



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Monday, July 19, 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, and Ward 6 Director Jeff Hart.

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

ABSENT: Ward 5 Director Barbara Miner and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were given by Director Jeff Hart.

CONSENT

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

1. Approval of the minutes of the rescheduled regular meeting July 6, 2021. (CCD)
2. Resolution No. 2021-37 authorized the City Manager to purchase one (1) John Deere 310L T4 Backhoe/Loader (TWU)

REGULAR – no items.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- Greg Shumate, 5220 Rocky Creek Road, said he was concerned about some Emergency Sirens being inoperable and the catastrophe it may cause during a disaster.
- J.M. Ramsey, 21 Arnold Drive, spoke about Nix Creek being overgrown and the flooding and sewer problems because of it.
- Richard Ross, 20 Arnold Drive, also spoke about flooding caused by the overgrowth in Nix Creek and said the City had maintained the creek in years past.
- Taras Summers, 22 Arnold Drive, said he was also concerned about flooding caused by the overgrowth of Nix Creek.
- David Peavy, 105 Olive Street, said Nix Creek would continue to flood and the City needed to build retention ponds to handle flood waters.

- Director Harris said he wanted more information concerning the CARES Act funding the City would receive. He also stated that he welcomed public comments and concerns during Citizen Communication. Director Harris also wanted to know if citizen input would be provided for the 5-Year Park Plan.
- Director Jeff Hart said he also had questions concerning the funds approved for the Nix Creek Study.

No one else came forward

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:26 PM.

Mayor Brown reconvened the meeting at 6:31 PM and the following action was taken:

3. Resolution No. 2021-38 made appointments to various boards and commissions. (CCD)

<u>Board/Commission:</u>	<u>Appointee:</u>	<u>Term:</u>
Advertising & Promotion Commission	Meredith Mills	03/21/2021----2025
Airport Authority	Ray Abernathy	05/14/2021----2024
Board of Adjustment	Boots Thomas	02/17/2020----2023
	Bonnie Auck	02/17/2021----2024
	I. Don Nelson	02/17/2021----2024
City Beautiful Commission	Connie Magness	(no set terms)
Civil Service Commission	Pete Cheatham	04/2021----2027
Electric Board of Review	Wade Williams	03/06/2020----2022
	Thomas Thornsberry	03/06/2021----2023
Heating & Air Conditioning Board of Review	Jeff Castle	11/21/2019----2022
	Thomas Bui	11/21/2019----2022
	Charlie Cook	11/21/2020----2023
Library Board	Junie Young	01/15/2020----2026
	Gary Nutter	01/15/2020----2026
Planning Commission	Boots Thomas	05/06/2020----2023
	Bertha Dunn	05/06/2020----2023
	Adger Smith	05/06/2021----2024
	George Coker	05/06/2021----2024
	Jason Dupree	05/06/2021----2024
Plumbing Board of Review	Jackie Kirkland	11/21/2019----2022
	Cliff Roberts	11/21/2019----2022

Motion to approve the resolution made by Director Roberts, 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, and Director Hart.

The Mayor declared the resolution adopted by a vote of 6-0.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, August 2, 2021

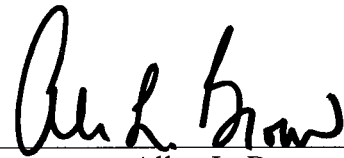
ADJOURN

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

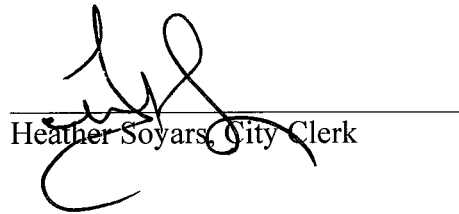
Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Director Brewer, and Director Hart.

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM.

APPROVED this the 2nd day of August 2021.



Allen L. Brown, Mayor



Heather Soyars, City Clerk