



**CITY OF TEXARKANA**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES • SEPTEMBER 25, 2017**

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**Council Chambers**
**Regular Meeting**
**6:00 PM**


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**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	Absent	
Josh Davis	Ward 6	Present	

Staff Present: Interim City Manager Shirley Jaster, Jennifer Evans, Kyle Dooley, Kristin Peebles, Karey Parker, Eric Schlotter, David Orr, Mashell Daniel, Kevin Davenport, Dusty Henslee, Robby Robertson, Rea Donna Jones, Jennifer Strayhorn, Lisa Thompson, Sherry Jackson Hawkins, Roger Hand, John Taylor, Clint Lachowsky, Michael Henry, Jim Powell, Danny Douglas, Parker Showalter, and Jerry Sparks.

Budget Advisory Committee Members: Van Alexander and Kelly Mitchell.

Legal Counsel: Jeff Lewis.

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

Monday, October 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.  
Monday, October 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

**National Night Out:**

Tuesday, October 3, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. - The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out. Registration for neighborhood events can be made online at [www.texarkanapolice.net](http://www.texarkanapolice.net) or by calling the Police Department at 903.798.3116.

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Council Member Williams invited residents in the Highland Park area to enjoy National Night Out beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Collins Building located at Ferguson Park.

**Governor's Small Business Forum Meeting:**

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

**Fall Farmers Market Schedule:**

Fall Market will be held on Saturdays from September 23<sup>rd</sup> until November 25<sup>th</sup> (with the exception of Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>).

Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> - Fall Fest begins at 5:00 p.m. at Spring Lake Park.

**Parks & Recreation Events:**

September 30 <sup>th</sup>	Alzheimer's Alliance Walk	Spring Lake Park
October 5 <sup>th</sup>	Movies in the Park Begin	Spring Lake Park
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	United Way Battle of the Border	Spring Lake Park
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	Cast for Kids Fishing Tournament	Bringle Lake

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>

September 25<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> has been designated as National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week. Adult Education serves adults, 16 years of age and older, who are no longer enrolled in school and who are functioning below the 12<sup>th</sup> grade level. Under the direction of Richard Seymour, the Literacy Council of Bowie and Miller counties do an exceptional job of assisting citizens in the community to achieve goals that will benefit their families and future. Literacy Council services include teaching foundation skills in reading, math, and English.

The annual "Dine on the Line" event will be held on October 7<sup>th</sup> in downtown Texarkana.

Mayor Bruggeman welcomed several students from Mr. Littman's government class at Texas High School.

***Meeting Presentations***

Mayor Bruggeman read and presented the Diaper Need Awareness proclamation to Lisa Sewell, Executive Director, of the ArkLaTex Blessing Center. Ms. Sewell thanked the Mayor for the proclamation, shared past accomplishments of the organization, and encouraged citizens to visit the center's website at [www.altbc.org](http://www.altbc.org) to obtain more information on how to support diaper banks in the community.

Uri Geva, founder of Texarkana Twins Baseball, provided a re-cap of 2017's first baseball season held at the George Dobson field in Spring Lake Park. Texarkana Twins

Baseball is an experience in minor league baseball utilizing college athletes. Plans are underway for more league expansion and family-friendly entertainment in the upcoming 2018 season.

Jennifer McNabb and Darlene Crane, employees of Julie's Deli, received a Citizens Life Saving Award, and three fire fighters, Clint Lachowsky, Roger Hand, and John Taylor, received a Departmental Life Saving Award, for the immediate assistance to a fellow deli employee, Danny McNabb. Mr. McNabb went into sudden cardiac arrest. The two co-workers rendered him aid until fire personnel arrived on the scene. Mr. McNabb received vital early CPR and defibrillation. The combined effort of all five people contributed to the survival and successful recovery of Mr. McNabb.

### *Appointments to Boards & Commissions*

Council Member Williams recommended the reappointments of JoAnn Duman and Travistene Nash Turner to the Historic Landmark Preservation Committee.

Mayor Bruggeman recommended the appointment of John Mueller to the Library Commission.

Motion to make appointments/reappointments to boards and commissions.

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

#### **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".

Allen Brown, chairperson of Agent Barry Live United Bowl, provided information on the upcoming 5th season of the Live United Bowl game. Mr. Brown thanked council for past financial support and again asked for financial support in hosting the 2017 team banquet. The requested amount was \$20,000.

This year's game day is scheduled for Saturday, December 2nd. Additional details about the Live United Bowl will be released at a press conference scheduled for Wednesday, September 27th at 10:30 a.m. at the Arkansas High Red Wall.

Mr. Brown was accompanied by his wife, Shelby Brown, and Jerry and Vicki Huckabee, committee members of Live United Bowl.

#### **V. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

*Consent Items*

(6:38 p.m.)

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

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held on September 11, 2017 at 6:00 PM.
2. Resolution No. 2017-104 reauthorizing a citizens budget advisory committee to advise the City Council on city budget planning.

Public Hearing:  
 Second Briefing:  
 Council Vote: September 25, 2017

3. Resolution No. 2017-105 confirming the reappointment of Mr. Bob Hay to the City of Texarkana Civil Service Commission.

Public Hearing:  
 Second Briefing:  
 Council Vote: September 25, 2017

Mayor Bruggeman thanked Bob Hay for his service on the Civil Service Commission.

4. Ordinance No. 2017-106 amending the Fund 220 Metropolitan Planning Organization budget for additional funding approved by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

Public Hearing:  
 Second Briefing:  
 Council Vote: September 25, 2017

5. Resolution No. 2017-107 approving the application for the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant providing a total grant in the amount of \$24,080, where the City of Texarkana, Texas, will receive \$14,448 and Bowie County, Texas, will receive \$9,632.

Public Hearing: September 25, 2017  
 Second Briefing:  
 Council Vote: September 25, 2017

***Action Items***

- 6. Resolution No. 2017-095 casting all Council votes for one nominee for Director on the Board of Directors of the Bowie Central Appraisal District.

Public Hearing:  
 Second Briefing:  
 Council Vote: September 25, 2017

Council consensus was to reappoint Council Member Josh Davis to the Bowie Central Appraisal District Board. Council Member Davis thanked the council for its appointment and the opportunity to continue serving in this position.

(6:39 p.m.)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jean H. Matlock, Ward 1
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Willie Ray, Ward 2
<b>AYES:</b>	Matlock, Ray, Williams, Alcorn, Davis
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Paddock
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Bruggeman

- 7. Resolution No. 2017-103 amending the General Fund Balance Policy.

Public Hearing: September 25, 2017  
 Second Briefing:  
 Council Vote: September 25, 2017

(6:42 p.m.)

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

**VI. FIRST BRIEFINGS**

- 1. Ordinance No. 2017-099 rezoning an approximate 2 acre tract of land in the R.E. Sevey HRS, A-523, located at 2407 Liberty Lane. Single Family-1 to Single Family-3. Military Warriors Support Foundation, owner. Mary Bowman (under contract to purchase), agent.

Public Hearing: October 9, 2017  
 Second Briefing: October 23, 2017  
 Council Vote: November 13, 2017

David Orr briefed this item.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD</b>	<b>Next: 10/9/2017 6:00 PM</b>
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- 2. Ordinance No. 2017-100 granting a Specific Use Permit to allow a double wide HUD code manufactured home on an approximate 2-acre tract of land in the R.E. Sevey HRS, A-523, located at 2407 Liberty Lane. Military Warriors Support Foundation, owner. Mary Bowman (under contract to purchase), agent.

Public Hearing: October 9, 2017  
 Second Briefing: October 23, 2017  
 Council Vote: November 13, 2017

David Orr briefed this item.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD</b>	<b>Next: 10/9/2017 6:00 PM</b>
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- 3. Resolution No. 2017-102 authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease purchase agreement with Dell Financial Services LLC for replacement computers and equipment for City of Texarkana, TX departments.

Public Hearing: October 9, 2017  
 Second Briefing: October 23, 2017  
 Council Vote: November 13, 2017

Kevin Davenport briefed this item.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD</b>	<b>Next: 10/9/2017 6:00 PM</b>
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**VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE**

**VIII. SECOND BRIEFING WITH UPDATES - NONE**

**IX. SECOND BRIEFING WITHOUT UPDATES - NONE**

**X. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

## Staff Updates

There were no staff updates.

**XI. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS**

## 1. City Council

Council had no administrative comments for staff.

## 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 551.087 - Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations and Section 551.071 - Consultation with Attorney.

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

**XIII. RECONVENED INTO OPEN SESSION****XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.  
(8:26 p.m.)

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



Jennifer Evans  
City Secretary



Bob Bruggeman  
Mayor