



Rescheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas
216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Tuesday, January 17, 2023 - 6:00 PM

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

PRESENT: Mayor Allen Brown, Assistant Mayor Ward 1 Director 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 Manager Jay Ellington, City Attorney George Matteson, City Clerk Heather Soyars and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

Invocation given by Assistant Mayor Terry Roberts.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chief David Fletcher.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Mayor Brown stated George Matteson was resigning as City Attorney at the end of this month and he wished him well.

City Attorney George Matteson said he had enjoyed working with the City.

No one else came forward.

CONSENT

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

1. Approval of the minutes of the rescheduled regular meeting January 3, 2023. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
2. Resolution No. 2023-3 authorized and directed the City Manager to enter into a renewal agreement with the Texarkana Housing Authority for services of two (2) officers assigned from the Texarkana Arkansas Police Department for special patrols and enforcement operations on Housing Authority properties. (TAPD) Chief Kramm
3. Resolution No. 2023-4 amended the FY2023 General Fund Budget to include the reallocation of FY2022 General Fund Budget for Road Projects. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards

REGULAR

4. Ordinance No. 2-2023 to prescribe a method to rotate the position of Assistant Mayor among the members of the Board of Directors and change to a one-year term in the following sequence: Ward 1, Ward 2, Ward 6, Ward 4, Ward 5, Ward 3. (BOD) (This item added at the request of Director Laney Harris)

After a brief discussion, the motion to change the sequence order to Ward 1, Ward 6, Ward 2, Ward 4, Ward 5, Ward 3 made by Director Hart, Seconded by Director Brewer.

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its first reading in abbreviated form made by Assistant Mayor Roberts, Seconded by Director Harris.

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 Brewer, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Roberts.

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 Director Hart, 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 third time in abbreviated form.

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

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, and Director Hart.

Voting Nay: Director Jewell

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

5. Ordinance No. 3-2023 repealed and superseded Ordinance No. 1-2023 and approved the purchase of four (4) 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe with police packages. (TAPD) Assistant Chief Bobby Jordon

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

Motion to adopt the ordinance made by Director Hart, 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.

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 Assistant Mayor Roberts, Seconded by Director Hart.

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.

6. Ordinance No. 4-2023 authorized the City Manager to purchase a three-year Microsoft Enterprise License Agreement for licenses used by all departments of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas, in an amount not to exceed the annual fee of \$57,356.45. (TWU) IT Director Brandon Uselton

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 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 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, 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 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 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.

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Motion to enact the emergency clause made by Director Hart, Seconded by Director Brewer.

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 Hollibush wanted to remind citizens about the upcoming Mardi Gras parade and there was no charge to enter a float. He also stated Monjunis Restaurant set their opening date for January 30, 2023.

Director Harris shared the story of how City Attorney George Matteson was hired and wished him good luck on his future.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager E. Jay Ellington gave the following report:

- He said there were two options for the redistricting and there would be a workshop to discuss them prior to the Board meeting February 6, 2023, at 5:00PM.
- He said while attending the Arkansas Municipal League (AML) conference last week, the City an honorable mention award. It was from Arkansas Business in the category of tourism, development, and creative culture, for the downtown Plaza area.
- He said the City was in recognition of its sesquicentennial (150 years) celebration and there would be different events happening throughout the year.
- He said the work on the Plaza was ongoing and he hoped the restrooms would be in around March.
- He made mention of how the City only spent 89% of the allocated resources given to them and that was due to the great work of each department head.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Directors entered Executive Session at 6:36 PM.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 6:55 PM, and the following action was taken:

Motion to appoint Josh Potter as Interim City Attorney made by Director Brewer, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Roberts.

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

Voting Nay: Director Harris

The motion carried 6-1 and the Mayor declared the motion approved.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, February 6, 2023

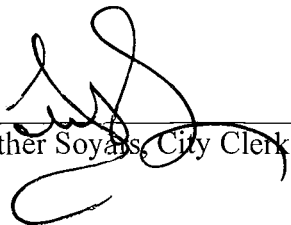
ADJOURN

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 6:57 PM.

APPROVED this the 6th day of February 2023.



Heather Soyars, City Clerk



Allen L. Brown, Mayor

Amendment to the Minutes – Tuesday, January 17, 2023

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On Monday, February 6, 2023, Director Harris wanted it on record that in the previous minutes after the executive session regarding Interim City Attorney, Joshua Potter, he abstained from voting. The nay vote by Director Harris is hereby changed to abstain in the minutes for Tuesday, January 17, 2023, Rescheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.