



CITY OF TEXARKANA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES • JULY 17, 2017

Conference Room
Workshop Meeting
6:00 PM

220 TEXAS BLVD.
TEXARKANA, TX 75501

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Bob Bruggeman	Mayor	Present	
Jean H. Matlock	Ward 1	Present	
Willie Ray	Ward 2	Absent	
Betty Williams	Ward 3	Absent	
Brian Matthews	Ward 4	Absent	
Christy P. Paddock	Ward 5	Absent	
Josh Davis	Ward 6	Present	

Staff Present: City Manager John Whitson, Jennifer Evans, Kristin Peeples, Eric Schlotter, Dusty Henslee, Shirley Jaster, Lisa Thompson, Robby Robertson, Kyle Dooley, Mashell Daniel, and David Orr.

II. MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS

Mayor Bruggeman welcomed everyone to the meeting and then turned it over to City Manager John Whitson to begin the discussion.

III. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

City Manager Whitson opened the discussion with a review of last year's 2016-17 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) project list that council approved. Most projects were on schedule and progressing along well, with the exception of some street projects delayed due to rain. Some of the projects have already been completed to date and have dropped off the current list.

Council Member Paddock asked staff to add a new project to next year's 2017-18 CIP project list: Grady T. Wallace Park - Soccer Field Improvements. This project would include additional paved parking, more lighting on the fields, re-sodding, elevating the fields and other park improvements. Such improvements would be able to accommodate and host sizable future soccer tournaments.

Van Alexander, a resident of Ward 1, requested a proposed CIP project for sidewalk and drainage improvements in the Grandview area.

Mr. Whitson continued the discussion briefly explaining reasons for the reduction in the city's general fund balance. This reduction will create issues with the financing of capital projects because debt limits have been set based on size of budgets. Also, current revenue is flat and projected revenue is not showing any viable increases. Therefore, he offered options for council to consider that would help ease the burden on the upcoming year's CIP.

Option 1: Remove all storm water projects on the current CIP list and create a sole storm water CIP project list that would seek separate financing support.

Option 2: Divide the Perot Theater Restoration and Art Park projects into two phases for next year's CIP.

Option 3: Delay the regional airport terminal project support funding to next year which would better align with the airport's renovation project schedule.

Option 4: Delay the fire station relocation project to further assess and determine the number of stations truly needed for the city.

Mr. Whitson and staff anticipate holding another CIP workshop prior to the adoption of the 2017-18 city budget. The scheduled date for the next workshop will be announced soon.

IV. MAYOR'S CLOSING REMARKS

Council Member Davis said the workshop discussion was very informative. Mayor Bruggeman thanked Van Alexander and city staff for attending. With no further questions or comments, Mayor Bruggeman called for adjournment.

V. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.
(7:15 PM)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jean H. Matlock, Ward 1
SECONDER:	Josh Davis, Ward 6
AYES:	Matlock, Davis
ABSENT:	Ray, Williams, Matthews, Paddock
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman



Jennifer Evans
City Secretary



Bob Bruggeman
Mayor