



July 8 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup>	Dixie "O" Zone State Tournament	Spring Lake Park
July 8 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup>	Freedom Rings Girls Softball Tournament	Karrh Park
July 15 <sup>th</sup>	Cornerstone Sandslam Volleyball Tournament	Bringle Lake West

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>

The Girls Softball Showcase Tournament was a huge success this past weekend. A total of 63 teams played a total of 260 games. States represented include: Texas, Alabama, Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Local Texas-side area hotels reported a record number of 874 rooms booked by guests who stayed in Texarkana during the showcase tournament.

Next year's tournament has been confirmed for June 22nd - June 24th. Texarkana is also a finalist for a National Tournament that is scheduled for July of 2018.

Mayor Bruggeman especially thanked Sandy Dixon, Robby Robertson & staff, Ross Cowling of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas, and Mike Burke of the City of Wake Village, Texas, for their tremendous preparation and hard work in providing for a major and productive event that allowed all participants and guests to enjoy.

#### *Appointments to Boards & Commissions*

There were no appointments made to any board or commission.

#### **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".

Cliff Robertson addressed council concerning proposing an ordinance to protect and preserve trees around the city especially in regards to new construction.

#### **V. CLOSED SESSION**

The City Council convened into closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 - Consultation with Attorney.

#### **VI. RECONVENED INTO OPEN SESSION**

**VII. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

*Consent Items*

(6:55 p.m.)

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

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held on June 12, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

*Action Items - None*

**VIII. FIRST BRIEFINGS**

1. Ordinance No. 2017-070 amending PD-79-5(GR) for site plan approval to allow a building expansion on Lot 1A, Rateliff Subdivision, located at 4105 Richmond Place. Danny and Rachael Rateliff, applicants.

Public Hearing: July 10, 2017  
 Second Briefing: July 24, 2017  
 Council Vote: August 14, 2017

David Orr briefed this item.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD</b>	<b>Next: 7/10/2017 6:00 PM</b>
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2. Ordinance No. 2017-071 amending PD-79-5(GR) for site plan approval to allow the construction of a new building on Lot 2, Block 2, Richmond-McKnight Addition, located at 4207 Richmond Road. Aaron Gaylor, applicant.

Public Hearing: July 10, 2017  
 Second Briefing: July 24, 2017  
 Council Vote: August 14, 2017

David Orr briefed this item.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD</b>	<b>Next: 7/10/2017 6:00 PM</b>
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3. Resolution No. 2017-072 authorizing the sale of a surplus water distribution system to Riverbend Water Resources District.

Public Hearing: July 10, 2017  
Second Briefing: July 24, 2017  
Council Vote: August 14, 2017

City Manager Whitson briefed this item.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD</b>	<b>Next: 7/10/2017 6:00 PM</b>
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4. Resolution No. 2017-073 approving the 2017 CDBG Annual Action Plan and amendment of the CDBG 2013-2017 Consolidated Plan.

Public Hearing: July 10, 2017  
Second Briefing:  
Council Vote: July 10, 2017

David Orr briefed this item.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD</b>	<b>Next: 7/10/2017 6:00 PM</b>
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## IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Resolution No. 2017-065 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a three-year contract for the annual audit for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2017, 2018, and 2019, with the option to renew.

Public Hearing: June 26, 2017  
Second Briefing: July 10, 2017  
Council Vote: July 24, 2017

Rhonda Jones, of Holliday Lemons & Cox, P.C., expressed concerns relating to a proposed contract for independent audit services with BKD, LLP.

Ms. Jones asked council to reconsider continuing contracted independent audit services with Holliday, Lemons & Cox, P.C.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD</b>	<b>Next: 7/10/2017 6:00 PM</b>
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2. Resolution No. 2017-066 approving a debt management policy.

Public Hearing: June 26, 2017  
Second Briefing: July 10, 2017  
Council Vote: July 24, 2017

There were no public comments made at this hearing.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD</b>	<b>Next: 7/10/2017 6:00 PM</b>
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3. Ordinance No. 2017-067 amending the city's traffic register to establish a forty mile per hour (40 mph) speed limit on University Avenue between the beginning of the boulevard section near 6800 University Avenue and Bringle Lake Village Drive, and University Avenue between Shilling Road and Summerhill Road, and amending the city's traffic register to establish a thirty-five mile per hour (35 mph) speed limit on Shilling Road between Bringle Ridge Road and the east end of University Avenue.

Public Hearing: June 26, 2017  
Second Briefing: July 10, 2017  
Council Vote: July 24, 2017

There were no public comments made at this hearing.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD</b>	<b>Next: 7/10/2017 6:00 PM</b>
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4. Resolution No. 2017-068 authorizing the City Manager to enter into loan agreements with Grimm Lofts, LLC.

Public Hearing: June 26, 2017  
Second Briefing: July 10, 2017  
Council Vote: July 10, 2017

Jeff Sandefur, Josh Morriss, Richard Reynolds, Mary Hart, and William Scurlock each addressed council stating reasons why they support the adoption of this resolution.

Sheila Osborne Wagnon addressed council stating reasons why she opposes the adoption of this resolution. Ms. Wagnon also expressed commendation to David Orr for his long time efforts and challenging work done in behalf of the Grim project and seeing it through to possible development.

Jennifer Strayhorn, Texarkana Library Director, addressed council stating the reasons why she supports the adoption of this resolution. Ms Strayhorn also added that the library is open until 9:00 p.m. four nights a week and that she would not allow staff to leave work in the downtown area, at that time of night, if she didn't feel it was safe enough to do so.

Council Member Matlock made comments contrasting low income and Section 8 housing to affordable housing based on median income levels for individuals and families.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD</b>	<b>Next: 7/10/2017 6:00 PM</b>
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5. Ordinance No. 2017-069 amending the Land Development Code, Chapter 105 "Buildings and Construction", Section 105-4 "Insurance and Bonding Requirements".

Public Hearing: June 26, 2017  
Second Briefing: July 10, 2017  
Council Vote: July 24, 2017

There were no public comments made at this hearing.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD</b>	<b>Next: 7/10/2017 6:00 PM</b>
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## **X. SECOND BRIEFING WITH UPDATES**

1. Ordinance No. 2017-056 amending PD-15-5(GR) for site plan approval on Lot 6, Block 3, J.T. Spears Addition, located at 3603 Texas Boulevard. Texas Boulevard Properties, LLC, applicant. Bryan Callaway, agent.

Public Hearing: June 12, 2017  
Second Briefing: June 26, 2017  
Council Vote: July 10, 2017

David Orr said staff added information to the council packet as a result of questions raised at the public hearing on June 12th. Staff just received information, from MTG Engineers & Surveyors regarding Texas Boulevard Site Design, that will be included in the next meeting agenda packet.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD</b>	<b>Next: 7/10/2017 6:00 PM</b>
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2. Resolution No. 2017-063 revising the swap time policy in the fire department.

Public Hearing: June 12, 2017  
Second Briefing: June 26, 2017  
Council Vote: July 10, 2017

Eric Schlotter said staff is looking at proposing a change in the policy to the total number of shifts allowed in a given year comparable to a sliding scale for hours.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD</b>	<b>Next: 7/10/2017 6:00 PM</b>
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3. Resolution No. 2017-064 adopting the FY18 Master Fee List.

Public Hearing: June 12, 2017  
Second Briefing: June 26, 2017  
Council Vote: July 10, 2017

City Manager Whitson said no significant fees have been added or removed. A final list of fees will be included in the next meeting agenda packet.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD</b>	<b>Next: 7/10/2017 6:00 PM</b>
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## **XI. SECOND BRIEFING WITHOUT UPDATES - NONE**

## **XII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

### Staff Updates

Mr. Whitson said the tree located at Crumpton and Cooper Lane, brought up during Open Forum at the June 12th council meeting, is on property located outside of the city limits. The tree is not eligible for city support or public funds. Mr. Whitson contacted Bowie County Commissioner Tom Whitten about the issue. Mr. Whitten said the county is also not responsible for the tree because it resides on private property.

Mr. Whitson said staff researched a proposal, made by Council Member Davis, to draft a spay & neuter ordinance for the city. State law does not allow a city to enact an ordinance that requires a pet to be altered because animals are considered private property and therefore the city has no jurisdiction.

## **XIII. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS**

### 1. City Council

Council Member Paddock, along with city staff, attended a meeting with TxDOT last week that discussed a proposed landscaping project for various Interstate 30 intersections. There is a potential for TxDOT to secure funding to beautify these intersections. TxDOT proposes to maintain the intersections for one year after completion. At that time, TxDOT would need a maintenance agreement to be effective with another entity to take over, either the city, county, the chamber or possibly a beautification group or a combination thereof.

Initially, TxDOT would like a formal statement from the city expressing interest in the project in order to proceed with checking into funding for the project. Ms. Paddock suggested, if council approved, that the City Manager draft and forward a letter of interest to TxDOT. Mr. Whitson said he would rather prepare a resolution that would express council concerns, confirmation of interest, and outline a solution for how the project will progress after the one year period ends for maintenance provided by TxDOT.

Ms. Paddock said the letter would not commit the city to the project but would only express interest in order to prompt TxDOT to move along in pursuit of funding. Council consensus was for the City Manager to prepare a brief and simple letter of interest and forward to council for review before sending to TxDOT.

Mayor Bruggeman said the "Sparks in the Parks" event, over the weekend, had an incredible fireworks display. He wishes everyone a great and safe fourth of July holiday.

## 2. City Staff

Mr. Whitson said, based on the fact that Texarkana, Arkansas employees will receive July 3rd as a city holiday, Texas employees will be allowed liberal leave as that day is not a scheduled holiday for Texas employees. Normally, if one jurisdiction at the Bi-State Justice Center building is closed, the other two jurisdictions will have minimal customer service traffic. Mr. Whitson said he will monitor the situation at the Bi-State building.

Council needs to be aware that management expects very light staff to report for work on Monday, July 3rd, since the official holiday is on Tuesday, July 4th when city offices will be closed.

## XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.  
(8:14 p.m.)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Willie Ray, Ward 2
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Betty Williams, Ward 3
<b>AYES:</b>	Matlock, Ray, Williams, Paddock, Davis
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Matthews
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Bruggeman



Jennifer Evans  
City Secretary



Bob Bruggeman  
Mayor