



Rescheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas
216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Monday, November 16, 2020 - 4:00 PM

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Mayor Allen Brown called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Allen Brown, Assistant Mayor Ward 1 Linda Teeters, Ward 2 Director Laney J. Harris, Ward 3 Director Steven Hollibush, Ward 4 Director Ulysses Brewer, Ward 5 Director Barbara S. Miner, and Ward 6 Director Terri Peavy.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Dr. Kenny Haskin, City Attorney George Matteson, City Clerk Heather Soyars and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

CONSENT

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

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular rescheduled meeting November 2, 2020. (CCD)
2. Resolution No. 2020-40 made appointments to the Historic District Commission. Jamie Simmons for the current vacant term of 1/17/2018----2021 and the reappointment of Doris Davis for the term of 1/17/2020----2023. (CCD)

REGULAR

3. Resolution No. 2020-41 authorized the issuance by the City of Texarkana, Arkansas Public Facilities Board of its Bond Anticipation Note and its taxable lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2020. (PFB)

City Planner Mary Beck said this was to acquire land for industrial development. She said the City could not own the land so the Public Facilities Board would be the interim body.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Peavy.

The motion carried 7-0 and the Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

4. Ordinance No. 13-2020 authorized the execution and delivery of a Lease Agreement and Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Texarkana, Arkansas Public Facilities Board, the City of Texarkana, Arkansas, and Miller County, Arkansas. (PFB)

Jim Fowler, Rose Law Firm, said this was the final action of the Board of Directors to enter into a Lease Agreement and Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Public Facilities Board and Miller County. He said the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement was submitted to the Arkansas Attorney General and was approved.

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its first reading in abbreviated form made by Assistant Mayor Teeters, Seconded by Director Brewer.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Peavy.

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 Miner, Seconded by Director Brewer.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Peavy.

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 Director Brewer, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Teeters.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Peavy.

The motion carried 7-0 and the ordinance was read the third and final time in abbreviated form.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Peavy.

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 approve the emergency clause made by Director Peavy, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Teeters.

Director Hollibush questioned the reason for the emergency clause.

Mayor Brown said the emergency clause was needed to close on the project before the end of the year.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Peavy.

The motion carried 7-0 and the Mayor declared the emergency clause approved.

5. Ordinance No. 14-2020 authorized the City Manager to purchase an ABI Force Z23 Infield Groomer Laser Grader for the Public Works Department Parks Division. (PWD)

Director Peavy asked if this were a new piece of equipment or a replacement.

Sports Manager Adam Dalby said this would be a new piece of equipment. He said right now the Parks Department had a bunker rake and it could only do a few things. Mr. Dalby said the new equipment was laser ready and had several different attachments to help reduce manpower.

Assistant Mayor Teeters said she was thankful for the Parks Department for keeping the ballparks in excellent condition. She said the ball tournaments brought in a lot of money and it would be detrimental if the City lost the ability to host those events.

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its first reading in abbreviated form made by Assistant Mayor Teeters, Seconded by Director Hollibush.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Peavy.

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 Director Hollibush.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Peavy.

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 Director Hollibush, Seconded by Director Miner.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Peavy.

The motion carried 7-0 and the ordinance was read the third and final time in abbreviated form.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Peavy.

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.

Director Hollibush questioned the need for the emergency clause.

Assistant Mayor Teeters said the emergency clause was needed or the City could lose the bid.

Sports Manager Adam Dalby said yes, the bid could increase. The price goes up daily.

Motion to approve the emergency clause made by Assistant Mayor Teeters, Seconded by Director Hollibush.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Peavy.

The motion carried 7-0 and the Mayor declared the emergency clause approved.

6. SECOND READING - Adopt an Ordinance repealing Ordinance No. H-123, as amended, modified, or codified, dissolving the Advertising and Promotion Commission of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas, and repealing the levy of corresponding gross receipts tax. (BOD) (This ordinance was sponsored by Director Steven Hollibush)

The ordinance was read the second time in abbreviated form.

After some discussion by the Board and City Attorney a workshop was proposed to discuss amending this ordinance.

Director Hollibush made a motion to table the ordinance.

Mayor Brown declared the motion failed for lack of a second.

After more discussion concerning this ordinance, the Board decided to take a vote, rather than leaving the ordinance tabled indefinitely.

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third and final reading in abbreviated form made by Director Harris, Seconded by Director Peavy.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Peavy.

The motion carried 7-0 and the ordinance was read the third and final time in abbreviated form.

Motion to adopt the ordinance made by Assistant Mayor Teeters, Seconded by Director Brewer.

Voting Yea: Director Hollibush.

Voting Nay: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Peavy.

The Mayor declared the motion to adopt the ordinance failed by a 1-6 vote.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Director Harris asked why the lease was not renewed for the Jamison Center of Kindness at Iron Mountain Center. He also asked if there were a code of conduct for Directors supporting candidates against the incumbents during an election.

City Manager Dr. Kenny Haskin said the community complained about the lack of activity at the center and the City would accept applications from organizations interested in leasing the center.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, December 7, 2020

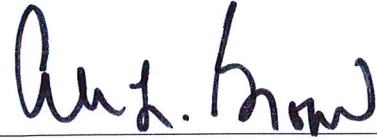
ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Director Miner, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Teeters.

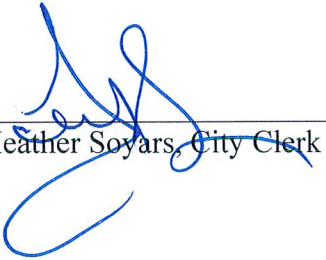
Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Teeters, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Peavy.

The motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:03 PM.

APPROVED this the 7th day of December, 2020.



Allen L. Brown, Mayor



Heather Soyars, City Clerk