



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Monday, August 03, 2026 - 6:00 PM

Mayor Allen Brown called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

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

ALSO, PRESENT: City Manager Tyler Richards, City Attorney Josh Potter, City Clerk Heather Soyars, and Deputy City Clerk Tabitha Churchill.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance given by Director Terry Roberts

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

None.

PRESENTATION(S)

1. Presentation of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas Employee Service Awards. (ADMIN)

Clay Hicks	PWD	5 Years
Andreka Allen	TWU	5 Years

CONSENT

Director Jewell requested Item 4. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a construction contract with Contech Contractors for Sanderson Lane, Senator Street, Garland Avenue and Washington Street Rehabilitation Projects. (PWD), be removed from the Consent agenda.

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

2. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting July 20, 2026. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
3. Resolution No. 2026-80 authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract for the Lindberg Street Six-Inch (6") Water Main Replacement Project. (TWU) Executive Director Gary Smith
5. Resolution No. 2026-81 authorized the City Manager to seek proposals for Amendment 78 financing for a new Fire Pumper Apparatus. (TAFD) Fire Chief David Fletcher

6. Resolution No. 2026-82 approved the 2026 G.O. Bond Budget. (FIN) Finance Director Shena Washington

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4. Resolution No. 2026-83 authorized the City Manager to enter into a construction contract with Contech Contractors for Sanderson Lane, Senator Street, Garland Avenue and Washington Street Rehabilitation Projects. (PWD) Interim Public Works Director Tracie Lee

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

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

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

7. Consider the following action concerning the demolition of a substandard structure located at 110 East Broad Street (Ward 2):

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

Resolution No. 2026-84 certified the amount of \$15,000.00 for property located at 110 East Broad Street to be put on tax books as delinquent and collected accordingly. (PWD) Interim Assistant Public Works Director Roger Douglas

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

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

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

8. Consider the following action concerning the maintenance of overgrown lots:

Conduct a Public Hearing regarding the placing of liens on forty-three (43) overgrown lots.

Resolution No. 2026-85 placed liens on forty-three (43) overgrown lots. (PWD) Interim Assistant Public Works Director Roger Douglas

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

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

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

9. Ordinance No. 23-2026 amended Ordinance No. K-286 to rezone the property located at 1401 Dudley Street from O-1 Office Quiet to C-1 General Commercial. (Ward 2) (PWD-PLANNING) City Planner Jamie Finley

After a brief discussion, the ordinance was read for the first time in title form.

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading in abbreviated form made by Assistant Mayor Brewer, Seconded by Director Roberts.

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

Voting Nay: Director Harris and Director Jewell.

The motion carried 5-2 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 Director Hollibush.

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

Voting Nay: Director Harris and Director Jewell.

The motion carried 5-2 and the ordinance was read the third time in abbreviated form.

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

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

Director Jewell and Director Harris had questions. Gary Edwards, the owner of the property in question, stepped forward and answered their questions.

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

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

10. Ordinance No. 24-2026 amended Ordinance No. K-286 to rezone the property located at 6600 Sugar Hill Road from R-1 Rural Residential to A-1 Limited Mixed Use. (Ward 6) (PWD-PLANNING) City Planner Jamie Finley

After a brief discussion, the ordinance was read for the first time in title form.

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading in abbreviated form made by Assistant Mayor Brewer, Seconded by Director Hollibush.

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

Voting Nay: Director Jewell.

The motion carried 6-1 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 Smith, Seconded by Director Hollibush.

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

Voting Nay: Director Jewell.

The motion carried 6-1 and the ordinance was read the third time in abbreviated form.

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

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, Director Hollibush, Assistant Mayor Brewer, Director Jewell, and Director Smith.

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

11. Ordinance No. 25-2026 amended Ordinance No. K-286 to rezone parcel 1010830 located on the Southeast corner of Beech Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard from R-4 Medium Density and C-3 Open Display Commercial to R-2 Single Family. (Ward 2) (PWD-PLANNING) City Planner Jamie Finley

After a brief discussion, the ordinance was read for the first time in title form.

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading in abbreviated form made by Assistant Mayor Brewer, Seconded by Director Roberts.

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

Voting Nay: Director Jewell.

The motion carried 6-1 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 Brewer.

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

Voting Nay: Director Jewell.

The motion carried 6-1 and the ordinance was read the third time in abbreviated form.

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

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 Brewer, Director Jewell, and Director Smith.

Voting Nay: Director Hollibush

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY

Assistant Mayor Brewer noted he would be holding a Ward 4 meeting on September 24th with time and place to be determined and encouraged public attendance.

Director Harris referenced a recent email sent to City Manager Tyler Richards concerning matters in Ward 2.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

12. Resolution No. 2026-86 removed Diane Patterson from the Advertising and Promotion Commission due to residency requirements. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

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

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

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

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, August 17, 2026

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Director Smith, Seconded by Director Hollibush.

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

The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

APPROVED on this 17th day of August 2026.

Allen L. Brown, Mayor

Heather Soyars, City Clerk