



## **Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

**Minutes - Monday, November 06, 2023 - 6:00 PM**

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

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

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

ABSENT: Ward 3 Director Steven Hollibush and City Attorney Joshua Potter.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance given by Assistant Mayor Terry Roberts

### **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Donald Riddle, 1622 County Avenue, wanted to commend the City and the employees who helped with the concert this past Friday. He said the concert was a great success and he cannot wait for the next one.

James May, 1716 Pearl Street, said he still had problems with the condemned houses around him. He said the smell was too much to bear and now it was affecting his health.

Director Harris read a proclamation for Business Appreciation Month.

### **PRESENTATION(S)**

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

Linda Matthews	ADMIN	10 Years
Corey Elliott	TWU	5 Years
Pam White	TWU	20 Years

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## CONSENT

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

2. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting October 16, 2023. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

## ACTION ITEMS

3. Resolution No. 2023-96 authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with Garland Company and RBT Roofing for a new triplex roof and sealing the exterior building and windows. (BI-STATE) Building Maintenance Manager Kristine Sargent (City Attorney reviewed and approved the proposal)

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

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

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

4. Consider the following action concerning the clean-up of fifty-five (55) nuisance properties.  
Conduct a Public Hearing to receive comments regarding certification of certain delinquent taxes.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing.

Director Brewer asked if the lots were empty or do they have a house on them.

Public Works Director Tyler Richards said there were both empty lots and lots with houses on them.

David Peavy asked if there were a time limit for the lien to be paid.

Mayor Brown said the lien would have to be paid before the property taxes.

A citizen spoke about her property on Prospect Street.

No one else came forward.

Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing.

Resolution No. 2023-97 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 Hart, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Roberts.

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

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

5. Ordinance No. 34-2023 accepted the dedication of street right-of-way and public facilities improvements within Arrowhead Estates Subdivision, streets named Redstone Drive, Spearhead Lane, and Folsom Way, (Ward 6) (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 Assistant Mayor Roberts, Seconded by Director Harris.

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

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 Assistant Mayor Roberts.

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

Voting Nay: Director Jewell.

The motion carried 5-1 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 Harris.

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

Voting Nay: Director Jewell.

The motion carried 5-1 and the ordinance was read the third time in abbreviated form.

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

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 Brewer, Director Jewell, and Director Hart.

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

6. Ordinance No. 35-2023 accepted the dedication of street right-of-way and public facilities improvements within Deer Meadows Subdivision, streets named Northern Red Oak Trail, River Birch Way, and Southern Magnolia Lane. (Ward 6) (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 Assistant Mayor Roberts, Seconded by Director Brewer.

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

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 Hart.

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

Voting Nay: Director Jewell.

The motion carried 5-1 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 Hart.

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

Voting Nay: Director Jewell.

The motion carried 5-1 and the ordinance was read the third time in abbreviated form.

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

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 Brewer, Director Jewell, and Director Hart.

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

7. Ordinance No. 36-2023 accepted the dedication of street right-of-way and public facilities improvements within Griffin Place Subdivision, street named Brynlee Circle. (Ward 5) (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 Assistant Mayor Roberts, Seconded by Director Hart.

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

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 Hart.

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

Voting Nay: Director Jewell.

The motion carried 5-1 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 Harris.

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

Voting Nay: Director Jewell.

The motion carried 5-1 and the ordinance was read the third time in abbreviated form.

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

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 Brewer, Director Jewell, and Director Hart.

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

8. Ordinance No. 37-2023 accepted the dedication of street right-of-way and public facilities improvements within Estates at Magee Farm Subdivision, street named Paisley Circle. (Ward 3) (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 Assistant Mayor Roberts, Seconded by Director Hart.

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

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 Harris.

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

Voting Nay: Director Jewell.

The motion carried 5-1 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 Hart.

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

Voting Nay: Director Jewell.

The motion carried 5-1 and the ordinance was read the third time in abbreviated form.

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

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 Brewer, Director Jewell, and Director Hart.

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

9. Ordinance No. 38-2023 accepted the dedication of street right-of-way and public facilities improvements within Oak Hollow Subdivision, streets named Oak Hollow Lane and Acorn Circle. (Ward 6) (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 Assistant Mayor Roberts, Seconded by Director Harris.

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

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 Hart, Seconded by Director Brewer.

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

Voting Nay: Director Jewell.

The motion carried 5-1 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 Assistant Mayor Roberts.

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

Voting Nay: Director Jewell.

The motion carried 5-1 and the ordinance was read the third time in abbreviated form.

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

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 Brewer, Director Jewell, and Director Hart.

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

## **NON-ACTION ITEMS**

10. Adopt an Ordinance to amend Chapter 6. Aviation of the *City of Texarkana, Arkansas, Code of Ordinances*. (AIRPORT) Airport Director Paul Mehrlich

Airport Director Paul Mehrlich gave a brief description of what needed to be done to update the rules and regulations for the Airport.

Mayor Brown said this item would be placed on the Action Item list for the November 20, 2023, meeting.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY**

Director Brewer wanted to thank LifeNet for a job well done and for accommodating him as he toured the facility and observed the operations.

Director Harris referred to several concrete jobs he requested to be done in his Ward and wondered when they were going to be done.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Director Hart asked for an Executive Session. The Board of Directors entered Executive Session at 6:58 PM.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:08 PM, and no action was taken.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, November 20, 2023**

## **ADJOURN**

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

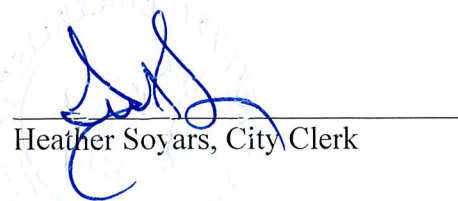
Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Roberts, Director Harris, Director Brewer, Director Jewell, and Director Hart.

The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM.

**APPROVED** this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023.



Allen L. Brown, Mayor



Heather Soyars, City Clerk