



CITY OF TEXARKANA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES • JANUARY 11, 2021

Virtual**Regular Meeting****6:00 PM**

220 TEXAS BLVD
TEXARKANA, TX 75501

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

This council meeting was held entirely via the Zoom video conferencing platform. Council members participated from their separate respective locations.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Bob Bruggeman	Mayor	Present	
Jean H. Matlock	Ward 1	Present	
Mary Hart	Ward 2	Present	
Betty Williams	Ward 3	Present	
Christie Alcorn	Ward 4	Present	
Bill Harp	Ward 5	Present	
Jay Davis	Ward 6	Present	

Staff Present: City Manager Shirley Jaster, Jennifer Evans, Garrett Baker, Robby Robertson, Mashell Daniel, David Orr, Lisa Thompson, and Eric Schlotter.

Legal Counsel: Jeff Lewis.

II. INVOCATION LED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BETTY WILLIAMS

III. MAYOR'S REMARKS AND ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Upcoming City Council Meetings:

Monday, January 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
Monday, February 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Events:

No events are scheduled. Any 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.

Opening the first council meeting of 2021, Mayor Bruggeman said he hoped everyone had a good Christmas and New Years holiday.

The city received a letter from the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association. The city was awarded a 2020 Certificate of Achievement in recognition of professional planning standards. The Mayor thanked council members, planning & zoning commission members, and city staff as collaborative efforts made this achievement possible.

The Mayor wished a belated "Happy Birthday" to his aunt Virginia Latimer, a resident of Ashdown, Arkansas. Ms. Latimer celebrated her 103rd birthday on Friday, January 1, 2021. What a remarkable achievement in her many years and long life!

IV. 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.

June Davis addressed council, on behalf of her sister and local citizen Dorothy Hervey, regarding unmanaged overgrowth at 1316 Lee Street. Though cut, she feels the unremoved overgrowth continues as a hazard and creates a breeding ground for rodents.

V. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

There were no appointments or reappointments made to any board, commission or committee by the council.

VI. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Consent Items

(6:12 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mary Hart, Ward 2
SECONDER:	Betty Williams, Ward 3
AYES:	Matlock, Hart, Williams, Alcorn, Harp, Davis
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held on December 14, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

Action Items

[No action items]

VII. FIRST BRIEFINGS

1. Ordinance No. 2020-133 rezoning a 5-acre tract of land being Tract 7D in the M E P & P Rwy. Co. HRS, A-433, located at 2800 West 15th Street. Multiple Family-1 to Planned Development-Neighborhood Service. Xiaoqing (Williams) Zhang, Texas Investments & Property, under contract to purchase. Bryan Henry, agent.

Public Hearing: January 25, 2021

Council Vote: January 25, 2021

Mashell Daniel briefed this agenda item.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD	Next: 1/25/2021 6:00 PM
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2. Ordinance No. 2021-001 rezoning Lots 4-6, Block 4, Lots 1-6 and Lots 9-12, Block 5 South Texarkana Addition, located in the 2000-2100 block of South State Line Avenue and 2100 block of Spruce Street. Agriculture to Single Family-3. Keith Wiley and Southark Properties, LLC, owners. (A 3/4 vote of the City Council is required to approve this request.)

Public Hearing: January 25, 2021

Council Vote: January 25, 2021

Mashell Daniel briefed this agenda item.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD	Next: 1/25/2021 6:00 PM
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3. Ordinance No. 2021-004 amending Chapter 28 “Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions” of the Code of Ordinances by amending Article VI “Reserved” to “Operation and Landing of Helicopters”.

Public Hearing: January 25, 2021

Council Vote: January 25, 2021

Jeff Lewis briefed this agenda item.

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VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

[No public hearing items]

IX. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Staff Updates

COVID-19 - by Fire Chief Eric Schlotter

The Emergency Operations Center is still fully activated. As far as Coronavirus cases, the local hospitals are full as well as those in the surrounding areas. Approximately, 4,000 first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been delivered to Bowie County. The vaccines received were a mix of both the Pfizer and Moderna versions.

Numbers show about 1,400 vaccines have been administered, however, there is significant lag time in reporting. January 11th was the first day that the second doses were administered in Texarkana. The city is in its fifth week for the vaccination schedule. Each week, various approved locations will receive allotments of the vaccine from the state. The city's Health Department staff will oversee a designated phone line dedicated to vaccine information.

As with any personal healthcare and medical treatment decisions, citizens were encouraged to speak with their primary care physician as to in depth COVID-19 vaccine related information.

X. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

1. City Council

Council had no administrative comments for staff.

2. City Staff

Staff had no administrative comments for council.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.
(6:36 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Harp, Ward 5
SECONDER:	Christie Alcorn, Ward 4
AYES:	Matlock, Hart, Williams, Alcorn, Harp, Davis
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman