



## Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

**Minutes - Monday, February 03, 2020 - 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 5 Director Barbara S. Miner, and Ward 6 Director Terri Peavy.

Ward 4 Director Position vacant due to resignation of Director Travis Odom.

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 presented an award and pin to Robert H. Branch for 25 years of service with the Fire Department.

Mayor Brown also acknowledged Tim L. Carter for 15 years of service with the Public Works Department.

### **CONSENT**

Director Harris requested the following items be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion:

2. Approval of the minutes of the rescheduled regular meeting January 21, 2020. (CCD)
3. Adopt a Resolution directing the City Manager to enter into a mutual aid agreement with Miller County for jail services.

### **REGULAR**

2. Approval of the minutes of the rescheduled regular meeting January 21, 2020. (CCD)

Director Harris stated the Citizen Communication portion of the minutes of the last meeting did not include the entire wording of the press release he had read nor did the minutes include the Martin Luther King Jr. quotes he stated.

Director Harris made a motion to amend the minutes to reflect his statements.

The Mayor declared the motion failed for a lack of a Second.

Motion to approve the minutes as written made by Director Miner, Seconded by Director Peavy.

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

Voting Nay: Director Harris.

The motion carried 5-1.

3. Resolution No. 2020-3 directing the City Manager to enter into a mutual aid agreement with Miller County for jail services.

Director Harris had concerns regarding custody of prisoners and prisoner healthcare.

City Attorney George Matteson said the misdemeanor prisoners were in the custody of the City and felony prisoners were in the custody of Miller County and the prisoners were responsible for their own healthcare.

Motion to approve the resolution made by Director Harris, Seconded by Director Hollibush.

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

The motion carried 6-0.

## **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Rick Hall, 2020 Beech Street, spoke on the behalf of Jeff Brown and his support for the appointment of Ward 4 Director.

Mike Malone, President Chamber of Commerce, announced the Joint City Meeting about the Census would be February 11, 2020, at 4:00 PM at the Ark-Tex Council of Government.

Jeff Brown, 2217 Laurel Street, said he submitted his letter of intent for the Ward 4 Director position and said he would be a good ambassador for Texarkana.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:18 PM.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 6:36 PM.

Mayor Brown announced the Board received 4 letters of intent for the Ward 4 Director position, D. Ulysses Brewer, LaMesha Huntley, Jeff Brown and Savannah Golden.

Motion to appoint D. Ulysses Brewer to Director of Ward 4 made by Director Peavy, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Teeters.

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

Voting Present: Director Harris.

The Mayor declared the motion carried 5-1.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, February 18, 2020**

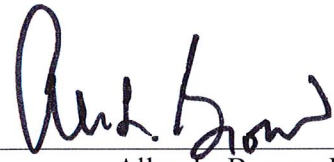
**ADJOURN**

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

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

The motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:41 PM

**APPROVAL** of the minutes on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.



Allen L. Brown, Mayor



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Heather Soyars, City Clerk