



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

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

**Minutes - Monday, March 01, 2021 - 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, Assistant Mayor Ward 3 Director Steven Hollibush, Ward 4 Director Ulysses Brewer, Ward 5 Director Barbara Miner and Ward 6 Director Jeff Hart.

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

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was given by Mayor Allen Brown.

### **CONSENT**

Director Roberts made the motion to approve the Consent agenda, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Hollibush.

Mayor Brown declared the motion carried unanimously.

The item approved was:

1. Approval of the minutes of the rescheduled regular meeting February 16, 2021. (CCD)

### **REGULAR**

#### **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Bill Lavender said he was a life-long resident of Texarkana, Arkansas, and had served at one time as the City Attorney. He said he began his career as an attorney at the Arnold Firm with William H. Arnold. He said Mr. Arnold gave him a book entitled "Ordinances of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas" published December 20, 1904, and Mr. Lavender presented this book to City Manager Dr. Kenny Haskin.

Cylestine and Vance Thornton, 6608 Harris, said her street was located between Hwy 67 and Sugarhill Road and the condition of her street was horrible. She had spoken to Public Works Director Tyler Richards and potholes had been filled, but they did not remain filled. The street

was not a level surface and not good for driving. She asked the Board to consider looking at her road for improvement.

Direct Harris passed out the following reference from the City of Texarkana, Arkansas, Code of Ordinances:

**Sec. 2-17. - Bringing business before board—Filing.**

(a) All matters of business coming before any regular meeting of the board of directors for action shall be filed with the office of the city manager by 5:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday prior to the regular board meeting. Failure to file notice of intention to seek action on an item of business at least seven (7) business days prior to a regular board meeting shall prevent said business from being included as an agenda item at said meeting.

(b) Copies of filings made in accordance with this section shall be provided to the city manager, city attorney and to each city department head. Department heads and/or the city attorney may thereafter provide comments concerning each proposed item to the city manager. The city manager, by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday following the timely filing of an item, and after consideration of any comments received in accordance with this provision, shall make a recommendation of "staff recommends approval" or "staff does not recommend approval" as to each item filed. Unless board consideration is necessitated by other applicable law (for example, proper administrative appeal or consideration of prior action of the planning commission) items not recommended for approval by staff shall not be included on the agenda for the upcoming board meeting and, for any such item originally filed by a member of the board of directors, the city manager shall promptly (within at least thirty (30) days) schedule a workshop of the board of directors for the purpose of discussing the item and, in the event that the item thereafter receives the affirmative endorsement of at least two members of the board of directors, the same will be added to the agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting occurring no sooner than seven (7) business days following the workshop.

(c) Matters which have been previously voted on and decided by the board of directors at a regular or special meeting of the board cannot be reconsidered at the meeting during which the same was voted and decided, nor resubmitted to the board of directors until the expiration of one hundred eighty (180) days after such vote and decision unless reconsideration is approved by a two-thirds ( 2/3 ) vote of the board of directors.

Director Harris said he wanted the Board to reconsider this ordinance.

Director Harris said the Animal Care and Adoption Center received \$1 million on behalf of the Neva Nell McCormick Trust and he would like the new animal shelter building to be named after her.

Director Harris said he had received many calls about trains on the tracks on Pinehurst and Seibert Street.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Brown said Director Harris requested an Executive Session. The Board entered Executive Session at 6:25 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 6:40 PM.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, March 15, 2021**

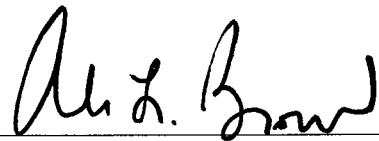
**ADJOURN**

Director Brewer made the motion to adjourn, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Hollibush.

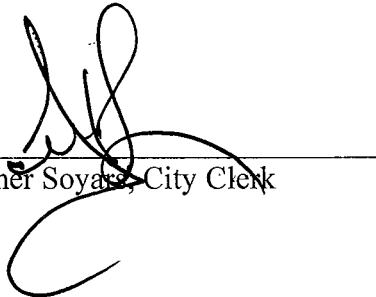
Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner and Director Hart.

Mayor Brown declared the motion carried by a 7-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:41 PM.

**APPROVED** this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.



Allen L. Brown, Mayor



Heather Soyars, City Clerk