Council Chambers  Regular Meeting  6:00 PM

220 TEXAS BLVD.
TEXARKANA, TX  75501

Mayor
Bob Bruggeman

Ward 1
Jean H. Matlock

Ward 2
Mary Hart

Ward 3
Betty Williams

Ward 4
Christie Alcorn

Ward 5
Bill Harp

Ward 6
Jay Davis
The City Council reserves the right to convene into closed session on any agenda item or issue should the need arise and if applicable pursuant to authorization by the Texas Open Meetings Act (Title 5, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code).

If the City Council convenes into closed session, they will reconvene in one hour or less to take any final action, decision, or vote on a matter deliberated in closed session.

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE LED BY MAYOR BOB BRUGGEMAN

III. SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR WARD 3 AND WARD 5

IV. MAYOR'S REMARKS AND ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Upcoming City Council Meetings:

Monday, December 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
Monday, January 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
Monday, January 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Events:

November 26th 7th Annual Turkey Trot 5K Spring Lake Park

Additional Parks & Recreation information can be found on the city’s website at <http://www.ci.texarkana.tx.us> or by contacting staff at (903) 798-3978.

V. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Insurance Services Office (ISO) Fire Protection Rating for Texarkana - by Hugh Gibson (Zoom)

Small Business Saturday Proclamation - November 28, 2020

VI. OPEN FORUM: COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Per Council rules, comment time is limited to five minutes, or ten minutes if using a translator. Before comments are made, a speaker must complete an information sheet and give to the City Secretary. If your comment pertains to an agenda item with a scheduled public hearing or public comment, the Council requires that you make your comment at that time; you do not need to complete an information sheet.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Council Members Annual Board Appointments Review
VII. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Consent Items

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held on November 9, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

2. Consider approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council held on November 16, 2020 at 12:00 PM.

   November 3, 2020 - Special Election Canvass Documents

3. Resolution No. 2020-119 setting the 2021 City Council meeting dates and official city holiday closings.

   Public Hearing:
   Council Vote: November 23, 2020

4. Ordinance No. 2020-139 ordering and declaring as adopted the petition-initiated ballot measure amending the City Charter by adding new Section 17 to Article XVII, titled "Collective Bargaining Impasse".

   Public Hearing:
   Council Vote: November 23, 2020

Action Items

5. Resolution No. 2020-126 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Azava Audit Solutions, Inc. for hotel occupancy tax and short-term rental audits, hotel tax administration services, sales tax audits, and franchise fee audits.

   Public Hearing:
   Council Vote: November 23, 2020

6. Resolution No. 2020-129 appointing a Mayor Pro Tem for the term beginning December 1, 2020, and ending on November 30, 2021, or until superseded by new council member appointments.
Public Hearing:
Council Vote:   November 23, 2020

7. Resolution No. 2020-136 approving a one-time additional at risk pay pertaining to the COVID-19 public health emergency for all eligible and essential personnel.

Public Hearing:
Council Vote:   November 23, 2020

8. Resolution No. 2020-138 supporting The Texarkanan (former Texarkana National Bank building) redevelopment project, authorizing use of additional EPA cleanup funds to any person or entity allying with Texarkana Renewal Properties, LLC for the project, and authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all loan documents or other documents necessary for the project.

Public Hearing:   November 23, 2020
Council Vote:   November 23, 2020

VIII. FIRST BRIEFINGS


Public Hearing:   December 14, 2020
Council Vote:   December 14, 2020

2. Ordinance No. 2020-131 granting a Specific Use Permit to allow permanent cosmetics and microblading on Lot 1, Parcel 1, Block 2, Galleria Oaks #1 Addition, located in a tenant space at 5510 Summerhill Road. Mark Van Herpen, representing Medwell Properties LLC, owner. Amanda Ross, agent.

Public Hearing:   December 14, 2020
Council Vote:   December 14, 2020


Public Hearing: December 14, 2020
Council Vote: December 14, 2020

5. Ordinance No. 2020-135 granting a Specific Use Permit to allow the location of a double-wide HUD code manufactured home on an approximate 1.228-acres being Tracts 62B, 62C, 62D, Flower Acres Addition, located at 3311 Kidd Lane. Jeffrey and Peggy Robey, owners. (A 3/4 vote of the City Council is required to approve this request.)

Public Hearing: December 14, 2020
Council Vote: December 14, 2020

6. Resolution No. 2020-140 approving the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2019 Comprehensive Assessment Performance Evaluation Report.

Public Hearing: December 14, 2020
Council Vote: December 14, 2020

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS

X. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Staff Updates
COVID-19 - by Fire Chief Eric Schlotter

XI. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

1. City Council
2. City Staff

XII. ADJOURNMENT
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