



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

City of Texarkana, Arkansas  
216 Walnut Street

**Minutes - Tuesday, February 22, 2022 - 6:00 PM**

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

PRESENT: Ward 1 Director Terry Roberts, Ward 2 Director Laney Harris, Assistant Mayor Ward 3 Steven Hollibush, Ward 4 Director Ulysses Brewer, and Ward 5 Director Barbara Miner

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

ABSENT: Mayor Brown and Ward 6 Director Jeff Hart.

Invocation given by Assistant Mayor Hollibush.

Pledge of Allegiance led by City Clerk Heather Soyars.

### **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Bernice Dinkins, 204 Eastside Drive, wanted an update regarding Nix Creek.

Shante Hall, 2708 Beech Street, spoke about the benefits of using solar panels for energy.

### **PRESENTATION(S)**

1. LifeNet presentation given by CEO David Baumgardner. (Admin)

David Baumgardner, LifeNet CEO, gave a presentation regarding the benefits of LifeNet services and being a LifeNet employee.

### **CONSENT**

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

2. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting February 7, 2022. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
3. Resolution No. 2022-16 authorized the purchase of five (5) 2022 Ford Hybrid Police Interceptor vehicles for the Texarkana, Arkansas Police Department. (TAPD) Capt. James Atchley

## REGULAR

Director Harris made a motion to add definitions of Emergency Medical and Pain Care, and Emergency Medical Service (EMS) to section 7, medical costs, and fees of the Interlocal Agreement. Motion failed for lack of second. \* Amendment statement attached. \*

4. Ordinance No. 5-2022 amended Ordinance No. 4-2022 and approved the amendments to the Interlocal Agreement with Miller County for housing Municipal Prisoners at the Miller County Detention Center. (Admin)

Director Miner made the motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its first reading in abbreviated form, Seconded by Director Roberts.

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

The motion carried 5-0 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 Roberts, Seconded by Director Miner.

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

The motion carried 5-0 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 Miner, Seconded by Director Roberts.

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

The motion carried 5-0 and the ordinance was read the third and final time in abbreviated form.

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

Assistant Mayor Hollibush asked if anyone would like to speak for or against this ordinance.

Director Harris said the reason behind his amendment to section 7, was due to the death of a previous inmate that was denied medical care.

Director Brewer stated the reason he did not move forward with Director Harris' amendment was because the City Attorney said it was already covered under the constitution.

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

The motion carried 5-0 and the Assistant 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.

Assistant Mayor Hollibush asked if anyone would like to speak for or against the emergency clause.

No one came forward.

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

The motion carried 5-0 and the Assistant Mayor declared the emergency clause enacted.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY**

Director Harris mentioned the Black History Parade would be held downtown this Saturday, February 26, 2022, at 10:00 AM.

Assistant Mayor Hollibush said the Rec Center had a great turnout for the Ribbon Cutting last week and the Grand Opening this past weekend. He wanted to thank everyone that was involved in these events.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager E. Jay Ellington gave the following report:

- He said at this week's meeting, he would be discussing the Plaza Project with the Advertising & Promotion Committee.
- There would be a joint City tour of the Hotel Grim this week.
- Mr. Ellington said each Board member should have received a management report and a city manager report.
- He said the Ribbon Cutting and the Grand Opening of the Rec Center last week was a great success.
- Each Board member received the January financials and an updated City Calendar.
- He said Director Brewer, Director Roberts, and himself were attending the citizen's police academy tonight at the range right after the meeting.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, March 7, 2022**

### **ADJOURN**

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

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

The motion carried 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.

**APPROVED** this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.

  
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Heather Soyars, City Clerk

  
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Allen L. Brown, Mayor

7. (a) Emergency Medical and Pain Care Definition – onset illness or injury that threatens life or limb or a “serious medical need” is defined as a valid health condition that, without timely medical intervention and or EMS, will cause, (1) undue or unavoidable excessive pain not controlled by over the counter medication (2) measurable deterioration in function( including organ function), (3) subjects the inmate to further unacceptable health risks, or is likely to result in deterioration of health status or death if not promptly treated. (4) substantial risk to the public health.

(b) EMS Definition - An emergency medical service (or EMS) is a service providing out-of-hospital acute care and transport to definitive care, to patients with illnesses and injuries which the patient believes constitute a medical emergency.