



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
City of Texarkana, Arkansas
216 Walnut Street
Minutes - Monday, November 21, 2022 - 6:00 PM

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

PRESENT: Mayor Allen Brown, Ward 1 Director Terry Roberts, Ward 2 Director Laney Harris, Ward 4 Director Ulysses Brewer, Ward 5 Director Barbara Miner, and Ward 6 Director Jeff Hart.

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

ABSENT: Assistant Mayor Ward 3 Steven Hollibush.

Invocation given by Mayor Brown.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Central Records and Communications Commander Doug Avery.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Camile Moseley, 4835 Old Clay Pit Road, said she was concerned about the flooding around her home and would like something done to prevent it. She also said there had been dumping in her neighborhood, and it needed to be cleaned up.

CONSENT

Director Hart made the motion to adopt the Consent agenda, Seconded by Director Roberts. The motion carried and the following item was approved:

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting November 7, 2022. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

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2. Resolution No. 2022-69 authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with Stan Excavating Company for the demolition of the Regency House located at 110 E. Broad Street in Ward 2. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards

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

Voting Yea: Director Harris, Director Brewer, Director Miner and Director Hart.

Voting Nay: Mayor Brown and Director Roberts.

The motion carried 4-2 and the Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

3. Resolution No. 2022-70 authorized the transfer of existing bonds from Cooper Tire & Rubber Company to Good Year Tire & Rubber Company. (ADMIN) 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, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Director Brewer, Director Miner and Director Hart.

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

4. Ordinance No. 33-2022 authorized the City Manager to enter into a service agreement with the Texarkana Chamber of Commerce for support services to include advertising and development of a mobile tour application. (ADMIN) City Manager Jay Ellington

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

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

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 Director Hart.

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

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 Director Brewer, Seconded by Director Hart.

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

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

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

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, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Hart.

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 Hart, Seconded by Director Roberts.

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, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Hart.

The motion carried 6-0 and the Mayor declared the emergency clause enacted.

5. Ordinance No. 34-2022 authorized the City Manager to enter into a service agreement with Main Street Texarkana for support services to include the 2022 Christmas Parade, Broad Street lighting upgrades and landscape enhancements. (ADMIN) City Manager Jay Ellington

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

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

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 Roberts, Seconded by Director Hart.

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

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 Director Hart, Seconded by Director Roberts.

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

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

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

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, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Hart.

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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, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Hart.

The motion carried 6-0 and the Mayor declared the emergency clause enacted.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY

Director Harris said he spoke with a representative at SWEPCO, and they would be cutting tree limbs off power lines through the end of January. He also asked why the grass he called about this summer near the creeks and right-of-way, had not been mowed.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager E. Jay Ellington asked Central Records and Communications Commander Doug Avery to speak before the Board.

Central Records and Communications Commander Doug Avery said after 34 years of service, it was time for him to go home to spend time with his family. He thanked the City for allowing him to serve the citizens of the community and if anyone were to need him, please call.

The City Manager gave the following report:

He thanked the Solid Waste Committee for meeting today to discuss the hauler contacts.

He said he hoped to present a performance-based contract with AR-TX REDI to the Board by the end of the year. The two operational contracts with Crossties and 1894, would hopefully be presented to the Board next year.

The budget workshop would be November 29, 2022, at 4:00 PM.

He said he would be out of the office December 1, 2022 – December 10, 2022.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, December 6, 2022

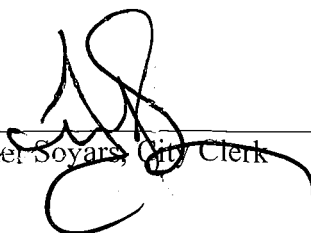
ADJOURN

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

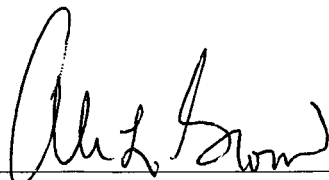
Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Director Brewer, Director Miner and Director Hart.

The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

APPROVED this the 6th day of December 2022.



Heather Soyars, City Clerk



Allen L. Brown, Mayor