



CITY OF TEXARKANA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES • SEPTEMBER 11, 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	
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 Peoples, Jeff Estes, J.D. Phillips, Eric Schlotter, Rea Donna Jones, Jim Powell, Mashell Daniel, and Jerry Sparks.

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

Legal Counsel: Jeff Lewis.

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

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

Monday, October 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, October 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Governor's Small Business Forum Meeting:

Thursday, October 26, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Texarkana Convention Center

Parks & Recreation Events:

September 16 th	Softball Tournament	Karrh Park
September 22 nd -24 th	Fall Softball Showcase	Karrh & Wallace Parks
September 30 th	Alzheimer's Alliance Walk	Spring Lake 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 reminded everyone that September 11, 2017 is Patriot's Day in honor and recognition of those who served and losted during the tragedy of 9/11 in 2001.

The Mayor welcomed Texas High School students from Mr. Littman's government class to the meeting. The Mayor also welcomed Atlanta, Texas Mayor Travis Ransom and his daughter Lucy to the meeting.

The Four States Fair is underway and citizens were encouraged to come out and enjoy fair activities.

Appointments to Boards & Commissions

There 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".

Rosemary Robertson addressed council concerning the condition of a home and property in the 1900 block of Wood Street.

Jeff Roberts addressed council concerning the condition of a home and property in the 1900 block of Wood Street.

Dean Martin addressed council concerning weeds, trash, and loose dogs in the 2500 block of McIntyre Street.

Erin McDonald addressed council about current road construction in the Forest Lake Estates area.

V. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Consent Items

(6:22 p.m.)

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

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held on August 28, 2017 at 6:00 PM.
2. Consider approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council held on September 5, 2017 at 6:00 PM.
3. Ordinance No. 2017-101 approving the cancellation of the November 7, 2017 general election for a Council Member for Ward Two (2), a Council Member for Ward Three (3), and a Council Member for Ward Five (5) as all candidates are unopposed.

Public Hearing:

Second Briefing:

Council Vote: September 11, 2017

Action Items

4. 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

(6:24 p.m.)

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

5. 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

Ms. Jaster outlined the following changes amending the initially proposed budget ordinance: the amended budget - 1) does not change the tax rate from 0.70, 2) does not implement an environmental fund, 3) but does reinstates and fully funds the 11 frozen staff positions.

The amended budget does transfer \$6 million from the Texas water funds to the city general fund with the following specified stipulations: funds will not be taken from daily operations or affect any change in employees, will not be taken from any Arkansas water funds, will not be taken from any member cities funds, and will not be taken from any Corp of Engineer or ultimate rule curve funds.

The Mayor asked the City Secretary for a roll call vote.
 (6:39 p.m.)

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

- 6. 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

A motion was made "that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.7000, which is effectively a 0.77% increase in the tax rate".

The Mayor asked the City Secretary for a roll call vote.
 (6:44 p.m.)

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

- 7. 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

The Mayor asked the City Secretary for a roll call vote.
(6:46 p.m.)

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

VI. FIRST BRIEFINGS - NONE

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

VIII. SECOND BRIEFING WITH UPDATES - NONE

IX. SECOND BRIEFING WITHOUT UPDATES - NONE

X. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Staff Updates

Ms. Jaster said now that the 2017-18 fiscal year budget has passed, the meeting agenda should resume to normal and more items will be brought before council for consideration.

XI. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

1. City Council

Council Member Davis thanked the Budget Advisory Committee members and staff for all of the hard work done on the 2017-18 fiscal year city budget.

Council Member Williams also thanked the Budget Advisory Committee members for their hard work in making sound recommendations in such an abbreviated time frame for the upcoming fiscal year's budget.

2. City Staff

Staff had no administrative comments for council.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

1.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.
(6:50 p.m.)

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



Jennifer Evans
City Secretary



Bob Bruggeman
Mayor