



CITY OF TEXARKANA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES • JANUARY 9, 2017

Council Chambers
Regular 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	Present	
Tina Veal-Gooch	Ward 3	Absent	
Brian Matthews	Ward 4	Present	
Christy P. Paddock	Ward 5	Present	
Josh Davis	Ward 6	Present	
Betty Williams	Ward 3	Present	

Staff Present: City Manager John Whitson, Jennifer Evans, Vicky Coopwood, Kristin Peebles, Lisa Thompson, Kyle Dooley, Karey Parker, Jim Powell, J.D. Phillips, Rea Donna Jones, Robby Robertson, Dan Shiner, Jennifer Strayhorn, David Orr and Jerry Sparks.

Legal Counsel: Jeff Lewis

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOSH DAVIS
III. MAYOR'S REMARKS AND ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST
Upcoming City Council Meetings:

Monday, January 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
Monday, February 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
Monday, February 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Upcoming Joint City Meeting:

The Texarkana Chamber of Commerce will host a "Joint Texarkana Community Committee" meeting with Texarkana, Arkansas on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the chamber building located at 819 No. State Line Avenue. The meeting will be open to the public. The topic of discussion will be the Texarkana Regional Airport.

Upcoming Special City Meeting:

The City Council will meet with the respective Boards of Directors of the Sulphur River Basin Authority and the Riverbend Water Resources District on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Texarkana Convention Center, Ballroom B, located at 2910 South Cowhorn Creek Loop, Texarkana, Texas. The meeting will be open to the public.

Parks & Recreation Events:

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

Appointments to Boards & Commissions

Mayor Bruggeman reappointed Matt Robertson to the Airport Authority Board.

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".

Mike Green addressed council concerning the lack of sidewalks in the city for the safety of citizens and children.

V. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Bruggeman reminded everyone that Council Member Veal-Gooch resigned her position as Ward 3 Council Member effective December 12, 2016. The council accepted letters of interest for the position until January 3, 2017. The council received three letters of interest from the following qualified citizens: Jason Montoya, Johnny Riley, and Betty Williams. Mayor Bruggeman informed the audience that the Council, City Manager, and City Secretary received an email on January 9, 2017 from Johnny Riley withdrawing his letter of interest from consideration for the vacant council seat.

A coin toss was held to determine which of the two remaining candidates would interview first. It was decided that "heads" would be for Mr. Montoya and "tails" would be for Ms. Williams. City Manager Whitson tossed the coin and Dan Shiner verified that the coin landed on "heads". Mr. Montoya would interview first.

The City Council convened in closed session pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the appointment of a public officer to fill a vacancy in council membership (Ward 3 Council Member with an unexpired term ending November 2017) and to interview persons for that appointment.

VI. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Council reconvened in open session. Mayor Bruggeman thanked both candidates for their interest in the position and for interviewing with council. Each council member made a

choice on a ballot collected by City Manager Whitson. Mr. Whitson tallied the votes and gave the tally sheet to Mayor Bruggeman. The Mayor announced that, by unanimous vote, Betty Williams was the candidate chosen to be appointed as Council Member for Ward 3. A copy of the tally sheet is shown below.

City of Texarkana
City Council Appointment of
Ward 3 City Councilmember
Term Ending November 2017

6-0 ✓	Betty Williams
	Jason Montoya

Mayor Bruggeman
Round 1

1. Motion to amend Resolution No. 2017-003 to add the name "Betty Williams" as the Ward 3 Council Member appointed for the remaining unexpired term ending November 2017.

(6:53 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jean H. Matlock, Ward 1
SECONDER:	Willie Ray, Ward 2
AYES:	Matlock, Ray, Matthews, Paddock, Davis
ABSENT:	Veal-Gooch
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman

2. Resolution No. 2017-003 filling the vacancy in council membership for the position of Ward 3 Council Member with an unexpired term ending November 2017.

Public Hearing:

Second Briefing:

Council Vote: January 9, 2017

Betty Williams was sworn in by Judge Sherry Jackson Hawkins as Council Member for Ward 3.

(6:53 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jean H. Matlock, Ward 1
SECONDER:	Willie Ray, Ward 2
AYES:	Matlock, Ray, Matthews, Paddock, Davis
ABSENT:	Veal-Gooch
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman

VII. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Consent Items

(6:59 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Josh Davis, Ward 6
SECONDER:	Brian Matthews, Ward 4
AYES:	Matlock, Ray, Matthews, Paddock, Davis, Williams
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held on December 12, 2016 at 6:00 PM.
2. Consider approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council held on December 16, 2016 at 11:30 AM.
3. Resolution No. 2016-125 approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement between the City and Valley View Consulting, L.L.C. to provide professional investment advisory services for the City's investable funds for a period of two (2) years.

Public Hearing: November 28, 2016
 Second Briefing: December 12, 2016
 Council Vote: January 9, 2017

Action Items - None

VIII. FIRST BRIEFINGS

1. Ordinance No. 2017-001 amending Ordinance No. 143-77 (Civil Service Classification System) authorizing the reclassification of a Civil Service Police Sergeant to the rank of Civil Service Lieutenant.

Public Hearing:
Second Briefing:
Council Vote: January 9, 2017

Dan Shiner briefed this item.
(7:02 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Christy P. Paddock, Ward 5
SECONDER:	Willie Ray, Ward 2
AYES:	Matlock, Ray, Matthews, Paddock, Davis, Williams
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman

- 2. Resolution No. 2017-002 designating the portion of West 3rd Street, from Oak Street to Main Street, as "Scott Joplin Way" to coincide with 2017 planned centennial celebrations honoring Scott Joplin.

Public Hearing: January 23, 2017
Second Briefing: February 13, 2017
Council Vote: February 27, 2017

Kyle Dooley briefed this item. Carol Collins-Miles, representing the Scott Joplin Support Group, gave an overview of the Scott Joplin 2017 Centennial Celebrations.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD	Next: 1/23/2017 6:00 PM
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- 3. Resolution No. 2017-004 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for the member cities ground storage tank repairs for Texarkana Water Utilities in an amount not to exceed \$198,155.95.

Public Hearing: January 23, 2017
Second Briefing: February 13, 2017
Council Vote: February 27, 2017

J.D. Phillips briefed this item.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD	Next: 1/23/2017 6:00 PM
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- 4. Ordinance No. 2017-005 granting a Specific Use Permit for an in-home adult day care on the north 40' of Lot 7 and the south 1/2 of Lot 8, Block 14, Rochelle Heights Addition, located at 3700 Olive Street. Darlene Ndogo, applicant.

Public Hearing: January 23, 2017
Second Briefing: February 13, 2017
Council Vote: February 27, 2017

David Orr briefed this item.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD	Next: 1/23/2017 6:00 PM
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5. Resolution No. 2017-006 responding to SWEPCO's rate change request.

Public Hearing:

Second Briefing:

Council Vote: January 9, 2017

City Manager Whitson briefed this item.

(7:27 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Josh Davis, Ward 6
SECONDER:	Christy P. Paddock, Ward 5
AYES:	Matlock, Ray, Matthews, Paddock, Davis, Williams
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

X. SECOND BRIEFING WITH UPDATES - NONE

XI. SECOND BRIEFING WITHOUT UPDATES - NONE

XII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Staff Updates

City Manager Whitson spoke with Cable One General Manager David Wall who informed him that the project to upgrade to a speed of one megabyte for internet service is no longer delayed and work has begun. There about 150 fiber optic nodes around the two cities that will be upgraded one node at a time to the new internet speed capability. The contractor will take about four months to complete the project and the availability of the upgraded speed will be offered to residential and commercial customers for an additional cost.

XIII. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

1. City Council

Council had no comments for staff.

2. City Staff

Staff had no comments for council.

XIV. CLOSED SESSION

The City Council convened in closed session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code for a private consultation with the City Attorney.

XV. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened into open session.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.
(8:33 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jean H. Matlock, Ward 1
SECONDER:	Willie Ray, Ward 2
AYES:	Matlock, Ray, Matthews, Paddock, Davis, Williams
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman



Jennifer Evans
City Secretary



Bob Bruggeman
Mayor