Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas
216 Walnut Street
Minutes - Monday, May 18, 2026 - 6:00 PM

Assistant Mayor Ulysses Brewer called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

PRESENT: Ward 1 Director Terry Roberts, Ward 2 Director Laney Harris, 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, and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Russell.

ABSENT: Mayor Allen Brown, Ward 3 Director Steven Hollibush, City Clerk Heather Soyars, and Deputy City Clerk Tabitha Churchill.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance given by Director Terry Roberts.

Assistant Mayor Brewer started the meeting with a discussion about the Advertising and Promotion Commission concerning their recent funding actions.

The discussion ended and the regular meeting began at 7:04 PM.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Natalie Romanick, Kara Lindy, and Paige Burkhalter spoke against the Data Centers. *Statements were attached*

Director Smith left the Board room at 7:16 PM. and returned at 7:23 PM.

CONSENT

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

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting May 4, 2026. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
2. Resolution No. 2026-49 approved the Interim Airport Director to enter into an agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration to reimburse the Airport for relocated federally owned navigational aids in an amount not to exceed $895,754.13. (AIRPORT) Interim Airport Director Russell Henderson

3. Resolution No. 2026-50 approved the Interim Airport Director to enter into an agreement with McClelland Consulting Engineering, Inc. to administer the construction of Runway 4-22 extension in an amount not to exceed $709,743.52 to be paid from a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration. (AIRPORT) Interim Airport Director Russell Henderson

4. Resolution No. 2026-51 approved the Interim Airport Director to enter into an agreement with McClelland Consulting Engineering, Inc. to administer the construction of Runway 4-22 overlay and taxiway extension in an amount not to exceed $625,000.00 to be paid from a grant from the State of Arkansas. (AIRPORT) Interim Airport Director Russell Henderson

5. Resolution No. 2026-52 approved the Interim Airport Director to enter into an agreement with KSA, a Pape-Dawson Company, to conduct a comprehensive market study and appraisal services for aeronautical land and fixed base operator in a proposed amount of 29,495.00. (AIRPORT) Interim Airport Director Russell Henderson

6. Resolution No. 2026-53 authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract for the Millwood Water Treatment Plant Cleaning of the Sludge Ponds Project, for an amount not to exceed $412,300.00, with the Arkansas portion not to exceed $161,497.91, with funds available in the Utility's 2025-2026 budget in the Millwood WTP Depreciation Fund. (TWU) Executive Director Gary Smith, P.E.

REGULAR

7. Resolution No. 2026-54 approved the Interim Airport Director to enter into an agreement with Tatum Excavating Company, Inc. to administer the construction of Runway 4-22 extension, overlay, and taxiway delta extension construction project in an amount of $15,786,713.00. (AIRPORT) Interim Airport Director Russell Henderson

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

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

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY

Director Harris asked why Tameka Grady did not present her presentation and asked if the Advertising and Promotion Commission would have a special-called meeting next week.

Director Roberts asked if candidates running in the upcoming election would please not mention the race in the Board of Directors meetings.

Director Jewell asked the status of the Frank Street bridge.

City Manager Tyler Richards said the State had approved the repairs and it was now open.

Director Harris asked why the bridge on Siebert Street had not been repaired.

City Manager Tyler Richards said he had a meeting with ARDOT engineering consultants last week and they recommended the bridge be torn down and completely reconstructed and they oversaw the construction. He said he asked ARDOT if the City could demolish the existing bridge and place a temporary structure there so it could be opened back up to the neighborhood. ARDOT said yes, but the City would not be refunded the cost.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, June 1, 2026

ADJOURN

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

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

The motion carried 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

APPROVED on this 1st day of June 2026.

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Allen L. Brown, Mayor

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Tabitha Churchill, Deputy City Clerk