



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Monday, April 01, 2024 - 6:00 PM

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

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

ALSO, PRESENT: City Manager Robert Thompson, City Attorney Joshua Potter, City Clerk Heather Soyars, and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

ABSENT: Assistant Mayor Ward 6 Jeff Hart.

Invocation given by Director Brewer.

Pledge of Allegiance led by City Manager Robert Thompson.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Leedell Robertson, 2108 East 11th Street, voiced his concerns about the noise and odor coming from Tri-State Iron and Metal.

PRESENTATION(S)

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

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| Paul Reynolds | TWU | 5 YEARS |
| Rayvon Willimas | TWU | 5 YEARS |
| Richard Muller | TWU | 5 YEARS |
| Brandon Tidwell | TWU | 5 YEARS |
| Kathy Dotson | TWU | 10 YEARS |
| William Engledowl | TWU | 10 YEARS |

2. Proclamation declaring April 1, 2024, as Bertha Callahan Dunn Day.
3. Proclamation declaring April 14 – 20, 2024, as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

CONSENT

Director Harris asked for the minutes to be amended to show the correct time the Mayor reconvened the meeting after the executive session.

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

4. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting March 18, 2024. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

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5. Consider the following action concerning the clean-up of fourteen (14) nuisance properties:
Conduct a Public Hearing to receive comments regarding certification of certain delinquent taxes.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing.

Public Works Director Tyler Richards gave a brief presentation regarding the nuisance properties.

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

No one came forward.

Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing.

Resolution No. 2024-23 certified the amount to be put on tax books as delinquent and collected accordingly. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards

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

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

The motion carried 6-0 and the Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

6. Resolution No. 2024-24 authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with Waste Management of Texas, Inc., to provide solid waste disposal (landfill) services to the City. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards

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

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

Voting Nay: Director Harris.

The motion carried 5-1 and the Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

7. Ordinance No. 4-2024 granted a limited franchise to occupy the right-of-way at 112 Pine Street. (Ward 2) (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 Roberts, Seconded by Director Hollibush.

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

The motion carried 6-0 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 Hollibush, Seconded by Director Brewer.

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

The motion carried 6-0 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 Brewer, Seconded by Director Roberts.

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

The motion carried 6-0 and the ordinance was read the third time in abbreviated form.

Motion to adopt the ordinance made by Director Hollibush, 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, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, and Director Jewell.

The motion carried 6-0 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 Brewer.

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, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, and Director Jewell.

The motion carried 6-0 and the Mayor declared the emergency clause enacted.

8. Ordinance No. 5-2024 amended the *City of Texarkana, Arkansas, Code of Ordinances*, Section 28-59 – Fences, in order to increase the maximum height for residential fencing from 6' to 8'. (PWD-Planning) City Planner Jamie Finley

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

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

The motion carried 6-0 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 Hollibush.

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

The motion carried 6-0 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 Hollibush, Seconded by Director Roberts.

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

The motion carried 6-0 and the ordinance was read the third time in abbreviated form.

Motion to adopt the ordinance made by Director Roberts, 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, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, and Director Jewell.

The motion carried 6-0 and the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted.

9. Ordinance No. 6-2024 amended Ordinance No. 27-2021, in order to clarify the minimum lot requirement for two (2) residences in the A-1 Limited mixed use rural district. (PWD-Planning) City Planner Jamie Finely

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

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

The motion carried 6-0 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 Hollibush, Seconded by Director Brewer.

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

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

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Motion to adopt the ordinance made by Director Hollibush, 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, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, and Director Jewell.

The motion carried 6-0 and the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY

City Manager Robert Thompson reminded the Board about this weekend's Solarbration events.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Directors entered Executive Session at 7:04 PM to discuss appointments to various Boards and Commissions.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:06 PM and the following action was taken.

10. Resolution No. 2024-25 reappointed Rob Sitterley to the Airport Authority. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

The motion to adopt the resolution made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Director Roberts.

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

The motion carried 6-0 and the Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

11. Resolution No. 2024-26 reappointed Bonnie Auck and I. Don Nelson to the Board of Adjustment. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

The motion to adopt the resolution made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Director Roberts.

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

The motion carried 6-0 and the Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

12. Resolution No. 2024-27 reappointed Greg Gallagher and Jamie Simmons to the Historic District Commission. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

The motion to adopt the resolution made by Director Brewer, Seconded by Director Hollibush.

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

The motion carried 6-0 and the Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

13. Resolution No. 2024-28 reappointed Dara Cornett, Tracie Lee, and Jenny Narens to the Personnel Policy Committee. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

The motion to adopt the resolution made by Director Roberts, Seconded by Director Hollibush.

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

The motion carried 6-0 and the Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, April 15, 2024.

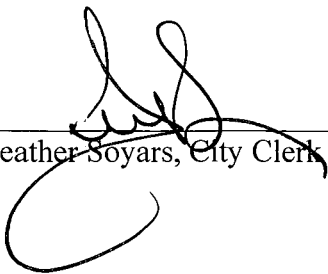
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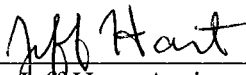
Motion to adjourn made by Director Roberts, Seconded by Director Brewer.

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

The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

APPROVED this the 15th day of April 2024.



Heather Soyars, City Clerk

Jeff Hart, Assistant Mayor