



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Monday, November 04, 2019 - 6:00 PM

Mayor Allen Brown called the meeting to order.

PRESENT: Mayor Allen Brown, Ward 1 Assistant Mayor Linda Teeters, Ward 2 Director Laney J. Harris, Ward 3 Director Steven Hollibush, Ward 4 Director Travis Odom, Ward 5 Director Barbara S. Miner, and Ward 6 Director Terri Peavy.

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

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance given by Mayor Allen Brown

PRESENTATION(S)

1. Presentation of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas Employee Service Awards. (CCD)

Mayor Brown acknowledged Melissa Edwards for 5 years of service with the Finance Department and Brian Nolte for 10 years of service with the Public Works Department.

CONSENT

Director Harris requested the Consent Agenda below to be moved to the Regular Agenda for discussion.

2. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting October 21, 2019, and the called meeting October 24, 2019. (CCD)
3. Adopt a Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Spears Engineering Company for engineering services for the Nix Creek Sewer Trunk Main project. (TWU)

REGULAR

2. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting October 21, 2019, and the called meeting October 24, 2019. (CCD)

After a brief discussion, the motion to approve the minutes was made by Assistant Mayor Teeters, Seconded by Director Miner.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Odom, Director Miner and Director Peavy.

The Mayor declared the resolution adopted by a vote of 7-0.

3. Resolution No. 2019-41 authorized and directed the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Spears Engineering Company for engineering services for the Nix Creek Sewer Trunk Main project. (TWU)

After a brief discussion the motion to adopt the resolution was made by Director Harris, Seconded by Director Hollibush.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Odom, Director Miner and Director Peavy.

The Mayor declared the resolution adopted by a vote of 7-0.

4. Resolution No. 2019-42 included the Municipal Health Benefit Fund Premium (MHBP) increase in the year end 2020 Budget due to reclassification. (FIN)

After some discussion the motion to adopt the resolution was made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Director Miner.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Odom, Director Miner and Director Peavy.

The Mayor declared the resolution adopted by a vote of 7-0.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- Juanita Harris, PO Box 1591, Texarkana, Texas, founder of Teachers Support Teachers, introduced her organization to the Board.
- Director Harris read a proclamation from Governor Asa Hutchinson declaring the month of November as Business and Industry Month. He also asked everyone to shop locally on Black Friday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

5. Resolution No. 2019-43 – made appointments to various boards and commissions. [City Beautiful Commission; Civil Service Commission; Electric Board of Review; Historic District Commission, and Planning Commission] (CCD)

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:30 PM.

[Director Harris left the Board Room at 6:30 PM.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 6:46 PM.

[Director Harris returned to the Board Room at 6:46 PM.

City Attorney George Matteson read the resolution making appointments to the following boards and commissions:

- City Beautiful Commission – Mary Bryant and Thomas Keefer
- Civil Service Commission – Ricky Holder and Tim Johnson
- Electric Board of Review – Thomas Thornsberry and Director Travis Odom
- Planning Commission – Anderson Neal, Jr. and Randall Hickerson

Motion to adopt the resolution made by Director Peavy, Seconded by Director Hollibush.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Hollibush, Director Odom, Director Miner and Director Peavy.

Voting Nay: Director Harris.

The Mayor declared the resolution adopted by a vote of 6-1.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, November 18, 2019

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Assistant Mayor Teeters, Seconded by Director Miner.

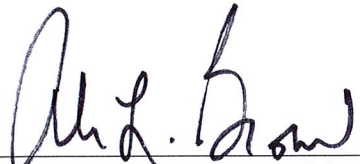
Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Odom, Director Miner and Director Peavy.

The motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM.

APPROVAL of the minutes on this 18th day of November, 2019.



Heather Soyars, City Clerk



Allen L. Brown, Mayor