



CITY OF TEXARKANA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES • FEBRUARY 10, 2025

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	
Mary Hart	Ward 2	Present	
Steve Thompson	Ward 3	Present	
Christie Page	Ward 4	Present	
Cole Meador	Ward 5	Present	
Jay Davis	Ward 6	Present	

Staff Present: City Manager David Orr, Jennifer Evans, Kristin Peebles, Chris Black, Reed Russell, Gary Smith, J.W. Bramlett, Karey Parker, Mashell Daniel, Brandon Uselton, Robby Robertson, Chiquita Burks, Vashil Fernandez, Brooke Stone, Jonathan Wade, and Matt Solomon.

Municipal Court: Judge Sherry Jackson Hawkins.

Legal Counsel: Jeff Lewis.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE LED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JEAN MATLOCK

III. AMERICA 250 PLAQUE DONATION

Andrea Williams McCoy, of the Daughters of the American Revolution, said the America 250 Plaque was donated to the city on Sunday, February 9, 2025. The goal of the National Society is to place at least one marker in every state in celebration of the nations' upcoming 250th anniversary.

Texarkana has the 18th marker placed in Texas. **Evan Thomas Watson**, a distinguished veteran of the Revolutionary War, is the only known veteran buried in Bowie County out of the 159 Revolutionary War veterans buried in Texas.

IV. TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL - 2025 POLYNESIAN BOWL RECOGNITION

Tradarian Ball, a junior at Texas High School, was selected as one of the top 100 athletes to play in the Polynesian Bowl in Hawaii in January 2025 that aired on the NFL Network. He is

a four-star running back and committed to the Oregon Ducks. He plans to graduate from high school in early December 2025. His goal is to be in the NFL, but if not, he wants to be a sportscaster.

He was accompanied, in full support, by his father, Andre Ball and mother, Cynthia Matthews. Also in attendance were Texas High Principal Ben Renner, Positioning Coach Eric Sutton, and Marketing and Community Engagement Specialist Brittney Brookes.



V. MAYOR'S REMARKS AND ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Upcoming City Council Meetings

Monday, March 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, April 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Activities

Feb. 16 th	Run the Line hosted by Partnership for the Pathway	7:30 am	Downtown Broad Street
Feb. 27 th & 28 th	Fishing Derby	9:00 am	Spring Lake Park

Additional Parks & Recreation information can be found on the city's website at <http://www.texarkanatexas.gov>

Perot Theatre Event

The Price is Right Live will be held on February 22nd at 3:00 pm.

Tickets for shows are available at perottheatre.org.

11th Annual Arbor Day

On March 1st, Keep Texarkana Beautiful and Texas A&M Forest Service will give away FREE seedlings at the Spring Lake Park Rotary Splash Pad starting at 8:00 am until 10:00

am or until all seedlings are gone. The event will be drive-thru only from the Mall Drive entrance.

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.

There were no public comments made at Open Forum.

VII. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

Council Member Davis recommended the reappointment of Patton Tidwell to the Industrial Development Corporation Board.

Motion to confirm a recommendation to the Industrial Development Corporation Board.

(6:20 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mary Hart, Ward 2
SECONDER:	Steve Thompson, Ward 3
AYES:	Matlock, Hart, Thompson, Page, Meador, Davis

VIII. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Consent Items

(6:25 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mary Hart, Ward 2
SECONDER:	Christie Page, Ward 4
AYES:	Matlock, Hart, Thompson, Page, Meador, Davis

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held on January 13, 2025 at 6:00 PM.
2. Resolution No. 2025-017 accepting the State and Local Government Cyber Security Grant and authorizing the purchase of a vulnerability management solution from Tier4 Technologies of Texarkana, Texas, utilizing a State of Texas DIR Contract in an amount not to exceed \$29,612.60 with grant funding of \$11,364.27 and matching funds of \$18,248.33 included in the Texarkana Water Utilities (TWU) Technology Funds (Funds 61 & 62).

Public Hearing:

Council Vote: February 10, 2025

3. Resolution No. 2025-019 adopting the Hazard Mitigation Action Plan / Five Year Update in accordance with FEMA requirements.

Public Hearing:

Council Vote: February 10, 2025

4. Resolution No. 2025-020 authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract for the annual audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, with Forvis Mazars, LLP of Rogers, Arkansas, for a total cost not to exceed \$170,000 with funds budgeted in the General Fund (Fund 101) and the Texarkana Water Utilities Fund (Funds 61, 62, 71, 81, and 82).

Public Hearing:

Council Vote: February 10, 2025

5. Resolution No. 2025-021 authorizing a repair to the Wright Patman Water Treatment Plant #3 Low Service Pump for an amount not to exceed \$150,832, with funds budgeted in the Utility's 2024-2025 budget in the Lake Texarkana Fund.

Public Hearing:

Council Vote: February 10, 2025

6. Resolution No. 2025-022 authorizing the purchase of 10 warning sirens and related equipment from OmniWarn in an amount not to exceed \$486,145.02 through the TIPS Cooperative Purchasing Program with budgeted funds from the General Fund (Fund 101).

Public Hearing:

Council Vote: February 10, 2025

7. Resolution No. 2025-025 authorizing the purchase of an outdoor warning siren command center from Omni-Warn in an amount not to exceed \$26,445.86 through the TIPS Cooperative Purchasing Program with budgeted funds from the General Fund (Fund 101).

Public Hearing:

Council Vote: February 10, 2025

8. Ordinance No. 2025-026 authorizing sponsorship agreements for five ballfields at the Spring Lake Park Swanger Baseball Complex and amending budgeted revenues and expenditures in the Donation Fund (Fund 117) for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025, in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) from the sponsor donations.

Public Hearing:

Council Vote: February 10, 2025

9. Resolution No. 2025-027 authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Texarkana, Texas, and the Veterans Services Office with a non-binding yearly financial support amount for veterans services up to \$11,060 per year, with funds budgeted in the General Fund (Fund 101).

Public Hearing:

Council Vote: February 10, 2025

10. Ordinance No. 2025-028 amending budgeted expenditures for the General Fund (Fund 101) and adding the amount of six million nine hundred forty-eight thousand nine hundred thirty-seven dollars and twenty-seven cents (\$6,948,937.27) for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025, for expenditures budgeted and unspent in the preceding fiscal year.

Public Hearing:

Council Vote: February 10, 2025

11. Resolution No. 2025-032 approving the Police Department's application for the FY2025 State Homeland Security grant.

Public Hearing:

Council Vote: February 10, 2025

12. Resolution No. 2025-033 approving the Police Department's application for the FY2026 Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant program.

Public Hearing:

Council Vote: February 10, 2025

13. Resolution No. 2025-034 authorizing the 2025 Homeland Security Grant application for the Thermal Imaging Camera Project with grant funds not to exceed \$28,117.84.

Public Hearing:

Council Vote: February 10, 2025

Action Items

14. Resolution No. 2025-001 naming the Bringle Lake Park Trail as the "John & Julie-Ray Harrison Trail".

Public Hearing:

Council Vote: February 10, 2025

John and Julie-Ray Harrison thanked the city for the honor of the Bringle Lake Park Trail renaming.

(6:30 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jay Davis, Ward 6
SECONDER:	Steve Thompson, Ward 3
AYES:	Matlock, Hart, Thompson, Page, Meador, Davis

15. Resolution No. 2025-002 authorizing the City Manager to accept an Enterprise Agreement proposal from SHI Government Solutions of Austin, Texas, for Microsoft Licenses for the Texarkana Water Utilities, utilizing Texas State DIR pricing with funds budgeted in TWU Technology Fund, totaling \$161,526.96 over three years, with the Texas portion totaling \$93,346.43 over three years.

Public Hearing:

Council Vote: February 10, 2025

(6:32 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jean H. Matlock, Ward 1
SECONDER:	Christie Page, Ward 4
AYES:	Matlock, Hart, Thompson, Page, Meador, Davis

16. Resolution No. 2025-013 authorizing the Texarkana Airport Executive Director to execute an agreement with McClelland Engineering for Runway 4-22 strengthening design in the amount of \$502,203.20 approved in the Texarkana Regional Airport FY24 capital budget.

Public Hearing:
Council Vote: February 10, 2025

Paul Mehrlich, Airport Executive Director, said he provided the council a one page overview of Texarkana grand funding and capital projects.
(6:34 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jay Davis, Ward 6
SECONDER:	Steve Thompson, Ward 3
AYES:	Matlock, Hart, Thompson, Page, Meador, Davis

IX. FIRST BRIEFINGS

1. Ordinance No. 2025-029 closing and abandoning a twenty-foot (20') alley right-of-way and retaining a utility easement in its place, in Block 1 of the Buchanan Avenue Addition.

Public Hearing: March 10, 2025
Council Vote: March 10, 2025

Jonathan Wade briefed this agenda item.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD	Next: 3/10/2025 6:00 PM
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2. Ordinance No. 2025-030 rezoning on an approximate 2.408-acre tract of land (being Tract 10C), West Texarkana GDN, located at 921 Westlawn Drive (Ward 2) from Single Family-2 to Single Family-3, Maria Rodriguez, owner, and Julieta Rosas, agent.

Public Hearing: March 10, 2025
Council Vote: March 10, 2025

Mashell Daniel briefed this agenda item.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD	Next: 3/10/2025 6:00 PM
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3. Ordinance No. 2025-031 granting a Specific Use Permit to allow the location of a double wide HUD code manufactured home on an approximate 2.408-acre tract of land (being Tract 10C), West Texarkana GDN, located at 921 Westlawn Drive (Ward 2). Maria Rodriguez, owner, and Julieta Rosas, agent.

Public Hearing: March 10, 2025
Council Vote: March 10, 2025

Mashell Daniel briefed this agenda item.

RESULT: **MOVED FORWARD**

Next: 3/10/2025 6:00 PM

X. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Ordinance No. 2025-003 granting a Specific Use Permit to allow the one additional use of tattooing on Lots 18, 19, W1/2 of 20, Block 4, T. B. Moores Addition, located at 911 New Boston Road. Hunter McCarver, owner.

Public Hearing: February 10, 2025

Council Vote: February 10, 2025

Hunter McCarver said this proposed ordinance would only involve a change of ownership with the business remaining the same.

(6:41 p.m.)

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Christie Page, Ward 4
SECONDER: Jean H. Matlock, Ward 1
AYES: Matlock, Hart, Thompson, Page, Meador, Davis

2. Ordinance No. 2025-004 granting a Specific Use Permit to allow one additional use of tattooing on Lots 34-36, Block 22, R.S. Bearden Boulevard Addition, located at 2415 Texas Boulevard. Curt Green, owner, and Kiana Stevens, agent.

Public Hearing: February 10, 2025

Council Vote: February 10, 2025

There were no public comments made at this hearing.

(6:42 p.m.)

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Mary Hart, Ward 2
SECONDER: Jay Davis, Ward 6
AYES: Matlock, Hart, Thompson, Page, Meador, Davis

3. Ordinance No. 2025-005 rezoning Lots 16-18, Block 8, Red Cut Heights Addition, located at 2501 Neff Street from Single Family-2 to Single Family-3. Kimberly Burns, owner.

Public Hearing: February 10, 2025

Council Vote: February 10, 2025

There were no public comments made at this hearing.

(6:43 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Christie Page, Ward 4
SECONDER:	Jean H. Matlock, Ward 1
AYES:	Matlock, Hart, Thompson, Page, Meador, Davis

4. Ordinance No. 2025-006 granting a Specific Use Permit to allow the location of a double-wide HUD code manufactured home on Lots 16-18, Block 8, Red Cut Heights Addition, located at 2501 Neff Street. Kimberly Burns, owner.

Public Hearing: February 10, 2025
Council Vote: February 10, 2025

There were no public comments made at this hearing.
(6:45 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jean H. Matlock, Ward 1
SECONDER:	Mary Hart, Ward 2
AYES:	Matlock, Hart, Thompson, Page, Meador, Davis

5. Ordinance No. 2025-007 granting a Specific Use Permit to allow the location of a single-wide HUD code manufactured home on an approximate 0.87-acre tract of land being (Tract 35), MEP&P RWY CO HRS, A434, located at 1002 Hatton Street. Georgia Trotter, owner, and Carl Preston, agent.

Public Hearing: February 10, 2025
Council Vote: February 10, 2025

There were no public comments made at this hearing.
(6:45 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jay Davis, Ward 6
SECONDER:	Cole Meador, Ward 5
AYES:	Matlock, Hart, Thompson, Page, Meador, Davis

6. Ordinance No. 2025-016 rezoning on Lot 1, Moores Lane Business Park, located at 1521 Moores Lane from Agriculture/Planned Development-Commercial to Single Family-1/Planned Development-Commercial. Emanuel Sanchez, owner and Jeffrey Wood, MTG Engineers and Surveyors, agent.

Public Hearing: February 10, 2025
Council Vote: February 10, 2025

There were no public comments made at this hearing.
(6:47 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Cole Meador, Ward 5
SECONDER:	Christie Page, Ward 4
AYES:	Matlock, Hart, Thompson, Page, Meador, Davis

7. Resolution No. 2025-024 authorizing support for a Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) housing tax credit development application for "Landmark On Pine" located at 301-319 Pine Street for senior housing.

Public Hearing: February 10, 2025
Council Vote: February 10, 2025

Vashil Fernandez briefed this agenda item. April Engstrom, representing Overland Property Group, provided information about the proposed project.

There were no public comments made at this hearing.
(6:59 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mary Hart, Ward 2
SECONDER:	Christie Page, Ward 4
AYES:	Matlock, Hart, Thompson, Page, Meador, Davis

XI. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

2024 City Annual Report

The city's 2024 annual report is now available thanks to Brooke Stone. It includes several city-wide accomplishments and information on annual sales tax collections, property tax collections, MyGOV staff metrics, new businesses and a look ahead throughout 2025. Paper copies are available at City Hall and can be accessed at the following link:

[<https://www.texarkanatexas.gov/DocumentCenter/View/10705/Annual-Report-2024_FINAL?bidId=>](https://www.texarkanatexas.gov/DocumentCenter/View/10705/Annual-Report-2024_FINAL?bidId=>)

Fourth Quarter Economic Development Report

The city's latest quarterly economic development report is available. It includes information on planned new developments, new retail announced or recently opened, commercial construction permits, residential construction permits and much more. The big news this past quarter was **The Lofts at the Grim** celebrated its grand opening and welcomed new tenants for the \$42.7 million dollar project downtown.

For more information on the city's economic development efforts, check out the city's economic development webpage at [Economic Development | Texarkana, TX - Official Website \(texarkanatexas.gov\)](https://texarkanatexas.gov/255/Economic-Development) <<https://texarkanatexas.gov/255/Economic-Development>>

2025 YAC Summit Recap

The Texarkana Youth Advisory Council had the opportunity to attend the TML Youth Advisory Summit the weekend of February 1st, where they engaged in meaningful discussions, professional development, and networking with other youth leaders from across the state.

A big thank you to Councilmember Jean Matlock and TYAC Liaison Chiquita Burks for attending this year's summit. TYAC members will present, at a future meeting, conference details and their plans for this year.

SAVE THE DATES: 2025 Caddo & East Texas Archeological Conference, Friday & Saturday February 21st & 22nd at the Texarkana Convention Center.

February Council Workshop on Monday, February 24th. Topics covered will be Code Enforcement Overview, Building Inspections, and Proposed Ordinance Changes.

Parks Master Plan Meeting (Rescheduled) - March 25th Texarkana Convention Center 6:30pm.

Council Documents Provided - Airport Capital Funding Summary Sheet, 2024 LifeNet Annual Report.

Fire Chief Chris Black was thanked for the many years of diligent work to finally present to council a resolution for the purchase of 10 warning sirens and a warning siren command center.

He also was commended for completing the Hazard Mitigation Action Plan/Five Year Update in accordance with FEMA requirements.

XII. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

1. City Council

Council had no administrative comments for staff.

2. City Staff

Staff had no administrative comments for council.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

The City Council convened into closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters).

XIV. RECONVENED INTO OPEN SESSION

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.
(7:49 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mary Hart, Ward 2
SECONDER:	Jean H. Matlock, Ward 1
AYES:	Matlock, Hart, Thompson, Page, Meador, Davis