



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

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

**Minutes - Monday, August 19, 2024 - 6:00 PM**

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

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

ALSO, PRESENT: City Attorney Josh Potter, City Clerk Heather Soyars, and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

ABSENT: Acting City Manager Tyler Richards.

Invocation given by Ward 1 Director Terry Roberts.

Pledge of Allegiance led by TWU Assistant Executive Director Kenny Icenhower.

### **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

No one came forward.

### **PRESENTATION(S)**

1. Proclamation declaring August 19, 2024, as Judy Priest Day.

### **CONSENT**

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

2. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting August 5, 2024. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
3. Resolution No. 2024-63 authorized the purchase of a 2025 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor to replace a damaged vehicle. (TAPD) Interim Police Chief Ed Chattaway

### **REGULAR**

4. Resolution No. 2024-64 conditionally authorized the City of Texarkana, Arkansas, Public Facilities Board to proceed with the issuance of approximately \$24,000,000 of waterworks and sewer facilities revenue bonds. (TWU) Assistant Director Kenny Icenhower and Rose Law Firm Counsel Jim Fowler

After a brief discussion, the motion to adopt the resolution made by Assistant Mayor Hart, Seconded by Director Roberts.

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

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

5. Resolution No. 2024-65 authorized the Acting City Manager to enter into a contract with Johnson Controls, Inc., to install an Advanced Metering Infrastructure System with a Leak Detection Monitoring System in combination with Satellite Based Leak Detection. (TWU) Assistant Executive Director Kenny Icenhower

After a brief discussion, the motion to adopt the made by Assistant Mayor Hart, Seconded by Director Brewer.

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

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

6. Resolution No. 2024-66 authorized the Acting City Manager to enter into a lease agreement with the Texarkana Regional Airport to apply for a loan from the Arkansas Energy Office for solar covered parking. [TABLED August 5, 2024] (AIRPORT) Director Paul Mehrlich

After a brief discussion, the motion to adopt the made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Director Roberts.

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

Voting Nay: Director Harris

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

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY**

Director Harris said the Texarkana Metropolitan Planning Organization had been working on a connect to 2050 plan and the citizens would be able to give their input.

Director Roberts wanted to say thank you to Roger Douglas and Traice Lee for a job well done since Tyler Richards became Acting City Manager.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, September 3, 2024**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Mayor requested an Executive Session to discuss city manager applicants. The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:51 PM.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:05 PM and no action was taken.

**ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn made by Assistant Mayor Hart, Seconded by Director Hollibush.

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

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

**APPROVED** this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2024.

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Allen L. Brown, Mayor

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Heather Soyars, City Clerk