



CITY OF TEXARKANA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES • AUGUST 28, 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	
Betty Williams	Ward 3	Present	
Christie Alcorn	Ward 4	Present	
Christy P. Paddock	Ward 5	Present	
Josh Davis	Ward 6	Present	

Staff Present: Interim City Manager Shirley Jaster, Jennifer Evans, Kyle Dooley, Kristin Peebles, Jim Cornelius, Lisa Thompson, Jim Powell, Eric Schlotter, J.D. Phillips, Dusty Henslee, Mashell Daniel, Karey Parker, Sherry Jackson Hawkins, Jennifer Strayhorn, David Orr, Robby Robertson, and Jerry Sparks.

Legal Counsel: Jeff Lewis

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:

August 28 th	Commercial Co-Ed League begins	Wallace Park
August 29 th	Church League begins	Wallace Park
August 29 th	Southern Diamonds Fall League begins	Karrh Park
September 4 th	After School Program begins	Southwest Center
September 9 th	Fall Dixie Baseball begins	Spring Lake Park

September 9th 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>

Mayor Bruggeman asked citizens to remember in their prayers the victims and families affected by Hurricane Harvey that hit Houston and the south Texas area.

Fox Sports 1400 and the local American Red Cross set up a fundraiser at the Sonic restaurant on Summerhill Road until 10:00 p.m. All money collected will be sent to south Texas for the hurricane recovery effort.

Four Texarkana, Texas, fire fighters have been deployed to help with the hurricane relief efforts. Team members include Don Rich, Marty Lawrence, Lucas Shelton and Brad Smith.

For the 27th year in a row, the city has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its comprehensive annual financial report or CAFR. The certificate is presented by the Government Finance Officers Association and is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

Proclamation Presentation

Blood Cancer Awareness Month - September 2017

Mayor Bruggeman read the proclamation to the audience.

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".

Lamoya Burks addressed council concerning dumping at County Road 2311 and Hudson Lane.

Kandy Hirsch and Dena Honea addressed council concerning remedies needed for the over population of pets in Texarkana.

Latrell King addressed council concerning spay and neuter laws needed in Texarkana.

Greg King addressed council concerning spay and neuter laws needed in Texarkana.

V. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Consent Items

(6:36 p.m.)

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

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.

Ward 4 Appointment Tally Sheet & Ballots

*Action Items - None***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

David Orr briefed this item. There were no public comments made at this hearing.

(6:39 p.m.)

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

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

There were no public comments made at this hearing. Mayor Bruggeman asked the City Secretary for a roll call vote.
 (6:41 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 2]
MOVER:	Christy P. Paddock, Ward 5
SECONDER:	Willie Ray, Ward 2
AYES:	Matlock, Ray, Alcorn, Paddock
NAYS:	Williams, Davis
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman

- 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

David Potter addressed council at this hearing.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD	Next: 9/5/2017 6:00 PM
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- 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

Donna Cooley addressed council at this hearing.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD	Next: 9/11/2017 6:00 PM
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- Motion to move Resolution No. 2017-090 up for council vote.
 (6:57 p.m.)

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

- 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

There were no public comments made at this hearing.
 (6:58 p.m.)

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

VIII. SECOND BRIEFING WITH UPDATES

- Motion to move Ordinance No. 2017-074 up for council vote.

(7:00 p.m.)

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

- 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

Kyle Dooley said the update to the ordinance added wording that would allow the release of a lien "if extinguished by judicial action" under Section 1-14(b).

(7:00 p.m.)

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

- 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

Kristin Peoples discussed updates made to the budget since its initial presentation at the July 24th council meeting. Kristin also said a tentative meeting was scheduled with the budget advisory committee for Thursday, August 31st. Shirley Jaster said staff has steadily been fielding and answering questions for budget advisory committee members in preparation for its first meeting.

Van Alexander, chairperson of the budget advisory committee, said the committee is very interested in digging deeper into the budget. Mr. Alexander asked council to consider keeping the budget advisory committee ongoing for assessment of future city budgets and making it a permanent committee.

Mayor Bruggeman thanked the budget advisory committee members for taking their appointments seriously and their diligent budget review assistance.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD	Next: 9/11/2017 6:00 PM
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IX. SECOND BRIEFING WITHOUT UPDATES

- 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

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD	Next: 9/11/2017 6:00 PM
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X. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Staff Updates

Staff had no updates for council.

XI. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

1. City Council

Mayor Bruggeman announced and congratulated the 2017 general election unopposed candidates: Ward 2 - Mary Hart, Ward 3 - Betty Williams, and Ward 5 - Bill Harp. Council is looking forward to working with the newest members beginning November 2017.

The Mayor recognized two students from Mr. Littman's government class at Texas High School.

The Mayor reminded citizens to remember in their prayers the victims and families affected by Hurricane Harvey in Houston and the south Texas area.

2. City Staff

Staff had no administrative comments for council.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

The City Council convened 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.

XIII. RECONVENED 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

(8:24 p.m.)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Josh Davis, Ward 6
SECONDER: Willie Ray, Ward 2
AYES: Matlock, Ray, Williams, Alcorn, Paddock, Davis
EXCUSED: Bruggeman

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

1.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.
(8:25 p.m.)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Willie Ray, Ward 2
SECONDER: Betty Williams, Ward 3
AYES: Matlock, Ray, Williams, Alcorn, Paddock, Davis
EXCUSED: Bruggeman



Jennifer Evans
City Secretary



Bob Bruggeman
Mayor