CITY OF TEXARKANA

CITY COUNCIL

REVISED MINUTES ● JANUARY 27, 2014

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	
Brad Casteel	Ward 1	Present	
Willie Ray	Ward 2	Present	
Tina Veal-Gooch	Ward 3	Present	
Brian Matthews	Ward 4	Present	
Bill Miller	Ward 5	Present	
Josh Davis	Ward 6	Present	

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE BY COUNCILMEMBER BRAD CASTEEL

III. IMPORTANT DATES, MAYOR'S COMMENTS, APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Important Dates to remember

Monday, February 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
Monday, February 24, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
Monday, March 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
Monday, March 24, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Bruggeman announced that a meeting will be held by the Community, Redevelopment and Grants Department on Tuesday, January 28th at 6:30 p.m. at the Collins Senior Center building on Texas Boulevard, to discuss issues in the Highland Park neighborhood. Mayor Bruggeman thanked Mr. Littman's Texas High School government class students for attending the council meeting.

Appointments to Boards & Commissions

1. Mayor Bruggeman recommended Linda Larey be reappointed to the Library Commission Board. Council Member Miller recommended Fred Meisenheimer be moved from alternate member to appointed regular member on the Planning & Zoning Board due to the resignation of Marshall Wood.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Brian Matthews, Ward 4
SECONDER:	Tina Veal-Gooch, Ward 3
AYES:	Casteel, Ray, Veal-Gooch, Matthews, Miller, Davis
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman

IV. OPEN FORUM: COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (LIMIT 5 MINUTES EACH)

Charles Mc Daniel addressed Council about handicapped parking in downtown.

Anne Redelfs addressed Council about zoning changes to Richmond Road and Airline Drive.

Peggy French addressed Council about zoning changes to Richmond Road and Airline Drive.

V. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Consent Items

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on January 13, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Tina Veal-Gooch, Ward 3
SECONDER:	Josh Davis, Ward 6
AYES:	Casteel, Ray, Veal-Gooch, Matthews, Miller, Davis
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman

Action Items

2. Resolution No. 2013-013 authorizing the City Manager to execute a letter of support and commitment for proposed local development(s) for the award of the Texas Department of Housing and Community affairs (TDHCA) Low Income Housing Tax Credit.

   Craig Lindholm spoke to this item. City Manager Whitson spoke to this item. Tom Huth, CEO of Palladium USA spoke to this item. Will Henderson of Carleton Development spoke to this item. Denis Washington, Housing Authority Board Chairperson, spoke to this item.

   Council approved support of the Housing Authority of Texarkana, Texas project.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Tina Veal-Gooch, Ward 3
SECONDER:	Brian Matthews, Ward 4
AYES:	Casteel, Ray, Veal-Gooch, Matthews, Miller, Davis
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman

3. A motion was made for staff to continue research and explore further financial commitments involved to possibly support another TDHCA project without harm to the Housing Authority of Texarkana, Texas TDHCA project and application.

   Mayor Bruggeman requested the City Secretary to proceed with a roll call vote. Mayor Bruggeman broke the tie with a vote of "aye".

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [4 TO 3]**
MOVER:	Brian Matthews, Ward 4
SECONDER:	Brad Casteel, Ward 1
AYES:	Bruggeman, Casteel, Matthews, Miller
NAYS:	Ray, Veal-Gooch, Davis

4. Resolution No. 2014-020 Setting the 2014 City Council Meeting Schedule and the City Offices Holiday Closing Schedule

   Public Hearing: January 13, 2014
   Second Briefing:
   Action: January 27, 2014

   City Manager Whitson spoke to this item.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Bill Miller, Ward 5
SECONDER:	Josh Davis, Ward 6
AYES:	Casteel, Ray, Veal-Gooch, Matthews, Miller, Davis
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Ordinance No. 2014-017 rezoning a one acre tract of land being a part of Block 54 in the J.W. Johnson HRS, A-308, located at 1918 Allen Lane. Single Family-2 to Two Family-1. Dewitt Fortenberry, owner.

   Public Hearing: January 27, 2014
   Second Briefing: February 10, 2014
   Action: February 24, 2014

   Dewitt Fortenberry spoke to this item. Shirley Jaster spoke to this item.

   NOTE: A motion was made that this item be moved to a vote, dispensing with the scheduled council vote on February 24, 2014.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Brian Matthews, Ward 4
SECONDER:	Bill Miller, Ward 5
AYES:	Casteel, Ray, Veal-Gooch, Matthews, Miller, Davis
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman

2. A motion was made that this item be approved.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Brian Matthews, Ward 4
SECONDER:	Josh Davis, Ward 6
AYES:	Casteel, Ray, Veal-Gooch, Matthews, Miller, Davis
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman

3. Ordinance No. 2014-018 rezoning an approximate 23 acre tract being a part of Lot 2, Richmond-Airline Subdivision, located at the southeast corner of Richmond Road and Airline Drive. Single Family-1 to Planned Development Multiple Family-1 and Planned Development General Retail. Amy Harrel, owner. Brandon Huffman, under contractor to purchase, and Dan Butler, agents.

   Public Hearing: January 27, 2014
   Second Briefing: February 10, 2014
   Action: February 24, 2014

   Jeff Whitten of Whitten Civil Engineering spoke to this item. Shirley Jaster spoke to this item. The following citizens spoke to this item: Lisa Singleton, Gene Brassett, Anne Redelfs, Laura Howdeshell, John Williams, Diana Johnson, and Brandon Huffman.

RESULT:	**MOVED FORWARD**	**Next: 2/10/2014 6:00 PM**

VII. FIRST BRIEFINGS

1. Ordinance No. 2014-016 authorizing such action as may be necessary for the Downtown Development Area to be designed as a United States Department of HUD Designated Local Revitalization Area.

   Public Hearing: February 10, 2014
   Second Briefing: February 24, 2014
   Action: March 10, 2014

   Craig Lindholm spoke to this item.

RESULT:	**MOVED FORWARD**	**Next: 2/10/2014 6:00 PM**

VIII. SECOND BRIEFING WITH UPDATES

None

IX. SECOND BRIEFING WITHOUT UPDATES

1. Resolution No. 2014-009 approving the addition to the TIRZ #1 Project list for the partial funding of improvements to property at St. Michael Drive and Richill Drive (private road) allowing use of part of the 2012 TIRZ Bond Fund in an amount not to exceed FOUR HUNDRED SIX THOUSAND AND NO/100 dollars ($406,000) for drainage improvements.

   Public Hearing: January 13, 2014
   Second Briefing: January 27, 2014
   Action: February 10, 2014

   David Williams, of MTG Engineers, spoke to this item. Jerry Sparks spoke to this item. City Manager Whitson spoke to this item.

RESULT:	**MOVED FORWARD**	**Next: 2/10/2014 6:00 PM**

2. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-010 approving the 2012 TIRZ #1 Bond Project List funding for the drainage improvements and the relocation of water, wastewater, and sewer for a Gibson Lane Project in an amount not to exceed TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND N0/100 DOLLARS ($250,000).

   Public Hearing: January 13, 2014
   Second Briefing: January 27, 2014
   Action: February 10, 2014

   Elvin Fenton spoke to this item.

RESULT:	**MOVED FORWARD**	**Next: 2/10/2014 6:00 PM**

3. Ordinance No. 2014-011 granting a Specific Use Permit to allow the one additional use of a tattoo studio on Lot 112, Block 256, Midland Addition (Tract 256), located at 3201 New Boston Road. W.R. Bowling, applicant. Jessica Teran, agent.

   Jessica Teran spoke to this item.

RESULT:	**MOVED FORWARD**	**Next: 2/10/2014 6:oo PM**

X. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Update Council on outstanding items.

Parking in Yards - Shirley Jaster updated the city council by stating that a briefing item is planned to be presented to the city council at the February 24, 2014 council meeting. The briefing item will be scheduled for the full two-month transparency process permitting ample time for the public to provide input for city council consideration. She also reported that all exiting notes and research on the matter will be compiled into a single PDF file and forwarded in advance to council members permitting individual council members to familiarize themselves with the research at their own pace.

Donation/Collection Bins - Shirley Jaster reported that she has coordinated with the Arkansas staff and that there is a plan to roll out a proposed ordinance in each jurisdiction simultaneously

to the respective Planning and Zoning Commissions. It is anticipated that a city council briefing item will be presented at the March 10, 2014 meeting.

Animal Shelter - Craig Lindholm reported that the staff continues to evaluate the cost associated with using the Texarkana, Arkansas animal shelter and that the annual costs appear to be escalating. There has been no discussion concerning renewing or updating the current contract between Texarkana, Texas and Texarkana, Arkansas. Staff continues to review plans and designs of recently constructed or soon to be constructed animal shelters in Texas. There is an option, should the Council desire, to have some design firms make presentations to Council.

Temporary Tents at Business Locations - Shirley Jaster reported that a briefing item will be presented at the February 24, 2014 council meeting proposing changes to the city ordinances that regulate the use of tents at business locations.

Boards & Commissions - City Manager Whitson reported that he and the city secretary have researched creation documents for city commissions, boards, and committees and continue to research similar documents for outside agencies where the city appoints members to their governing boards. As a first step the staff has redesigned the Excel file used to track membership. The new design will quickly identify any appointment that will expire within 90 days and also further identify by color code any appointments that have expired. The 90-day notice will permit the city secretary to advertise pending vacancies thus seek applications from interested citizens who want to be considered for appointment. Mr. Whitson stated that he is drafting a policy for council consideration that will be intended to improve the transparency of the appointment process. He expects to have a briefing item ready in March 2014.

XI. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

1. Council

   None

2. Staff

   None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

1. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Bill Miller, Ward 5
SECONDER:	Willie Ray, Ward 2
AYES:	Casteel, Ray, Veal-Gooch, Matthews, Miller, Davis
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman

2. Minutes Signed By,

   Bob Bruggeman, Mayor Jennifer Evans, City Secretary