



## **Rescheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

**Minutes - Tuesday, February 16, 2021 - 4:00 PM**

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Mayor Allen Brown called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Allen Brown, Ward 1 Director Terri Roberts, Ward 2 Director Laney Harris, Assistant Mayor Ward 3 Steven Hollibush, Ward 4 Director Ulysses Brewer, and Ward 6 Director Jeff Hart.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Kenny Haskin, City Attorney George Matteson, City Clerk Heather Soyars and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

ABSENT: Ward 5 Director Barbara Miner.

### **PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Brown read a proclamation for Ava Simpson Day for Ms. Simpson's spirit of good citizenship and commitment to improvements in Ward 6.

1. Proclamation declaring Tuesday, February 16, 2021, as "Ava Simpson Day". (This agenda item sponsored by Director Jeff Hart) (CCD)

### **CONSENT**

Director Harris asked to remove item 4. Adopt a Resolution to award an engineering contract to A.L. Franks Engineering for the Nix Creek Drainage Study. (PWD), from the Consent agenda for discussion.

Director Roberts made a motion to approve the Consent agenda, Seconded by Director Hart.

Mayor Brown declared the motion carried unanimously.

The items approved were:

2. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting February 1, 2021. (CCD)
3. Resolution No. 2021-10 authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract for the Millwood Water Treatment Plant Transfer Switch Project. (TWU)

5. Resolution No. 2021-11 awarded an engineering contract to A.L. Franks Engineering for the design of Sanderson Lane, Tennessee Road and E. 46th Street Road Improvements. (PWD)

## **REGULAR**

4. Resolution No. 2021-12 awarded an engineering contract to A.L. Franks Engineering for the Nix Creek Drainage Study. (PWD)

Director Harris said he would like the Nix Creek Study to be complete and unbiased.

Mayor Brown said the study would be transparent for all to review and discuss. He said the funds budgeted would go to the highest priority and highly effected areas.

Director Harris said a study could say anything you wanted it to say and he did not want it to leave out the most minority areas. He wanted a fair process to be done and poor engineering was done in his ward in the past.

Director Roberts asked how long the study would take to complete.

Public Works Director Tyler Richards said three months. He also said the first areas of Nix Creek to be addressed were in Wards 2 and 3.

Assistant Mayor Hollibush asked if the tributaries were included in the study.

Public Works Director Tyler Richards said no, and he would be looking at the tributaries himself and Public Works would try to fix the trouble areas of the tributaries.

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

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

Mayor Brown declared the resolution adopted by a 6-0 vote.

6. Resolution No. 2021-13 amended the budget to allocate funding for Interstate-30 lights from the General Fund Reserve Balance. (PWD)

Public Works Director Tyler Richards said the I-30 lights had been non-functioning in some areas for over a year or more and after numerous failed attempts to repair the lights the City would replace approximately 10,000 feet of pipe and wire run feeding median pole lights and tie new conduit and wiring into existing conduit bored under I-30.

Mayor Brown asked who was the original contractor for the lights.

Public Works Director Tyler Richards said Artex Electric was the original contractor and they did everything correctly. He said he would design the new plans himself to save City funds, but the project would be contracted.

Mayor Brown asked if LED lights were to be used.

Public Works Director Tyler Richards said the project may cost \$120,000 including contingencies. LED lights would cost about \$30,000.

Director Hart said he had received a lot of communication from Ward 6 and he wanted the project done right the first time.

Mayor Brown asked Public Works Director Tyler Richards to bring the project back to the Board if more funds were needed for LED lights.

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

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

Mayor Brown declared the resolution adopted by a 6-0 vote.

7. Ordinance No. 6-2021 amended and restated Sec. 9.7 of the *City of Texarkana, Arkansas, Code of Ordinances* concerning the sale and discharge of fireworks and for other purposes. (BOD) (This item was added to the agenda at the request of Director Terry Roberts)

Mayor Brown asked City Attorney George Matteson the procedure for this ordinance.

City Attorney George Matteson said due to the amendments, this ordinance was different and needed to be read three times so there would be no question of proper readings to make it defensible.

Assistant Mayor Hollibush made the motion to have the ordinance read the first time in abbreviated form, Seconded by Director Brewer

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

Mayor Brown declared the motion carried by a 6-0 vote and the ordinance was read the first time in abbreviated form.

Director Harris made the motion to have the ordinance read the second time in abbreviated form, Seconded by Director Roberts

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

Mayor Brown declared the motion carried by a 6-0 vote and the ordinance was read the second time in abbreviated form.

Director Harris made the motion to have the ordinance read the third time in abbreviated form, Seconded by Director Roberts.

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

Mayor Brown declared the motion carried by a 6-0 vote and the ordinance was read the third time in abbreviated form.

Director Roberts made the motion to adopt the ordinance, Seconded by Director Hart.

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

Mayor Brown declared the ordinance adopted by a 6-0 vote.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

No one came forward.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, March 1, 2021**

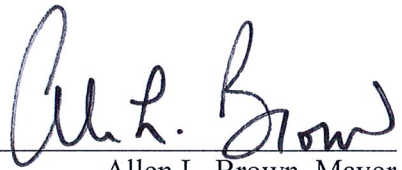
**ADJOURN**

Director Hart made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Director Roberts.

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

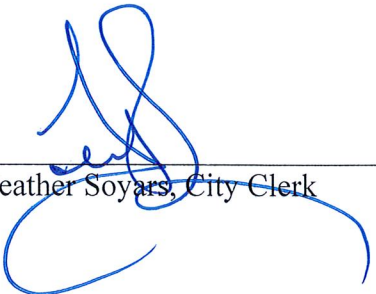
Mayor Brown declared the motion carried by a 6-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.

**APPROVED** this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2021.



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Allen L. Brown, Mayor



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Heather Soyars, City Clerk