



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Monday, December 19, 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 Clerk Heather Soyars, and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

ABSENT: City Attorney George Matteson.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance given by Director Barbara Miner.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Ms. Calhoun, 1208 Arkansas Street, wanted to know why her family house was torn down without notice.

Texarkana, Texas Mayor Bruggeman wanted to give recognition and thank Director Miner for her service to the citizens of Texarkana, Arkansas.

PRESENTATION(S)

1. Comprehensive Plan Update Presentation. (Admin) City Manager Jay Ellington
2. Presentation of the FY2023 Budget. (FIN) Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson

CONSENT

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

3. Approval of the minutes of the rescheduled regular meeting December 6, 2022. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
4. Resolution No. 2022-72 approved the reimbursement of \$25,000.00 to the Texarkana Regional Airport from American Rescue Act Funds. (FIN) Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson

5. Resolution No. 2022-73 authorized the Depository Board to execute the 2023 depository agreement with Commercial National Bank. (FIN) Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson
6. Resolution No. 2022-74 authorized the City Manager to purchase one (1) 2022 Case CE 650M Dozer (TWU) Executive Director Gary Smith

REGULAR

7. Resolution No. 2022-75 approved the FY2023 Budget. (FIN) Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson

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

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

Voting Nay: Director Harris.

The motion carried 6-1 and the Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

8. Ordinance No. 36-2022 approved solid waste removal residential rate increases; implemented an annual CPI adjustment formula; made permanent certain temporary rates; implemented a fuel surcharge; waived competitive bidding; and authorized corresponding amendments to existing Solid Waste Hauler agreements. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards

After a brief discussion, the motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its first reading 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 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 time in abbreviated form.

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

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.

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 Roberts, Seconded by Director Hart.

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

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 emergency clause enacted.

9. Ordinance No. 37-2022 clarified, adjusted, and approved certain fees to be charged by the City of Texarkana, Arkansas. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards.

After a brief discussion, the motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its first reading in abbreviated form made by Director Hart, 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 first time in abbreviated form.

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

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

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY

Director Harris asked about the downtown area being blocked off during the weekend. He also said he received an email from National League of Cities (NLC), that stated they would help pay for three (3) city representatives to come and speak at a conference.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

The City Manager gave the following report:

He said the Police Department was working on trial blockades due to the traffic downtown.

He also said in the blocked areas downtown, the scooters speed was slowed down.

He wished the Board a Merry Christmas and hoped they all would have a good holiday.

He said at the City employee luncheon, there were 150 employees in attendance. The City employees donated 750 cans of food along with \$650, to help Texarkana Water Utilities family food baskets.

He said Miller County was having a meeting tonight in consideration of roads and millage.

He thanked Director Miner for her time served on the Board.

Director Roberts stated the breakfast with Santa held at the Rec Center had 500 in attendance and he thought the kids really enjoyed it.

Mayor Brown presented Director Miner with an appreciation plaque for her many years of service to the City of Texarkana, Arkansas.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, January 3, 2023

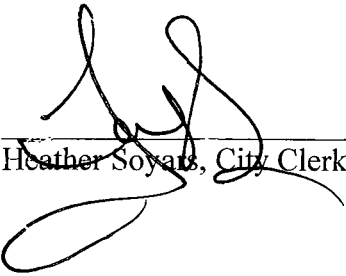
ADJOURN

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

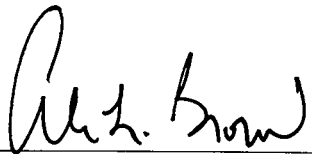
Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner and Director Hart.

The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.

APPROVED this the 3rd day of January 2023.



Heather Soyars, City Clerk



Allen L. Brown, Mayor