



CITY OF TEXARKANA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES • SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

Council Chambers
Special 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	Absent	
Willie Ray	Ward 2	Present	
Betty Williams	Ward 3	Present	
Christie Alcorn	Ward 4	Absent	
Christy P. Paddock	Ward 5	Present	
Josh Davis	Ward 6	Absent	

Staff Present: Interim City Manager Shirley Jaster, Jennifer Evans, Kyle Dooley, Kristin Peebles, Jim Powell, Eric Schlotter, Lisa Thompson, and Karey Parker.

Budget Advisory Committee Members: Van Alexander, Kristi Kendrick, Kelly Mitchell.

Legal Counsel: None

II. SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

- 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

Van Alexander, chairperson of the Budget Advisory Committee, said the committee met with staff and finalized the following recommendations to present to council:

- The committee does not recommend a proposed tax increase for this year's budget shortfall.
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- 2. The committee does not recommend a proposed 30% water rate increase to create an environmental fund.
- 3. The committee does recommend that council transfer from the existing fund balance the dollar amount needed to add back the 11 frozen employee positions.
- 4. The committee does recommend that council instruct staff to amend the policy of retaining 25% to 35% of the budget in fund balance reserve and change it to a 60-day operating fund balance reserve. Any balance over 60 days will automatically transfer back to the general fund.

Council asked a few questions of staff concerning the impact of the proposed recommendations.

Mayor Bruggeman thanked the Budget Advisory Committee for its recommendations. The Mayor also thanked staff for the hard work in preparing this year's budget for council adoption.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD	Next: 9/11/2017 6:00 PM
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III. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.
(6:31 PM)

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



Jennifer Evans
City Secretary



Bob Bruggeman
Mayor