



## Rescheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas  
216 Walnut Street

**Minutes - Tuesday, January 03, 2023 - 6:00 PM**

Mayor Allen Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Invocation given by Director Jeff Hart.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson.

### **OATH OF OFFICE**

Texarkana, Arkansas, District Judge Tommy Potter administered the Oath of Office to Ward 3 Director Steven Hollibush, Ward 4 Ulysses Brewer, and Ward 5 Director Danny Jewell.

PRESENT: Mayor Allen Brown, Ward 1 Director Terry Roberts, Ward 2 Director Laney Harris, Ward 3 Director Steven Hollibush, Ward 4 Director Ulysses Brewer, Ward 5 Director Danny Jewell, and Ward 6 Director Jeff Hart.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Jay Ellington, City Attorney George Matteson, City Clerk Heather Soyars and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board of Directors entered Executive Session at 6:03 PM.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 6:14 PM, and the following action was taken:

1. Resolution No. 2023-1 made appointments to the Board of Directors' boards, commissions, and committees. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

#### **A&P Commission (2)**

1. Director Ulysses Brewer
2. Director Steven Hollibush

#### **Intergovernmental Advisor Committee (2)**

1. Mayor Allen Brown
2. Director Ulysses Brewer

#### **Council of Governments Board (1)**

1. Director Jeff Hart

#### **Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee (2)**

1. Director Steven Hollibush
2. Director Laney Harris

#### **Economic Development Committee (5)**

1. Mayor Allen Brown
2. Director Steven Hollibush
3. Director Ulysses Brewer

#### **Public Utilities Committee (3)**

1. Director Ulysses Brewer
2. Director Danny Jewell
3. Assistant Mayor Terry Roberts

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5. Assistant Mayor Terry Roberts

**Emergency Medical Systems Committee (3)**

1. Director Ulysses Brewer
2. Director Danny Jewell
3. Director Steven Hollibush

**Solid Waste Management Committee (3)**

1. Mayor Allen Brown
2. Director Jeff Hart
3. Assistant Mayor Terry Roberts

**Employees Retirement System Committee (2)**

1. Mayor Allen Brown
2. Director Laney Harris

**Texarkana Urban Transit District Board (3)**

1. Director Steven Hollibush
2. Director Laney Harris
3. Director Jeff Hart

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

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

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

2. Appointment of Assistant Mayor. Director Brewer made the motion to appoint Director Roberts as Assistant Mayor, Seconded by Director Hart.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Jewell, and Director Hart.

The motion carried 7-0 and the Mayor declared Director Roberts as Assistant Mayor.

**OATH OF OFFICE - ASSISTANT MAYOR**

Texarkana, Arkansas, District Judge Tommy Potter administered the Oath of Office to Assistant Mayor Roberts.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

No one came forward.

**PRESENTATION**

3. Presentation of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas Employee Service Awards. (ADMIN)

Linda Matthews	Admin. Secretary	5 Years
Kenneth Taylor	Bi-State	5 Years
Adam Grayson	TAFD	15 Years
Diesre Henderson	TWU	10 Years
Richard Patterson	TAPD	5 Years
Bradley Winters	TAPD	15 Years
John Gibbert	TAPD	30 Years

## **CONSENT**

Director Hart made the motion to adopt the Consent agenda, Seconded by Director Hollibush. The motion carried and the following item was approved:

4. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting December 19, 2022. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

## **REGULAR**

5. Resolution No. 2023-2 approved the FY2023 BiState Justice Fund Budget, the amendments to the FY2022 BiState Justice Fund Budget, and an amendment to the FY2023 General Fund Budget. (FIN) Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson

After a brief discussion, the motion to adopt the resolution made by Director Brewer, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Roberts.

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

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

6. Ordinance No. 1-2023 authorized the purchase of four (4) 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe Police Package vehicles for the Texarkana, Arkansas, Police Department. (TAPD) Assistant Police Chief Bobby Jordan

After a brief discussion, the motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its first reading in abbreviated form made by Assistant Mayor Roberts, Seconded by Director Brewer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

No one came forward.

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

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

*An emergency clause is requested. An emergency clause requires a separate and distinct vote of the board and is valid only if there is a two-thirds vote of approval by the Board.*

Motion to enact the emergency clause made by Director Hart, Seconded by Director Hollibush.

Mayor Brown asked if anyone would like to speak for or against the emergency clause.

No one came forward.

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

The motion carried 7-0 and the Mayor declared the emergency clause enacted.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY**

Director Hart welcomed Monjunis to Texarkana, Arkansas, and asked everyone to visit this restaurant.

No one else came forward.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager E. Jay Ellington gave the following report:

- Law Enforcement Day was January 9<sup>th</sup>, and Firefighter Recognition Day was January 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Arkansas Business was recognizing the City and Advertising and Promotion (A&P) Commission at the Arkansas Municipal League (AML) Winter Conference for the Front Street Plaza Project.
- He wanted to congratulate Executive Secretary Linda Matthews on her 5 years' service award and wanted to let everyone know she worked 4 years prior to that part-time.
- He thanked the Mayor and Board of Directors for their service to the City and the community.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, January 17, 2023**

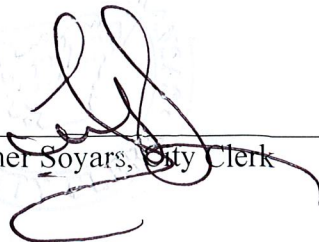
### **ADJOURN**

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

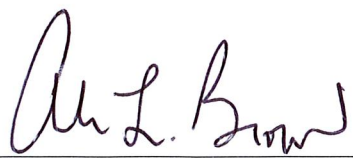
Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Jewell, and Director Hart.

The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.

**APPROVED** this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023.



Heather Soyars, City Clerk



Allen L. Brown, Mayor