



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

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

**Minutes - Monday, June 17, 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: Interim City Manager Tyler Richards, City Clerk Heather Soyars, and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

Absent: City Attorney Josh Potter.

Invocation given by Director Steven Hollibush.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson.

### **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Adger Smith, 308 Meadows Road, read his letter of resignation from the Planning Commission effective November 15, 2024.

### **CONSENT**

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

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting June 3, 2024. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
2. Resolution No. 2024-48 amended the Board of Directors' Rules of Order and Procedure to reflect the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act, A.C.A. § 25-19-101 *et seq.* (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

### **REGULAR**

3. Adopt a Resolution approving the Memorandum of Understanding between Texarkana Regional Airport, Texarkana College, and the City of Texarkana, Arkansas for the 2026 Airshow. (FIN) Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson.

Mayor Brown said he was concerned the City of Texarkana, Texas, was not included in the Memorandum of Understanding since they jointly owned the airport. He said he spoke with Texas-

side City Manager David Orr and he agreed. Mayor Brown said the Texas-side had committed funds for the event and because they jointly own the airport both cities should be included in the Memorandum of Understanding as insurers.

Assistant Mayor Hart made the motion to table the resolution, 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 tabled.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY**

Director Roberts wanted everyone to be aware of the sewage flooding at the Bi-State Justice Center. He said court offices needed major repairs, but the courtroom was not damaged.

Director Harris thanked everyone who attended the Juneteenth celebration downtown. He also said the City needed a Community Development Block Grant program to help poor neighborhoods.

Assistant Mayor Hart asked if trash cans could be placed around North Stateline.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Interim City Manager Tyler Richards said he would send a list of short-term goals to the Board by the end of the week.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board of Directors entered Executive Session at 6:21 PM to discuss an appointment to the Historic District Commission.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 6:49 PM and the following action was taken.

4. Resolution No. 2024-49 appointed Christen Durham to the Historic District Commission. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

Director Hollibush made the motion to appoint Christen Durham to the Historic District Commission, 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.

The motion to increase the compensation of the Interim City Manager to \$138,000 and to be retroactive to June 3, 2024, 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 Mayor declared the motion adopted.

Mayor Brown also stated the City would move forward and advertise for the City Manager position.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, July 1, 2024**

**ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn 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 meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM.

**APPROVED** this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 2024.

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Allen L. Brown, Mayor

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Heather Soyars, City Clerk