



**CITY OF TEXARKANA**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES • MARCH 11, 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 |
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| Bob Bruggeman   | Mayor  | Present |         |
| Jean H. Matlock | Ward 1 | Present |         |
| Mary Hart       | Ward 2 | Present |         |
| Betty Williams  | Ward 3 | Present |         |
| Christie Alcorn | Ward 4 | Absent  |         |
| Bill Harp       | Ward 5 | Present |         |
| Josh Davis      | Ward 6 | Present |         |

Staff Present: City Manager Shirley Jaster, Jennifer Evans, Kyle Dooley, Kristin Peeples, David Orr, Karey Parker, Kim Russ, J.D. Phillips, Sharon Moore, and Sherry Jackson Hawkins.

Legal Counsel: Jeff Lewis.

**II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE BY MAYOR BOB BRUGGEMAN**

**III. MAYOR'S REMARKS AND ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

**Upcoming City Council Meetings:**

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

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

Monday, April 22, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

**Parks & Recreation Events:**

March 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> USSSA Baseball Tournament

Spring Lake Park

March 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> Dixie Huggins Baseball Tournament

Spring Lake Park

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.

On Monday, March 18th, a special conference will be held at First Baptist Church on Moores Lane in the atrium area at the back of the church. The subject for discussion will be "Opioids" held by a panel of experts from the medical and law enforcement sectors of the community. The meeting will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and the public is invited to attend.

Several new promotions have recently taken place in the Police Department: Lieutenant **Shawn Fitzgerald** promoted to Assistant Chief, Lieutenant **Keith Davis** promoted to Assistant Chief, Sergeant **Geoff Lewis** promoted to Lieutenant, Sergeant **Clay McClure** promoted to Lieutenant, Patrol Officer **Kim Weaver** promoted to Sergeant, and Patrol Officer **Christopher Smith** promoted to Sergeant. All of the police officers were congratulated for receiving their new positions and thanked for their service to the community.

Matt Ward, a student attending Texas A&M University - Texarkana, was welcomed to the meeting.

#### IV. COUNCIL UPDATE - BY KELLY MITCHELL OF THE SULPHUR RIVER BASIN AUTHORITY

Mr. Mitchell provided an update on progress with the Corps of Engineers in relation to Wright Patman Lake. He indicated that progress is very slow but hopeful. The feasibility study chart he provided showed that currently the process is at step #2 from when the study first began in 2005.

FIGURE 2: THE SMART PLANNING FEASIBILITY STUDY PROCESS IDENTIFYING THE FOUR PHASES AND MAJOR MILESTONES



SRBA proposes a meeting with the Corps of Engineers on Tuesday, March 19th to hear a presentation and continue discussion of the Tentatively Selected Plan for the reallocation of Wright Patman Lake.

The meeting location was announced to be held at the Mount Pleasant Convention Center in Mount Pleasant, Texas. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. and is open to the public.

## V. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Council Member Davis recommended the transfer of Thomas Tucker to fill a recent vacancy of a regular position on the Board of Adjustment. This transfer will vacate an alternate position on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The transfer will also enable the Board of Adjustment to meet quorum requirements and proceed in carrying out its functions related to city business.

1. Motion to transfer a member from the Planning and Zoning Commission to the Board of Adjustment.

(6:21 p.m.)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                      |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Josh Davis, Ward 6                              |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Bill Harp, Ward 5                               |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Bruggeman, Matlock, Hart, Williams, Harp, Davis |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Alcorn                                          |

## VI. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

### *Consent Items*

(6:22 p.m.)

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

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the Joint City Committee Special Meeting of the City Council held on February 19, 2019 at 2:00 PM.
2. Consider approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held on February 25, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

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

Juanita Harris, who lives on Smith Street, graciously thanked the City for addressing the recurring problems in front of her property and the need for added protection from vehicles driving by her house.

Mitzie Stewart addressed council concerning current assistance available for the homeless population in the city.

***Action Items***

3. Resolution No. 2019-026 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for the Wright Patman Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Sedimentation Basin Instrumentation Modification project in an amount not to exceed \$102,900.

Public Hearing:

Council Vote: March 11, 2019

J.D. Phillips briefed this agenda item.

(6:31 pm.)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                      |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Mary Hart, Ward 2                               |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Bill Harp, Ward 5                               |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Bruggeman, Matlock, Hart, Williams, Harp, Davis |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Alcorn                                          |

4. Resolution No. 2019-027 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a two-year contract with four additional one-year renewal options with Firmin's Office City for office supplies.

Public Hearing:

Council Vote: March 11, 2019

Sharon Moore briefed this agenda item. Mayor Bruggeman thanked Kim Russ, also a staff member of the Purchasing Department, for recently helping him with setting up his iPad information.

(6:34 p.m.)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                      |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Betty Williams, Ward 3                          |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Josh Davis, Ward 6                              |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Bruggeman, Matlock, Hart, Williams, Harp, Davis |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Alcorn                                          |

## VII. FIRST BRIEFINGS - NONE

## VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

Felicia Hill presented herself to answer questions for council.  
(6:37 p.m.)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                      |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Mary Hart, Ward 2                               |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Bill Harp, Ward 5                               |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Bruggeman, Matlock, Hart, Williams, Harp, Davis |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Alcorn                                          |

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

There were no public comments made at this hearing.  
(6:38 p.m.)

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

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

Jeff Whitten provided an update to council on this agenda item.  
(6:42 p.m.)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                      |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Josh Davis, Ward 6                              |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Bill Harp, Ward 5                               |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Bruggeman, Matlock, Hart, Williams, Harp, Davis |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Alcorn                                          |

## IX. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

### Staff Updates

City Manager Jaster said that most of the projects approved by council for Texarkana Water Utilities are underground, but she wanted to show a picture of the newly painted 42-inch steel water main, above ground, on the Red River Bridge at US Highway 71 North.

Council approved funding for the painting of the water main by Resolution No. 2018-113 on October 8, 2018. This project is now complete and a job well done.



Painted Water Main

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>COMPLETED</b> |
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## **X. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS**

### **1. City Council**

Council Member Harp said that with the recent heavy rains in Texarkana, he noticed many areas that were prone to flooding did not flood as in the past. He thanked staff in the Public Works Department for their diligent street maintenance.

Council Member Hart reported that a group of young volunteers is helping senior citizens in Ward 2 beautify their properties and homes. This volunteer group is also working in conjunction with citizens in Council Member Matlock's Ward 1. Many of these citizens live in the Beverly area which overlaps between Ward 1 and Ward 2.

Council Member Matlock noted that former Believe in Beverly President, Tylesha Ross, has taken a job outside of Texarkana. A new president of the association has been named. Council expressed appreciation for the tremendous efforts of Ms. Ross in revitalizing the Beverly community.

### **2. City Staff**

Staff had no administrative comments for council.

## **XI. CLOSED SESSION**

The City Council convened into closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 - Consultation with the City Attorney.

## **XII. RECONVENED INTO OPEN SESSION**

## **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.  
(7:45 PM)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                      |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Josh Davis, Ward 6                              |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Jean H. Matlock, Ward 1                         |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Bruggeman, Matlock, Hart, Williams, Harp, Davis |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Alcorn                                          |