



Rescheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas
216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Tuesday, January 18, 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, Assistant Mayor Ward 3 Steven Hollibush, 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.

Invocation given by Director Ulysses Brewer.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Animal Care and Adoption Center Director Lenor Teague.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Prissy Hickerson, 2805 Forrest Avenue, stated she had most of her questions answered today while speaking to Animal Care and Adoption Center Director Lenor Teague. Ms. Hickerson asked if the citizens could get an update regarding everything going on at the animal shelter.

Salena Ford said she worked with Passion for Pooches Rescue and wondered why the Animal Care and Adoption Center was not reaching out to the rescues in the Texarkana area. She also asked for help from the Police Department and Animal Control with picking up stray animals.

Dr. James Raker, 1414 Arkansas Boulevard, wanted to let the City know he was available to speak to someone regarding possible healthcare savings.

A citizen, who did not identify himself, came to speak about the stray cats in his neighborhood. He said he called Animal Control four different times and asked them to bring cages for the stray cats, but they did not.

Amy Wurtele voiced her concerns regarding the breakdown in communication with the Animal Care and Adoption Center and the lack of response from the Animal Control Officers.

Mandy Abernathy, Ray of Hope Rescue, wanted to know how the million-dollar donation was used and why the new animal shelter had not been opened. She wanted to know why the City had not collaborated with the rescue groups to help save the animals.

Director Harris read a press release regarding his appointment to serve on the National League of Cities' Human Development Committee. See attached statement.

CONSENT

Director Hart made the motion to adopt the Consent agenda, Seconded by Director Brewer. The motion carried and the following items were approved:

1. Approval of the minutes of the rescheduled regular meeting January 4, 2022. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
2. Resolution No. 2022-2 amended the FY2022 General Fund Budget to include the reallocation of FY2021 General Fund Budget funding for Interstate 30 median lights electrical replacement. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards
3. Resolution No. 2022-3 authorized the Depository Board to execute the 2022 depository agreement with Commercial National Bank. (FIN) Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson

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4. Ordinance No. 2-2022 authorized the purchase of a new breathing air compressor system. (TAFD) Chief David Fletcher

Fire Chief David Fletcher gave a brief explanation of how the new air compressor system would benefit the Fire Department.

Director Roberts made the motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its first reading in abbreviated form, Seconded by Director Brewer.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, 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 Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Seconded by Director Roberts.

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

The motion carried 7-0 and the ordinance was read the third and final time in abbreviated form.

Motion to adopt the ordinance made by Director Hart, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Hollibush.

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, Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Hart.

The motion carried 7-0 and the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY

None.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager E. Jay Ellington gave the following report:

- He said the Chamber of Commerce Joint Meeting had been postponed.
- The two comprehensive plan meetings were still on schedule.
- He was working on a naming policy
- He attended the Martin Luther King, Jr., parade and thanked the community for hosting it.
- Meeting regarding the Miller County Jail and the Juvenile Detention Center would be arranged.
- He was still working on updating the water situation.
- The Advertising and Promotion meeting was postponed.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, February 7, 2022

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Director Brewer, Seconded by Director Roberts.

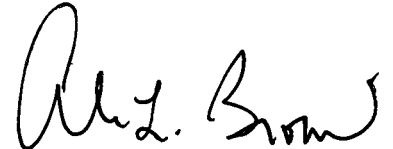
Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Hart.

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 PM.

APPROVED this the 7th day of February 2022.



Heather Soyars, City Clerk



Allen L. Brown, Mayor

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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