



CITY OF TEXARKANA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES • AUGUST 14, 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	Absent	
Betty Williams	Ward 3	Present	
Christy P. Paddock	Ward 5	Present	
Josh Davis	Ward 6	Present	
Christie Alcorn	Ward 4	Present	

City Staff: Interim City Manager Shirley Jaster, Jennifer Evans, Kyle Dooley, Kristin Peeples, Sherry Jackson Hawkins, Dan Shiner, Dusty Henslee, Jim Powell, David Orr, Hanan Southard, Jennifer Strayhorn, Karey Parker, Jim Cornelius, Mashell Daniel, J.D. Phillips, Rea Donna Jones, Eric Schlotter, and Jerry Sparks.

Legal Counsel: Jeff Lewis

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

Monday, August 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, September 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Parks & Recreation Events:

No events scheduled for August.

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>

Appointments to Boards & Commissions

Mayor Bruggeman appointed Craig Manning to the Housing 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".

There were no public comments made at Open Forum.

V. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Bruggeman announced there were only two candidates to interview for the Ward 4 appointment, so the order of interviews would be determined by a coin toss. Dr. Walter Casey, who was the first to file an application for the appointment, called "heads". Interim City Manager Jaster tossed the coin. The coin landed on "tails", verified by the City Secretary, so Ms. Christie Alcorn interviewed first.

The City Council convened into closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) to deliberate the appointment of a public officer to fill a vacancy in council membership (Ward 4 Council Member with an unexpired term ending November 2018) and interview persons for that appointment.

VI. RECONVENED INTO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Bruggeman thanked the audience for its patience while the council interviewed the two applicants. Each council member received a ballot to cast a vote and sign. The ballots were given to Ms. Jaster to tally.

Jeff Lewis reminded council that the signed ballots of each council member would be made for public record along with the meeting minutes.

As authorized by the City Charter, Mayor Bruggeman said that he would participate and cast a vote in the selection of appointing a council member to fill a vacancy in council membership.

1. Resolution No. 2017-086 filling the vacancy in council membership for the position of Ward 4 Council Member with an unexpired term ending November 2018.

Public Hearing:

Second Briefing:

Council Vote: August 14, 2017

Ms. Jaster tallied the votes on the ballots from each council member. The votes were unanimous to appoint Christie Alcorn as the Ward 4 Council Member.

A motion was made to amend Resolution No. 2017-086 to add the name "Christie Alcorn" as the Ward 4 Council Member appointed for the remaining unexpired term ending November 2018.

After the amended motion was adopted, Ms. Alcorn repeated the oath of office and was sworn in by Judge Sherry Jackson Hawkins. Council Member Alcorn then signed documents and took her seat at the Ward 4 council member position.

(7:03 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED TO AMEND [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Josh Davis, Ward 6
SECONDER:	Christy P. Paddock, Ward 5
AYES:	Matlock, Williams, Paddock, Davis
ABSENT:	Ray, Ward 4
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman

VII. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Consent Items

(7:20 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jean H. Matlock, Ward 1
SECONDER:	Christy P. Paddock, Ward 5
AYES:	Matlock, Williams, Paddock, Davis, Alcorn
ABSENT:	Ray
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held on July 24, 2017 at 6:00 PM.
2. Consider approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council held on July 28, 2017 at 5:30 PM.
3. Consider approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council held on August 4, 2017 at 5:30 PM.
4. Ordinance No. 2017-087 amending Ordinance No. 2017-075 and Ordinance No. 2017-076 to establish polling place locations determined by Bowie County, Texas, for the general and special elections to be held on November 7, 2017.

Public Hearing:

Second Briefing:

Council Vote: August 14, 2017

- 5. Ward 4 Appointment Tally Sheet & Ballots

Action Items - None

VIII. FIRST BRIEFINGS

- 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

Ms. Jaster made introductory comments. Centerpoint Energy's District Director Jay Johnston and Director of Regulatory Affairs Tom Stevens answered questions for council concerning the rate case process presented to the Arkansas Public Service Commission in November 2015.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD	Next: 8/28/2017 6:00 PM
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- 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

Kristin Peebles briefed this item.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD	Next: 8/28/2017 6:00 PM
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- 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

Kristin Peebles briefed this item.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD	Next: 8/28/2017 6:00 PM
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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

Kristin Peeples briefed this item.

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5. Ordinance No. 2017-091 amending Exhibit "A" to Ordinance No. 2017-076 to add an additional City Charter amendment for the special election to be held on November 7, 2017.

Public Hearing:
 Second Briefing:
 Council Vote: August 14, 2017

Jeff Lewis briefed this item.
 (7:38 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Josh Davis, Ward 6
SECONDER:	Betty Williams, Ward 3
AYES:	Matlock, Williams, Paddock, Davis, Alcorn
ABSENT:	Ray
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman

6. Resolution No. 2017-093 assembling a Budget Advisory Committee to advise the City Council on the proposed fiscal year 2017-18 city budget.

Public Hearing:
 Second Briefing:
 Council Vote: August 14, 2017

Council Member Davis stated that, at his request, staff prepared this resolution for the agenda and open discussion. Jeff Lewis suggested an amendment to the resolution with more flexibility for council members to have time to respectively make their selection of a citizen to appoint to this advisory committee.
 (7:43 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jean H. Matlock, Ward 1
SECONDER:	Betty Williams, Ward 3
AYES:	Matlock, Williams, Paddock, Davis, Alcorn
ABSENT:	Ray
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

Kenneth Collins, Sr. addressed council at this hearing in favor of this ordinance. Mr. Collins also asked council to review the current process for purchasing a red tagged home. He stated this process requires the purchase of an additional \$500 permit which has limited time restrictions to refurbish the home. Mr. Collins said that he sees the need for revitalization in Texarkana, but feels that these additional requirements impede and discourage citizens from purchasing properties in dire need of renovation.

Steven Cowan addressed council at this hearing in favor of this ordinance.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD	Next: 8/28/2017 6:00 PM
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2. Motion to move Ordinance No. 2017-077 up for council vote.

(7:58 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jean H. Matlock, Ward 1
SECONDER:	Betty Williams, Ward 3
AYES:	Matlock, Williams, Paddock, Davis, Alcorn
ABSENT:	Ray
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman

3. Ordinance No. 2017-077 rezoning Lot 6A, Block 6, Wade and Smith Addition, located at 3117 Smith Street. Two Family-1 to Multiple Family-1. Phillip Simmons, applicant.

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

Ben Creer and Phillip Simmons addressed council at this hearing and asked council for an expedited vote on this agenda item.

(7:58 p.m.)

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

4. Motion to move Ordinance No. 2017-078 up for council vote.

Mayor Bruggeman asked the City Secretary for a roll call vote.

(8:01 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Christy P. Paddock, Ward 5
SECONDER:	Jean H. Matlock, Ward 1
AYES:	Matlock, Williams, Paddock, Alcorn
ABSTAIN:	Davis
ABSENT:	Ray
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman

5. Ordinance No. 2017-078 rezoning an approximate 14-acre tract of land in the Thomas Price HRS, A-466, located in the 3600 block of Old Boston Road. Single Family-2 to Multiple Family-2. William Davis, applicant.

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

William Davis addressed council at this hearing and asked council for an expedited vote on this agenda item. Mayor Bruggeman asked the City Secretary for a roll call vote.

(8:03 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Jean H. Matlock, Ward 1
SECONDER:	Betty Williams, Ward 3
AYES:	Matlock, Williams, Paddock, Alcorn
ABSTAIN:	Davis
ABSENT:	Ray
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman

6. Motion to move Resolution No. 2017-079 up for council vote.

(8:04 p.m.)

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

7. Resolution No. 2017-079 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for the purchase of chemicals for water and wastewater treatment.

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

There were no public comments made at this hearing.
(8:04 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Christy P. Paddock, Ward 5
SECONDER:	Jean H. Matlock, Ward 1
AYES:	Matlock, Williams, Paddock, Davis, Alcorn
ABSENT:	Ray
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman

8. 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

There were no public comments made at this hearing.

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9. 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

There were no public comments made at this hearing.

RESULT:**MOVED FORWARD**

Next: 8/28/2017 6:00 PM

X. SECOND BRIEFING WITH UPDATES - NONE**XI. SECOND BRIEFING WITHOUT UPDATES - NONE****XII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Staff Updates

Ms. Jaster announced that the Governor's office selected Texarkana to host a small business forum for economic development and tourism on October 26, 2017. The forum will be held at the Texarkana Convention Center.

Staff will work with the Governor's office and provide more details in the future. Council Members were asked to save the date on their calendars.

XIII. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

1. City Council

Mayor Bruggeman thanked Mayor Pro Tem Davis for attending, in his absence, the joint city committee meeting held on Tuesday, August 8th. The Mayor also thanked Mike Malone, of the Texarkana Chamber of Commerce, who organized the meeting and invited presenters to discuss community wide broadband.

The next joint city meeting is scheduled for November 14th. Although a topic of discussion for the November meeting has not yet been determined, a suggestion was made to discuss future transportation and highway projects for the area.

2. City Staff

Staff had no administrative comments for council.

XIV. CLOSED SESSION

The City Council convened into closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) to discuss or deliberate the interim City Manager's duties and responsibilities.

XV. RECONVENED INTO OPEN SESSION**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.
(9:22 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Christy P. Paddock, Ward 5
SECONDER:	Betty Williams, Ward 3
AYES:	Matlock, Williams, Paddock, Davis, Alcorn
ABSENT:	Ray
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman



Jennifer Evans
City Secretary



Bob Bruggeman
Mayor