



**CITY OF TEXARKANA**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**AGENDA • AUGUST 28, 2017**

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| <b>Council Chambers</b>                              | <b>Regular Meeting</b> | <b>6:00 PM</b>     |
| <b>220 TEXAS BLVD.</b><br><b>TEXARKANA, TX 75501</b> |                        |                    |
| <b>Mayor</b>   |                        |                    |
| Bob Bruggeman  |                        |                    |
| <b>Ward 1</b>  | <b>Ward 3</b>          | <b>Ward 5</b>      |
| Jean H. Matlock                                      | Betty Williams         | Christy P. Paddock |
| <b>Ward 2</b>  | <b>Ward 4</b>          | <b>Ward 6</b>      |
| Willie Ray   | Christie Alcorn        | Josh Davis         |

For any agenda item, the City Council reserves the right to advance the "Council Vote" date to a hearing or briefing date.

The City Council reserves the right to convene into closed session on any agenda item or issue should the need arise and if applicable pursuant to authorization by the Texas Open Meetings Act (Title 5, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code).

If the City Council convenes into closed session, they will reconvene in one hour or less to take any final action, decision, or vote on a matter deliberated in closed session.

- I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**
- II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BETTY WILLIAMS**
- III. MAYOR'S REMARKS AND ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

**Upcoming City Council Meetings:**

Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. - Second Public Hearing on Tax Rate  
Monday, September 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, September 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

**Parks & Recreation Events:**

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|---------------------------|---|------------------|
| August 28 <sup>th</sup>   | Commercial Co-Ed League begins                  | Wallace Park     |
| August 29 <sup>th</sup>   | Church League begins                            | Wallace Park     |
| August 29 <sup>th</sup>   | Southern Diamonds Fall League begins            | Karrh Park       |
| September 4 <sup>th</sup> | After School Program begins                     | Southwest Center |
| September 9 <sup>th</sup> | Fall Dixie Baseball begins                      | Spring Lake Park |
| September 9 <sup>th</sup> | Fall Texarkana Soccer Association League begins | Wallace Park     |

For a complete list of Parks & Recreation activities and information call 903-798-3978 or visit the city website at <http://tx-texarkana.civicplus.com>

***Proclamation Presentation***

Blood Cancer Awareness Month - September 2017

***Appointments to Boards & Commissions***

**IV. OPEN FORUM: COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (LIMIT 5 MINUTES EACH)**

Items scheduled for "Public Hearing" or have been heard at a previous "Public Hearing" are not to be addressed at the "Open Forum".

**V. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

***Consent Items***

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the Joint City Committee Special Meeting of the City Council held on August 8, 2017 at 3:00 PM.
2. Consider approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held on August 14, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

***Action Items***

**VI. FIRST BRIEFINGS**

1. Resolution No. 2017-094 authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into a contract or contracts for the environmental cleanup of 203/205 West Broad Street utilizing EPA grant funds previously awarded specifically for this project.

Public Hearing: August 28, 2017  
Second Briefing:  
Council Vote: August 28, 2017

## **VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. Ordinance No. 2017-083 setting and ordering the rates to be charged by Centerpoint Energy for natural gas.

Public Hearing: August 28, 2017  
Second Briefing:  
Council Vote: August 28, 2017

2. Ordinance No. 2017-084 fixing the tax rate and levy in and for the City of Texarkana, Texas, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018 upon all taxable property in the City of Texarkana, Texas.

Public Hearing: August 28, 2017  
Second Briefing:  
Council Vote: September 11, 2017

3. Resolution No. 2017-085 ratifying the recently adopted budget that contains a property tax rate that raises more total property taxes than the previous year.

Public Hearing: August 28, 2017  
Second Briefing:  
Council Vote: September 11, 2017

4. Resolution No. 2017-090 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for services with Jerry V. Sparks to provide city services as the Economic Developer.

Public Hearing: August 28, 2017  
Second Briefing: September 11, 2017  
Council Vote: September 25, 2017

**VIII. SECOND BRIEFING WITH UPDATES**

1. Ordinance No. 2017-074 amending Chapter 1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Texarkana, Texas, by adding Section 1-14 - "Release or Reduction of Real Property Liens."

Public Hearing: August 14, 2017  
Second Briefing: August 28, 2017  
Council Vote: September 11, 2017

2. Ordinance No. 2017-081 amending the budget estimate of the revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017 and adopting the budget and appropriating resources for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018.

Public Hearing: August 14, 2017  
Second Briefing: August 28, 2017  
Council Vote: September 11, 2017

**IX. SECOND BRIEFING WITHOUT UPDATES**

1. Resolution No. 2017-080 adopting collective bargaining for fire fighters.

Public Hearing: August 14, 2017  
Second Briefing: August 28, 2017  
Council Vote: September 11, 2017

**X. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Staff Updates

**XI. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS**

1. City Council
2. City Staff

**XII. CLOSED SESSION**

The City Council will convene into closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) to discuss or deliberate the interim City Manager's duties, responsibilities, stipend, and authorization for an interim City Manager contract.

The City Council will reconvene into open session to take any final action, decision, or vote on a matter deliberated in closed session.

### **XIII. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

#### *Action Items*

1. Resolution No. 2017-097 authorizing the Interim City Manager contract.

Public Hearing:

Second Briefing:

Council Vote: August 28, 2017

### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

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Jennifer Evans, City Secretary

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