda Henderson as Acting City Manager.

***Prepared resolution was not read into the record. ***

CONSENT

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

5. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting March 20, 2023. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

REGULAR II

6. Resolution No. 2023-24 expressed the willingness of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas to utilize state aid street monies for the Euclid Street overlay project. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards

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

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

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

7. Resolution No. 2023-25 accepted the 2022 audit engagement letter prepared by the accounting firm FORVIS, LLP. (FIN) Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson

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

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

Voting Nay: Director Harris

The motion carried 6-1 and the Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

8. Resolution No. 2023-26 authorized the Acting City Manager to enter into a contract with Contech Contractors Inc., for the rehabilitation of Building #3. (ACAC) Animal Care and Adoption Center Director Lenor Teague

After a brief discussion, the motion to adopt the resolution 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 7-0 and the Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

9. Ordinance No. 13-2023 renamed a section of Preston Street east of Interstate 49, to Magee Drive. (Ward 3) (PWD-Planning) City Planner Mary Beck

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

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

The motion carried 7-0 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 Harris, 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 7-0 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 Director Brewer, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Roberts.

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

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

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

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

No one came forward.

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

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

10. Ordinance No. 14-2023 rezoned a tract of land located at 5301 Sanderson Lane in Ward 6 from C-3 Open-display commercial zoning to R-4 Medium density residential in order to build a single-family dwelling (Beed). (PWD-Planning) City Planner Mary Beck

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

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

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

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

Voting Nay: Director Jewell.

The motion carried 6-1 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 Roberts, Seconded by Director Hollibush.

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

Voting Nay: Director Jewell.

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

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

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

No one came forward.

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

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

11. Ordinance No. 15-2023 granted the request for prerequisite municipal approval of a private club application for 2415 Arkansas Boulevard, Pelican Fish and Seafood, Inc. (McVay) (CCD)

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

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

The motion carried 7-0 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 Hart, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Roberts.

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

The motion carried 7-0 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 Director Brewer, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Roberts.

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

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

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

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

No one came forward.

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

The motion carried 7-0 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. (Hdbk. Const. Amend 7)

Motion to enact the emergency clause made by Director Hart, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Roberts.

Mayor Brown asked if anyone would like to speak for or against the emergency clause.

No one came forward.

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

The motion carried 7-0 and the Mayor declared the emergency clause enacted.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY

Director Harris asked how the new grant writer was progressing because there were several grants from the State. He said he met with some officials last week regarding installation of a flashing lights on several streets around the train tracks. Director Harris said there would be another housing grant available in the future for senior citizens.

Assistant Mayor Roberts said in the next 30 days there would be a new Mexican restaurant opening on East Street.

Director Brewer said congress had provided access to federal funds for the City to use. He said the Railway Safety Act would be coming up and to contact your local representatives.

EXECUTIVE SESSION II

The Board of Directors entered Executive Session II at 7:09 PM.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:36 PM, and the following action was taken:

12. Resolution No. 2023-27 reappointed Glen Greenwell and Matt Keil to the Civil Service Commission for the term April 2023 through 2029. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

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

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

Voting Nay: Director Harris,

The motion carried 6-1 and the Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, April 17, 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 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

APPROVED this the 17th day of April 2023.



Heather Soyars, City Clerk



Allen L. Brown, Mayor