



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

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

**Minutes - Monday, April 15, 2024 - 6:00 PM**

Assistant Mayor Jeff Hart called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

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

**ALSO, PRESENT:** City Manager Robert Thompson, City Attorney Joshua Potter, City Clerk Heather Soyars, and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

**ABSENT:** Mayor Allen Brown and Ward 3 Director Steven Hollibush.

Invocation given by Director Danny Jewel.

Pledge of Allegiance led by TWU Information Technology Director Brandon Uselton.

### **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

No one came forward.

### **CONSENT**

Director Brewer 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 April 1, 2024. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
2. Resolution No. 2024-29 authorized the City Manager to Purchase a 2024 Ford F-350 SD from McLarty Ford. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards

### **REGULAR**

3. Ordinance No. 7-2024 authorized the City Manager to purchase desktop computers, laptop computers, monitors, and their necessary accessories to be utilized by various departments of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas. (TWU-IT) IT Director Brandon Uselton

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 Brewer.

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

The motion carried 5-0 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 Roberts.

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

The motion carried 5-0 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 Director Roberts.

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

The motion carried 5-0 and the ordinance was read the third time in abbreviated form.

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

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

No one came forward.

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

The motion carried 5-0 and the Assistant 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 of the Board.*

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

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

No one came forward.

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

The motion carried 5-0 and the Assistant Mayor declared the emergency clause enacted.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY**

None

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Robert Thompson said the Finance Department was preparing for the 2023 audit, and the accounting software transfer. He said all five Fire Departments had completed 1543 hours of continuing training. Mr. Thompson said three Police Officers had graduated from the basic academy and entered the training academy. City Manager Robert Thompson said Police Chief

Kramm and Police Captain Atchley notified the City of their departure and he was working on an interim Police Chief.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board of Directors entered Executive Session at 6:16 PM to discuss an appointment to the City Beautiful Commission.

The Assistant Mayor reconvened the meeting at 6:17 PM and the following action was taken.

4. Resolution No. 2024-30 appointed Richard Turner to the City Beautiful Commission. (CCD)  
City Clerk Heather Soyars

The motion to adopt the resolution made by Director Brewer, Seconded by Director Harris.

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

The motion carried 5-0 and the Assistant Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: May 6, 2024**

### **ADJOURN**

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

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

The motion carried 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:19 PM.

**APPROVED** this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.

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Jeff Hart, Assistant Mayor

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Heather Soyars, City Clerk