



## Rescheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas  
216 Walnut Street

**Minutes - Tuesday, September 07, 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 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 and Pledge of Allegiance given by Assistant Mayor Steven Hollibush

### **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

1. Assistant Mayor Hollibush presented proclamations to Pastor Larry D. Jordan, and Pastor Leteir Davis for their volunteerism on organizing the Neighborhood Clean Up on Saturday, August 14, 2021.

Bernice Dinkins, 204 Eastside Drive, asked for an update on the Nix Creek clean up and the overgrown lot owned by the railroad.

Director Miner said on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, Engineer Josh Moore, Engineer Daniel Thiels, and FF Nathan Reeves would represent TAFD at the Little Rock 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb. This event would be held to honor the public safety officers that lost their lives on 9/11/2001.

3. After a brief discussion per the Rules of Order and Procedure Item 3. REDI update given by President and CEO, Rob Sitterley was moved to Citizen Communication.

Rob Sitterley gave a brief presentation showing the Board of Directors and public the progress REDI had made promoting Texarkana.

### **PRESENTATION(S)**

2. Presentation of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas Employee Service Awards. (CCD)
4. Existing Revenue Report presentation. (FIN) Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson
5. Presentation video of the Planning Commission regarding the City establishing a mixed-use rural zone. (PWD-Planning) City Planner Mary Beck

## **CONSENT**

Director Harris requested item 7. Adopt a Resolution for the Animal Care and Adoption Center dedication plaque (ACAC), to be removed from the Consent agenda for discussion.

Assistant Mayor Hollibush made the motion to adopt the Consent agenda, Seconded by Director Roberts. The motion carried and the following items were approved:

6. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting August 16, 2021. (CCD)
8. Resolution No. 2021-40 authorized the City Manager to purchase a Crack Seal Machine for the Public Works Department Streets Division. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards

## **REGULAR**

7. Resolution No. 2021-41 for the Animal Care and Adoption Center dedication plaque. (ACAC)

Director Harris said he removed this item off the Consent agenda because he felt there needed to be recognition for the late Neva McCormick and her family for giving the \$1 million to the Animal Care and Adoption Center.

Motion to adopt the resolution made by Director Hart, Seconded by Director Harris.

Mayor Brown asked if anyone would like to speak for or against this resolution.

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 resolution adopted.

9. Resolution No. 2021-42 certified local government endorsement of XPO Logistics, Inc., to participate in the Tax Back Program. (Admin)

Motion to adopt the resolution made by Director Hart, Seconded by Director Miner.

Mayor Brown asked if anyone would like to speak for or against this resolution.

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 resolution adopted.

10. Resolution No. 2021-43 appointed Clyde "Boots" Thomas to the Miller County Equalization Board. (CCD) City Manager E. Jay Ellington

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

Mayor Brown asked if anyone would like to speak for or against this resolution.

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 resolution adopted.

11. Ordinance No. 27-2021 established a mixed-use rural zone to continue residential use and add limited commercial options. (PWD-Planning) City Planner Mary Beck

Motion to read the ordinance the first time in abbreviated form made by Director Hart, 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 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 Hollibush.

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 Director Roberts, Seconded by Director Hart.

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.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager E. Jay Ellington said:

- Three primary areas he would work on for the Board of Directors were communication, community planning, and community maintenance.
- American Rescue Plan Act Funding Workshop was rescheduled to Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at 5:30 PM.
- The street engineering study would be presented by Public Works Director Tyler Richards at the next Board meeting on September 20, 2021. He said there would be specific projects

brought to the Board for the use of the American Rescue Plan Act Funding money after the second workshop.

- Review of the dilapidated structures and trying to do an infill housing project.
- October 5, 2021, was National Night Out and he would send the Board of Directors a list of the neighborhood party locations.
- The new street superintendent was trying to use preventive maintenance instead of the reactive side. The debris on the sidewalk area from the demolition on Broad Street was cleaned up.
- Parks and Recreation request for the A&P Commission would be considerably larger than in the past. He said there were several items Sports Manager Adam Dalby and Public Works Director Tyler Richards were working on, and it would include getting the Rec Center up and operational.
- New City seal in the Board room.
- Solid Waste Community meeting scheduled for the fall regarding the requested rate increase from the haulers.
- Reviewed six lawsuits against the City, and he was hoping to drop those down with the help of City Attorney George Matteson.
- Animal Care and Adoption Center had several turnovers in the past weeks and the City suspended some of the services. The Texas-side would be the back-up for emergency services.
- New Director for the Animal Care and Adoption Center would be released in the next couple of days.
- Develop an evaluation process for the Board and staff on his progress as being City Manager for the last ninety days.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, September 20, 2021**

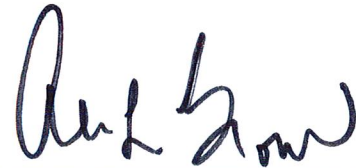
**ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn made by Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Seconded by Director Hart.

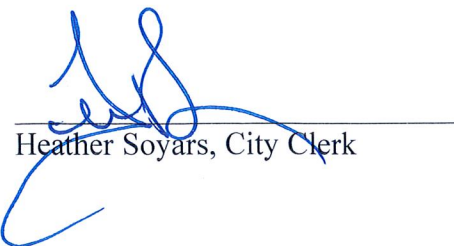
Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Harris, Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Hart.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM.

**APPROVED** this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.



Allen L. Brown, Mayor



Heather Soyars, City Clerk