



CITY OF TEXARKANA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES • FEBRUARY 25, 2019

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	
Betty Williams	Ward 3	Present	
Christie Alcorn	Ward 4	Present	
Bill Harp	Ward 5	Present	
Josh Davis	Ward 6	Absent	

Staff Present: City Manager Shirley Jaster, Jennifer Evans, Kyle Dooley, Kristin Peeples, Robby Robertson, Karey Parker, Dusty Henslee, David Orr, Eric Schlotter, Sherry Jackson Hawkins, and Lisa Thompson.

Legal Counsel: Jeff Lewis.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARY HART

III. MAYOR'S REMARKS AND ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Upcoming City Council Meetings:

Monday, March 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, March 25, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, April 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Other City Events:

The 5th Annual Texarkana Arbor Day event will be held Saturday, March 2nd, at Spring Lake Park across from the Rotary Splash Pad. The event will begin at 9:00 a.m. and representatives from the Texas A&M Forest Service and the Arkansas Forestry Commission will be on hand to give away bareroot seedling trees to the public.

Parks & Recreation Events:

February 26 th	Diabetes Education Classes Begin	Southwest Center
March 2 nd & 3 rd	Softball Tournament	Karrh Park
March 3 rd	Little Free Library Project	Southwest Center

Additional Parks & Recreation events can be found on the city's website at <http://www.ci.texarkana.tx.us> or call (903) 798-3978 for more information.

Council Member Davis was absent from the council meeting because he was in Austin attending to business related to the Bowie Central Appraisal District.

The annual Run the Line fundraiser event was held on Sunday, February 17th. The Partnership for the Pathway organization has hosted several successful marathons over the years. However, this year, a new record was set for the number of entries which was 696. Thirteen different states were represented by participating runners who spent time in the community. Both Mayors attended, firing shotguns at 7:30 a.m. to get the race underway. Also, Texarkana, Texas Fire Chief Eric Schlotter participated in the race. Congratulations to John and Julie Ray Harrison for spearheading such a well-attended and fun event for Texarkana.

The 61st Annual Kiwanis Pancake Day will be held on Saturday, March 2nd in the Truman Arnold Center on the campus of Texarkana College. A full and hearty pancake breakfast can be purchased for \$5.00. Breakfast will be served beginning at 7:00 a.m.

In Memoriam - Former Texarkana, Texas Fire Chief Billy Joe Fox died on February 23rd. Mr. Fox retired from the city in 1985. Also, Board of Adjustment member Cornell Smith died on February 2nd. Mr. Smith served the city on this board for 15 years. Condolences were expressed to members of both families.

The Mayor welcomed several Texas A&M - Texarkana students to the meeting.

Appointments to Boards & Commissions

Council Member Williams recommended the reappointment of James Bramlett to the Board of Adjustment.

1. Motion to make a reappointment to the Board of Adjustment.

(6:08 p.m.)

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

Appointments to Boards & Commissions

Council Member Harp recommended the reappointment of Jo Ann Rice to the Civil Service Commission.

2. Motion to make a reappointment to the Civil Service Commission.

(6:08 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Harp, Ward 5
SECONDER:	Jean H. Matlock, Ward 1
AYES:	Bruggeman, Matlock, Hart, Williams, Alcorn, Harp
ABSENT:	Davis

IV. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Consent Items

(6:10 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Betty Williams, Ward 3
SECONDER:	Jean H. Matlock, Ward 1
AYES:	Bruggeman, Matlock, Hart, Williams, Alcorn, Harp
ABSENT:	Davis

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held on February 11, 2019 at 6:00 PM.
2. Ordinance No. 2019-022 amending the General Fund (Fund 101) budget for fiscal year 2019 and adding the amount of NINETEEN THOUSAND NINETY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND NINETY-FOUR CENTS (\$19,098.94) for funding received from the Homeland Security Grant Program in fiscal year 2019.

Public Hearing:

Council Vote: February 25, 2019

Open Forum: Comments from the public (Limit 5 minutes each)

There were no public comments made at Open Forum.

Action Items

3. Resolution No. 2019-021 approving the 2019 Homeland Security Grant application.

Public Hearing:

Council Vote: February 25, 2019

Eric Schlotter briefed this agenda item.

(6:12 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jean H. Matlock, Ward 1
SECONDER:	Mary Hart, Ward 2
AYES:	Bruggeman, Matlock, Hart, Williams, Alcorn, Harp
ABSENT:	Davis

4. Resolution No. 2019-023 authorizing execution of a Texas Department of Transportation Advance Funding Agreement for sidewalk projects along Summerhill Road.

Public Hearing:

Council Vote: February 25, 2019

David Orr briefed this agenda item.

(6:19 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Christie Alcorn, Ward 4
SECONDER:	Betty Williams, Ward 3
AYES:	Bruggeman, Matlock, Hart, Williams, Alcorn, Harp
ABSENT:	Davis

5. Resolution No. 2019-024 authorizing execution of a Texas Department of Transportation Advance Funding Agreement for sidewalk projects along Richmond Road.

Public Hearing:

Council Vote: February 25, 2019

David Orr briefed this agenda item.

(6:20 p.m.)

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

6. Resolution No. 2019-025 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a regional economic development agreement with Texarkana Aluminum.

Public Hearing:

Council Vote: February 25, 2019

Lisa Thompson briefed this agenda item.

(6:21 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Betty Williams, Ward 3
SECONDER:	Bill Harp, Ward 5
AYES:	Bruggeman, Matlock, Hart, Williams, Alcorn, Harp
ABSENT:	Davis

V. FIRST BRIEFINGS

1. Ordinance No. 2019-017 rezoning Lots 1 & 2, Block 3, Red Cut Heights Addition, located at 2620 McIntyre Street. Single Family-2 to Single Family-3. Melvin Hill, applicant. Felicia Hill, agent.

Public Hearing: March 11, 2019

Council Vote: March 11, 2019

David Orr briefed this agenda item.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD	Next: 3/11/2019 6:00 PM
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2. Ordinance No. 2019-018 granting a Specific Use Permit to allow a double wide HUD code manufactured home on Lots 1 & 2, Block 3, Red Cut Heights Addition, located at 2620 McIntyre Street. Melvin Hill, applicant. Felicia Hill, agent.

Public Hearing: March 11, 2019

Council Vote: March 11, 2019

David Orr briefed this agenda item.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD
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Next: 3/11/2019 6:00 PM

3. Ordinance No. 2019-019 amending PD-04-2(O) for site plan approval to allow a dental clinic on part of Lots 1 & 2, Ames Acres Addition, located at 3424 Richmond Road. Brian Steele, applicant. Jeff Whitten, agent.

Public Hearing: March 11, 2019

Council Vote: March 11, 2019

David Orr briefed this agenda item.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD
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Next: 3/11/2019 6:00 PM

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Ordinance No. 2019-012 closing and abandoning an unopened section of a 50' street right-of-way of Pearl Avenue (also known as Mercury Avenue) located in the Belmont Subdivision.

Public Hearing: February 25, 2019

Council Vote: February 25, 2019

There were no public comments made at this hearing.
(6:27 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
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MOVER:	Bill Harp, Ward 5
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SECONDER:	Christie Alcorn, Ward 4
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AYES:	Bruggeman, Matlock, Hart, Williams, Alcorn, Harp
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ABSENT:	Davis
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VII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Staff Updates

City Manager Jaster said several of the senior staff will be attending the Northeast Texas "Day at the Capital" in Austin this week and may be out of pocket for phone calls from council members.

Also, Kyle Dooley and Dusty Henslee just recently attended a Public Works conference in New Braunfels, Texas which helped them to keep up their education credits.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

1. City Council

Council Member Hart said the corner of Rosehill Drive and Robison Road has been cleaned up and looks very nice. It has made such a tremendous difference.

Mayor Bruggeman said the Mardi Gras Parade will be held on Saturday, March 2nd. The main parade starts at 3:00 p.m. at the corner of Broad and Hazel streets. The Texas-side city council will share a joint float with the Arkansas-side board of directors. There will also be other activities associated with the parade event throughout the day.

The Mayor thanked Judge Sherry Jackson Hawkins for her dedication in being a regular attender at the council meetings. He also thanked Doug Sims, Public Sector Solutions Manager of Waste Management, for his regular attendance, considering his 90-minute drive home after every meeting.

2. City Staff

Staff had no administrative comments for council.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

(6:34 PM)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Harp, Ward 5
SECONDER:	Jean H. Matlock, Ward 1
AYES:	Bruggeman, Matlock, Hart, Williams, Alcorn, Harp
ABSENT:	Davis