



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

Agenda - Monday, June 06, 2022 - 6:00 PM

Call to Order

Roll Call

Invocation given by Director Jeff Hart

Pledge of Allegiance led by Animal Care and Adoption Center Director Lenor Teague

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

A limit of five (5) minutes per person is allotted for citizens to express their concerns to the Board of Directors, with a maximum of fifty (50) minutes reserved for Citizens Communication. The Board of Directors cannot respond to citizens' concerns during this time.

Be respectful of the Board of Directors, city staff, and the public by refraining from abusive conduct, personal charges, or verbal attacks.

PROCLAMATION(S)

1. Proclamation presented to Mike Malone, President and CEO of the Texarkana Chamber of Commerce, upon his retirement. (Admin)

PRESENTATION(S)

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

CONSENT

3. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting May 16, 2022. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

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4. Consider the following action concerning six (6) substandard structures:

Conduct a Public Hearing to receive comments regarding certification of certain delinquent taxes.

Adopt a Resolution certifying the amount to be put on the tax books as delinquent and collected accordingly. (PWD) Shawn Maxey Building Official

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY

CITY MANAGER REPORT

I. Year's Recap

II. Plan of Work

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, June 21, 2022

ADJOURN

City Calendar

Gateway Farmers Market –Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays - 7AM-noon

**Texarkana Down Syndrome Society Awareness Walk & Fun Day - Saturday, October 8th -
Front Street - 8AM - 4PM**

Universal Vibes - Crossties & Front Street - Saturday, October 22nd - 10AM - 11PM

Texarkana Rec Center June Calendar

Gym Open Daily - 8AM-7PM

Ageless Grace - Mondays - 10-11AM

Texarkana Stompers Drumline - Tuesdays & Thursdays - 5-6PM

Drums Alive - Wednesdays - 9-10AM

Parkinson's Support Group - Wednesdays - 2-4PM

Youth Volleyball - Thursdays - 8AM

Diabetes Empowerment Education Program - Fridays - 1-3PM

Summer Ballet Classes - June 6-10

Kidtastic Kamp - STEM Week - June 13-16

Miller Bowie Health Coalition Health Fair - Saturday, June 18

Kidtastic Kamp - Art Week - June 20-24

Summer Ballet Classes – June 20-24



CITY OF TEXARKANA, AR

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

AGENDA DATE: June 6, 2022

ITEM TYPE: Ordinance Resolution Other : Presentation

DEPARTMENT: City Clerk Department

PREPARED BY: Heather Soyars, City Clerk

REQUEST: Presentation of employee service awards.

EMERGENCY CLAUSE: N/A

SUMMARY: Employee Service Awards:

Eric Ethridge	ADMIN	15 Years
Wesley Adam Sheffield	FIRE	10 Years
Kenneth Marquess	TWU	10 Years
Thomas Neeley	TWU	10 Years
Jason Williams	TWU	10 Years

EXPENSE REQUIRED: N/A

AMOUNT BUDGETED: N/A

**APPROPRIATION
REQUIRED:** N/A

**RECOMMENDED
ACTION:** N/A

EXHIBITS: None



CITY OF TEXARKANA, AR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AGENDA TITLE:	Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting May 16, 2022. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
AGENDA DATE:	June 6, 2022
ITEM TYPE:	Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> : Minutes
DEPARTMENT:	City Clerk Department
PREPARED BY:	Heather Soyars, City Clerk
REQUEST:	Approval of meeting minutes.
EMERGENCY CLAUSE:	N/A
SUMMARY:	Approval of meeting minutes
EXPENSE REQUIRED:	N/A
AMOUNT BUDGETED:	N/A
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED:	N/A
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	The City Clerk recommends Board approval.
EXHIBITS:	Meeting minutes.



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City of Texarkana, Arkansas

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Minutes - Monday, May 16, 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

[Director Miner arrived at 6:08 PM]

Invocation given by Director Jeff Hart

Pledge of Allegiance given by TWU Executive Director Gary Smith

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- William Alexander, 137 East Macedonia Road, said he needed help with the teardown of his property located on 220 E. Short 10th Street.
- D. Foster, 609 Harris Drive, said her parents owned property located on 516 Garden Street and 507 Garden Street. She said both properties were on a condemnation list at the same time and were set to be torn down, but only 516 Garden Street was done. Ms. Foster said she wanted 507 Garden Street torn down as well.
- Rocky Murray, 3037 Pleasant Grove Road, said he wanted to let the Board know he was still having issues with the tenants at 704 Artesian Street. He said there was a nuisance abatement law, and he hoped the City would try and fix the issue.

CONSENT

Director Hart 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 meeting May 2, 2022. (CCD) Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens

REGULAR

2. Consider the following action concerning substandard structures:

Conduct a Public Hearing regarding the condemnation of 15 substandard structures.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing.

Building Official Shawn Maxey gave a PowerPoint presentation of the substandard structures to be condemned.

Mayor Brown asked if anyone would like to speak for or against this item.

No one came forward.

Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing.

Resolution No. 2022-34 condemned 15 substandard structures. (PWD) Building Official Shawn Maxey

[605 Artesian, (721 C Beech St, 721 Beech, 721 Beech St, 721 B Beech St), 1103 County Ave, 1023 County Ave, 2108/2110 County Ave, 509 East St, 607 Ida, 1408 Kline, 1608 Line Ferry Rd, 504 Mary, 2803 Pecan, 1408 Roberts, 1507 Rose, 220 E. Short 10th, 2410 E. 13th]

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

Mayor Brown asked if anyone would like to speak for or against this resolution.

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 resolution adopted.

3. Ordinance No. 18-2022 authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with Maximum Security Services for the Bi-State Justice Building. (Bi-State) Building Maintenance Manager Kristine Baron

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 Director Miner.

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 Hart, 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 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 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 Assistant Mayor Hollibush.

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.

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 Hart.

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

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 emergency clause enacted.

4. Adopt an Ordinance authorized the City Manager to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Miller County for housing certain juveniles detained by the City of Texarkana, Arkansas, in the Lantz Lurry Juvenile Detention Center. (Admin) City Manager E. Jay Ellington

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 Director Harris.

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 Assistant Mayor Hollibush, Seconded by Director Brewer.

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 Brewer, 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 Assistant Mayor Hollibush, 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.

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Motion to enact the emergency clause made by Director Brewer, Seconded by Director Harris.

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

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 emergency clause enacted.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY

Director Harris wanted to know if there had been a change in protocol for requesting a proclamation. He also wanted to know if the Rec Center had their own website since they had a lot of activities on the upcoming calendar. Director Harris asked if the parks could be wired for public Wi-Fi. He stated he did not think a Board member should be charged for a FOIA request.

Director Hart congratulated Gary Smith, the new Texarkana Water Utilities Executive Director.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager E. Jay Ellington gave the following report:

- He said there would be a Texarkana Water Utilities workshop Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 6:30 PM regarding the rates.
- He said the Solid Waste Committee would hold a workshop on Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 4:00 PM.
- He made mention last year, the second meeting in May, he was in the audience of the Board meeting, and he was hired in June 2021.
- He said there was an introduction for the activated alley this past weekend. It stretches nine blocks starting at Buhrman-Pharr all the way to the skate park and playground area.
- Saturday, May 21, 2022, would be the 1st Responder's Appreciation Day at Gateway Farmer's Market.
- Wednesday, May 18, 2022, was the appreciation event for the 1st Responder's.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Directors entered Executive Session at 6:50 PM.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:02 PM and no action was taken.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, June 6, 2022

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Director Roberts, 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 meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM.

APPROVED this the 6th day of June 2022.

Allen L. Brown, Mayor

Heather Soyars, City Clerk



CITY OF TEXARKANA, AR

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AGENDA TITLE:	Consider the following action concerning six (6) substandard structures: Conduct a Public Hearing to receive comments regarding certification of certain delinquent taxes. Adopt a Resolution certifying the amount to be put on the tax books as delinquent and collected accordingly. (PWD) Shawn Maxey Building Official
AGENDA DATE:	June 6, 2022
ITEM TYPE:	Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> : _____
DEPARTMENT:	Public Works
PREPARED BY:	Shawn Maxey Building Official

REQUEST:	Place liens on the Miller County tax book to recover the cost of substandard structures demolition.
EMERGENCY CLAUSE:	N/A

SUMMARY:	The Public Works Department raze six (6) substandard properties and has been unable to recover the cost of demolition from the property owners of record. The State of Arkansas grants a city the means to recuperate the costs. The recovered costs are returned to the CDBG fund for structures that were in the CDBG areas and to the Public Works Department fund for all other structures. An additional 10 percent (+10%) is added to the cost of the lien processing of which three percent (3%) is retained by Miller County. The Board Action requested is to approve the placement of liens on the Miller County Tax Rolls to recover the actual cost of demolition plus ten percent (+10%).
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EXPENSE REQUIRED:	N/A
AMOUNT BUDGETED:	N/A
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED:	N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:	The City Manager and Staff recommend approval.
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EXHIBITS:	Description of properties and Resolution
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RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, notice was given pursuant to Ark. Code. Ann. §14-54-904 to the property owners identified below of a hearing before the Texarkana, Arkansas, Board of Directors to determine the amount of the lien, if any, to be placed on the properties identified below for the expense incurred by the City for removal of structures from and/or the cutting and/or cleaning of such parcel of real property under the provisions of Ark. Code Ann. §14-56-201. et seq., and Ark. Code Ann. §14-54-901, et seq., and the *City of Texarkana, Arkansas Code of Ordinances*, including, without limitation Chapter 11, Article VI; and

WHEREAS, such notice was given pursuant to applicable law (including, without limitation Ark. Code Ann. § 14-54-901, et. seq.) more than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the hearing and stated that the hearing on the matter would be before the City Board of Directors on June 6, 2022, commencing at 6:00 PM; and

WHEREAS, a hearing on such claim by the City was held this date pursuant said notice and in accordance with the provisions of applicable law (including, without limitation, Ark. Code Ann. §14-54-901, et. Seq.) and the *City of Texarkana, Arkansas, Code of Ordinances*; and

WHEREAS, the properties at issue, property owners, and lien amounts with the amount of the lien on each said parcel being the City's incurred expense for such parcel plus 10% penalty (as provided by law, including without limitation, Ark. Code Ann. §14-54-904) are as follows:

<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>LEGAL DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>COST (PLUS 10%)</u>
204 Marguerite	As described in that instrument recorded at page 520 of book 387 in the official records of Miller County, Arkansas	Dwight King 204 Marguerite Texarkana, AR 71854	\$4,180.00
804-806 Ash	All Lots 7 & 8 Block 006 Original City Subdivision	Jo Glass 405 Blanton 1800 San Luis Dr. St. Louis, MO 63138	\$3,960.00
1402 Betty	All Of Lot 18 Block 006 Scoggins S. Side Subdivision	Myrtle C. Fornal 28 Perch Street Hope, AR 71801	\$4,180.00
701 Orleans	All Of Lot 1 & N 7.25' Lot 2 Block 003 Hillcrest Subdivision	Crystal Nicole Lee 4109 Rustin Cir Texarkana, AR 71854	\$4,400.00
1205 Prince	All Of Lot 3 Block 009 Bronway Hgts Subdivision	Patricia Lou Smith P. O. Box 68 Fouke, AR 71837	\$4,180.00
902 Euclid	As Described As Tract 1 In That Instrument Recorded As Document No. 2019r006244 In The Official Records Of Miller County, Arkansas	Paula Freer 709 Hwy. 355 Hope, AR 71801	\$1,650.00

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined that there should be certified to the Miller County, Arkansas, Tax Collector to be placed on the books as delinquent taxes the amount set forth above for each said parcel of real property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas, that the amounts set forth above are hereby certified to the Tax Collector for Miller County, Arkansas, for placement on the tax books as delinquent taxes on the respective parcels of real property identified and described above and collected

accordingly as provided for by applicable law, including, without limitation, Ark. Code Ann. §14-54-901, et. seq.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th day of June, 2022.

Allen L. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Heather Soyars, City Clerk

APPROVED:

George Matteson, City Attorney

OTHER FUNDS

<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>LEGAL DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>OWNER</u>
204 MARGUERITE	PT S/2 SE NW LOT N/A BLOCK N/A 27-15S-28W	DWIGHT A KING 204 MARGUERITE TEXARKANA, AR 71854
804-806 ASH	ALL LOTS 7 & 8 LOT 008 BLOCK 006 ORIGINAL CITY ADDITION	JO GLASS 405 BLANTON 1800 SAN LUIS DR ST SAINT LOUIS MO 63138
1402 BETTY	ALL OF LOT 18 LOT 018 BLOCK 006 SCOGGINS S. SIDE ADDITION	MYRTLE C. FORMAL 28 PERCH ST HOPE, AR 71801
701 ORLEANS	ALL OF LOT 1 & N 7.25' LOT 2 LOT 002 BLOCK 003 HILLCREST ADDITION	CRYSTAL NICOLE LEE 4109 RUSTIN CIR TEXARKANA, AR 71854
1205 PRINCE	ALL OF LOT 3 LOT 003 BLOCK 009 BRONWAY HGTS ADDITION	PATRICIA LOU SMITH PO BOX 68 FOUKE, AR 71837

CDBG FUNDS

902 EUCLID	100X 160' BLK 172 LOT N/A BLOCK 172 BRONWAY HGTS ADDITION	PAULA FREER 709 HWY 355 HOPE, AR 71801
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COST(PLUS 10%)

\$4,180.00

\$3,960.00

\$4,180.00

\$4,400.00

\$4,180.00

\$1,650.00