



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Monday, October 02, 2023 - 6:00 PM

Assistant Mayor Terry Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

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

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

ABSENT: Mayor Allen Brown.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance given by Director Danny Jewell.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Mary McQueen, 708 Pinehurst Street, thanked the Public Works Department for completing the cleanup of the vacant property next to her. She also requested a few outdated signs be removed around Marietta and Pinehurst and another one on Marietta and Arkansas Street regarding school zones.

James May, 1716 Pearl Street, asked for help with the properties around him with no running water and too many animals.

PRESENTATION(S)

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

Casey Tillett	TAFD	5 Years
Steven Durham	TAFD	15 Years
Michael Richardson	TAFD	25 Years
Dylan McCrary	TAPD	5 Years
Tom Briggs	TAPD	20 Years

2. Proclamation declaring October 8th – 14th, 2023, as Black Restaurant Week. (BOD) (This proclamation added at the request of Director Harris)

CONSENT

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

3. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting September 18, 2023. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
4. Resolution No. 2023-86 appointed City Manager Robert Thompson to the Texarkana, Arkansas Public Employee Retirement System (TAPERS). (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
5. Resolution No. 2023-87 set the date for a public hearing concerning the abandonment of an undeveloped right-of-way of certain portions of land east of Manor Way Road, west of Summit Drive and Pine Hill Circle, north of Tennessee Road, and south of Fortune Lane. Ward 1 (Fricks) (PWD-Planning) City Planner Jamie Finley
6. Resolution No. 2023-88 authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with Kampco, Inc., for the Delaware Street Replace/Upsize Water Main Project. (TWU) Executive Director Gary Smith
7. Resolution No. 2023-89 authorized the City Manager to purchase an F150 pick-up truck from McLarty Ford. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards
8. Resolution No. 2023-90 approved the reimbursement of \$33,000.00 to the Texarkana Regional Airport from American Rescue Act Funds. (FIN) Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson

ACTION ITEMS

No Items

NON-ACTION ITEMS

9. Adopt an Ordinance amending the *City of Texarkana, Arkansas, Code of Ordinances* Chapter 9-7, for the sale and discharge of fireworks for any person under the age of 18 years old. (TAPD) Police Chief Michael Kramm

After a discussion, no action was taken on this item. The Board of Directors recommended a meeting with the City Manager, the Police Chief, and the owner of Stateline Fireworks to reconstruct the proposed ordinance.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY

Director Hollibush mentioned Tuesday, October 3, 2023, would be National Night Out.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, October 16, 2023

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Directors entered Executive Session at 6:58 PM.

Assistant Mayor Roberts reconvened the meeting at 7:05 PM.

10. Resolution No. 2023-91 appointed three (3) members of the Board of Directors to the Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG). (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

Motion to appoint Assistant Mayor Roberts, Director Harris, and Director Hart to the Ark-Tex Council of Governments, with term date of 06/01/2023--2025, was made by Director Brewer, Seconded by Director Hart.

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

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

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

11. Resolution No. 2023-92 made appointments to the Advertising and Promotion Commission (A&P). (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

Motion to appoint Dr. Ellen Holmes with term date of 03/21/2022--2026, Randy Henry and Allison Wright with term date of 03/21/2023--2027, to the Advertising and Promotion Commission made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Director Hart.

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

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

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

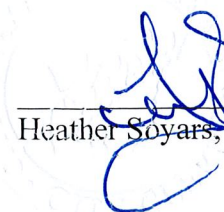
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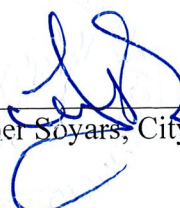
Motion to adjourn made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Director Brewer.

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

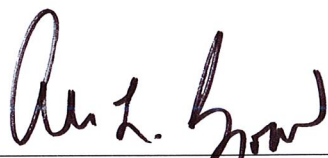
The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.

APPROVED this the 16th day of October 2023.





Heather Soyars, City Clerk



Allen L. Brown, Mayor