



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Monday, October 03, 2022 - 6:00 PM

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

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

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

ABSENT: City Clerk Heather Soyars.

Invocation given by Director Terry Roberts.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Director Terry Roberts.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Director Harris read a proclamation from Governor Asa Hutchinson declaring the month of October 2022, as Visit Our Schools Month.

PROCLAMATION(S)

1. Proclamation declaring October 9 - 15, 2022, as Texarkana Black Restaurant Week. (BOD)
(This proclamation added at the request of Director Harris)

PRESENTATION(S)

2. Presentation of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas Employee Service Awards. (ADMIN) City Manager E. Jay Ellington

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| Joe Burns | TAPD | 5 Years |
| William Nicklas | TAPD | 5 Years |
| Lee Wallace Erwin, Jr. | TWU | 20 Years |

CONSENT

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

3. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting September 19, 2022. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

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4. Ordinance No. 29-2022 rezoned a tract of land located at 7410 Sanderson Lane from R-1 Rural residential to A-1 Mixed use rural zoning in order to operate a plant nursery. (Ward 6) (PWD-Planning) City Planner Mary Beck

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 Assistant Mayor Hollibush.

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

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 Hart.

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

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 Hart, Seconded by Director Roberts.

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

The motion carried 7-0 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, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Hart.

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

5. Ordinance No. 30-2022 rezoned a tract of land located at 8039 Old Post Road from R-1 Rural residential to R-4 Medium density residential zoning in order to divide the land. (Ward 6) (PWD-Planning) City Planner Mary Beck

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 Assistant Mayor Hollibush.

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

Voting Nay: Director Brewer voted no to read the ordinance.

The motion carried 6-1 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 Roberts.

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

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 Roberts, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Hollibush.

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

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

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

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, Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Director Miner, and Director Hart.

Voting Nay: Director Brewer.

The motion carried 6-1 and the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY

Director Roberts said he had several property owners contact him about donating their land to the City and he wanted to make sure he got them in touch with the right person.

Director Harris said he received an email asking him if he supported the airport, because of the vote on the airport budget. He said over 1,000 people need to fly in and out of the airport to have an economic impact. He said it was the first no vote he gave the airport.

Director Harris said he also was asked which version of the redistricting maps he would support. He said it would not be version 2 because it would basically pack all the minority majority into Ward 2.

Director Harris also wanted more community policing all year long, not only on National Night Out.

Mayor Brown said the key to the airport's success was economic development.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager E. Jay Ellington introduced his appointee as Police Chief, Michael Kramm. Chief Kramm was from League City, Texas, and he would start his new position on October 24, 2022.

Chief Kramm said he was a police officer in League City, Texas, for 24 years, where he served his last 5 years as Chief. He said shortly after Hurricane Harvey, he was asked to become an Assistant City Manager. He said he was blessed and excited for this opportunity.

City Manager E. Jay Ellington reminded the Board of National Night Out and asked them to visit as many gatherings as they could in their ward.

He wanted to let the City know the Rec Center offered a Life Skills & Risk Avoidance program for our youth.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Brown announced the Board would enter Executive Session to discuss the performance of the City Manager.

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:46 PM.

The Board reconvened at 7:06 PM.

A motion made to increase City Manager E. Jay Ellington's pay rate by 1% and to start this increase June 2022, was made by Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Seconded by Director Hart.

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

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

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, November 7, 2022

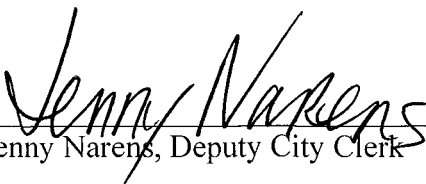
ADJOURN

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

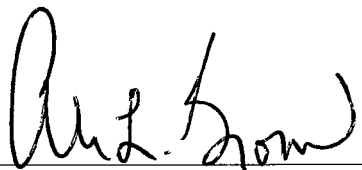
Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Hart.

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

APPROVED this the 17th day of October 2022.



Jenny Narens, Deputy City Clerk



Allen L. Brown, Mayor