



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

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

**Minutes - Monday, August 17, 2020 - 1:00 PM**

**THIS WAS A VIRTUAL MEETING HOSTED BY ZOOM AND WAS  
STREAMED LIVE ON THE CITY'S YOUTUBE PAGE.**

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Mayor Allen Brown called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Allen Brown, Ward 2 Director Laney J. Harris, Ward 5 Director Barbara S. Miner, and Ward 6 Director Terri Peavy.

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

ABSENT: \*Assistant Mayor Ward 1 Linda Teeters, Ward 3 Director Steven Hollibush, Ward 4 Director Ulysses Brewer and City Manager Kenny Haskin.

\*Assistant Mayor Ward 1 Linda Teeters attempted to join the meeting during the discussion of Item 6. Adopt an Ordinance levying the 2020 tax rate.

### **CONSENT**

Director Harris requested the removal of Item 4. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase a TM 300-40 DHE Pothole Patcher for the Public Works Department Streets Division, from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Director Harris made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Director Peavy.

The motion carried unanimously.

The items approved were:

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular rescheduled meeting August 3, 2020. (CCD)
2. Resolution No. 2020-25 - authorized the City Manager to enter into a construction contract with Tatum Excavating Company, Inc., (TEC) for East 18th Street, East 50th Street and Sanderson Lane Rehabilitation. (PWD)
3. Resolution No. 2020-26 - authorized the City Manager to purchase a Kubota Tractor for the Public Works Department Streets Division. (PWD)

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4. Resolution No. 2020-27 - authorized the City Manager to purchase a TM 300-40 DHE Pothole Patcher for the Public Works Department Streets Division. (PWD)

Director Harris said he was excited about the equipment being purchased and it would help the road crew throughout the whole City.

Director Peavy made the motion to adopt the resolution, Seconded by Director Harris.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Harris, Director Miner and Director Peavy.

The motion carried 4-0. The Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

5. Consider the following action concerning the 2020 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program:  
Conduct a Public Hearing to allow citizen input regarding the use of Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program monies for the Texarkana, Arkansas Police Department.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing.

Lieutenant Nick Elrod said the Police Department received money through the DOJ Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Program each year and request permission to submit the joint 2020 application and enter into an Inter-local Agreement with Miller County concerning the division of funds in the amount of \$15,251.00. Miller County would receive \$5,083.00 and the Police Department would receive \$10,168.00.

Director Peavy asked how the grant money would be spent.

Lieutenant Nick Elrod said the money would be used towards the purchase of two Watchguard Video Systems.

No one else came forward and Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing.

Resolution No. 2020-28 - granted permission to submit the 2020 application and further authorized the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Interlocal Agreement with Miller County, regarding the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG-yearly grant).

Director Peavy made the motion to adopt the resolution, Seconded by Director Miner.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Harris, Director Miner and Director Peavy.

The motion carried 4-0. The Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

6. Adopt an Ordinance levying the 2020 tax rate. (FIN) Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson  
\*Assistant Mayor Ward 1 Linda Teeters attempted to join the meeting during the discussion of Item 6. Adopt an Ordinance levying the 2020 tax rate.

Director Harris made the motion to table this item until the next meeting. Seconded by Director Peavy.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Harris, Director Miner and Director Peavy.

The motion carried 4-0. The Mayor declared the agenda item tabled until the next meeting.

### **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Director Harris wanted to follow up and see when the problem on 811 Ash Street would be looked at. He said Jones Creek and Nix Creek had flooded due to the all the rain and wanted to know if the City could get the Army Corps of Engineers to come and look at the problem.

Mayor Brown said the flooding had to do with the record amount of rainfall the City had. He said we all should work with the Public Works Department to help prevent it in the future.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, September 8, 2020**

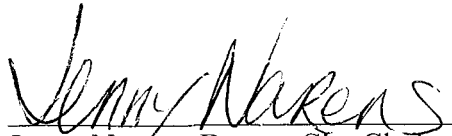
### **ADJOURN**

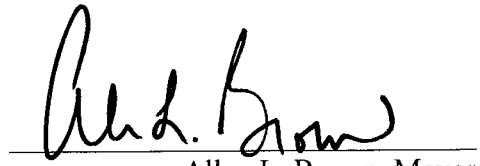
Motion to adjourn made by Director Harris, Seconded by Director Miner.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Harris, Director Miner and Director Peavy.

The motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM

**APPROVED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

  
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Jenny Narens, Deputy City Clerk

  
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Allen L. Brown, Mayor