



CITY OF TEXARKANA

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES • MARCH 24, 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	

Staff Present: City Manager John Whitson, Pam Burns, Shirley Jaster, Lisa Thompson, Kyle Dooley, Charlie Bassett, Robby Robertson, Chief Eric Schlotter, Captain Danny Presley and Officer Jeff Estes.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE BY COUNCILMEMBER BRAD CASTEEL

III. IMPORTANT DATES, APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, PRESENTATIONS, PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Important Dates to remember

City Council Meetings:

- Monday, April 14, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, April 28, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 12, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday**, May 27, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Park & Recreation March/April Events:

- March 21st - 27th
- **Spring Lake Park:** Huggins Memorial Baseball Tournament
March 29th
- **Wallace Park:** Spring Soccer League Begins
March 29th
- **Karrh Park:** Early Bird Softball Tournament
April 5th
- **Spring Lake Park:** Kylee Sullivan-PetSafe Dog Park Opening

April 5th

- **Wallace Park:** Battle of the Bats Softball Tournament

Appointments to Boards & Commissions

None

Presentations

The Mayor recognized Rick Sandlin, Principal of the Martha and Josh Morriss Mathematics & Engineering Elementary School, for his appointment to a committee of The National Academy of Engineering.

Presentation by the Mayor of the Keep Texarkana Beautiful Residential and Business of the Month award winners for January and February of 2014.

Keep Texarkana Beautiful award winners for the month of January, 2014 are as follows;

- Residence - Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Lawrence, 4013 Airline Drive
- Business - Cracker Barrel, 3302 St. Michael Drive

Keep Texarkana Beautiful award winners for the month of February, 2014 are as follows:

- Residence - Ms. Delia Pickett, 2420 W. 10th Street
- Business - Texarkana Convention Center/Hilton Garden Inn, 4610 Cowhorn Creek Road/2910 S. Cowhorn Creek Loop

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

Ron Newkirk asked to speak later when the item for TV Avenue was addressed.

Dr. Jane Morris of New Boston, Texas and a member of the Bowie County Historical Commission spoke in support for the historical designation of the Pine Street School. She also delivered a message from the owner, John Stone.

Bill Spradlin, a recent retiree from the Fire Department, asked the Council to look into the guidelines for the appointments to the Civil Service Commission.

V. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Consent Items

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tina Veal-Gooch, Ward 3
SECONDER:	Willie Ray, Ward 2
AYES:	Casteel, Ray, Veal-Gooch, Matthews, Miller, Davis
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held on March 10, 2014 at 6:00 PM.

2. Resolution No. 2014-037 accepting a bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Annual Concrete Materials Contract for one (1) year with four (4) additional one-year renewal options with Smith's Ready Mix, Inc. of Nashville, Arkansas for concrete materials used by the street maintenance division on an as-needed basis.

Public Hearing:

Second Briefing:

Council Vote: March 24, 2014

Action Items

3. Ordinance No. 2014-019 amending PD-14 for site plan approval to allow the location of an additional sign in Block 19, Ghio-Fish Boulevard Addition, located at 4220 Texas Boulevard. William Dudley, Jr., owner. Terrie Jarvis, agent. (Due to Planning and Zoning Commission denial, a 3/4 vote by the City Council will be required to approve this request)

Public Hearing: February 24, 2014

Second Briefing: March 10, 2014

Council Vote: March 24, 2014

There was no motion made so the item failed for lack of motion.

RESULT:	FAILED/LACK OF MOTION
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4. Ordinance No. 2014 - 040 closing and abandoning a portion of TV Avenue located east of Summerhill Road, north of College Drive and west of FM Drive and located in the Summerhill Heights Subdivision.

Public Hearing:

Second Briefing:

Council Vote: March 24, 2014

Curt Green briefed this item regarding a new grocery store chain locating in this vicinity. Richard Webster of Bumper to Bumper, a local business, spoke in favor of the street closing.

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

5. Resolution No. 2014-041 declaring the City of Texarkana, Texas City Council objection to the nomination of the Pine Street School site being approved for the listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Public Hearing:

Second Briefing:

Council Vote: March 24, 2014

Tina Veal-Gooch spoke in favor of this Resolution but chose to abstain due to her employment with TISD, former owner of the property. She is a resident of the neighborhood.

Joe Costello from the neighborhood spoke in favor of the Resolution due to the eyesore the property creates and the detriment to the neighborhood.

Tom Sadowski, Keep Texarkana Beautiful member, spoke in support of the Resolution due to the condition of the property and the reflection it has on the community.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	Bill Miller, Ward 5
SECONDER:	Brian Matthews, Ward 4
AYES:	Casteel, Ray, Matthews, Miller, Davis
ABSTAIN:	Veal-Gooch
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman

VI. FIRST BRIEFINGS

1. Ordinance No. 2014-038 amending Chapter 13, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic", Article v, "Stopping, Standing and Parking", Division 1, "Generally", Section 13-96, "Penalties for Overtime Parking" and Sec. 13-97, "Fine Deposit Boxes" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Texarkana, Texas.

Public Hearing: April 14, 2014

Second Briefing: April 28, 2014

Council Vote: May 12, 2014

Captain Danny Presley briefed the item before the council.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD
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Next: 4/14/2014 6:00 PM

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

VIII. SECOND BRIEFING WITH UPDATES

1. Consider Ordinance No. 2014-033 amending Section 3103.1.1 of the International Building Code as adopted in Chapter 5, Section 1.1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Texarkana, Texas pertaining to temporary structures.

Public Hearing: March 10, 2014
Second Briefing: March 24, 2014
Council Vote: April 14, 2014

Shirley Jaster gave an update on the briefing from the last meeting. Tina Veal-Gooch asked that this item be voted on tonight since they had been briefed and there were no more questions.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tina Veal-Gooch, Ward 3
SECONDER:	Bill Miller, Ward 5
AYES:	Casteel, Ray, Veal-Gooch, Matthews, Miller, Davis
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman

IX. SECOND BRIEFING WITHOUT UPDATES

None

X. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Staff Updates

None

XI. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

1. Council

Councilmember Tina Veal Gooch asked for the information on the research for the 'parking in yards' discussion item. She asked about the progress on the 'donation bins' and Shirley Jaster said there was a delay due to no P & Z Meeting last month.

The Mayor discussed the burned out structure at 40th & Rio Grande indicating it was to be torn down and another home built. Resident Richard Martin confirmed this.

Richard Martin also asked how to address the enforcement process for the dilapidated structures such as Pine Street School and the old Masonic Lodge.

Councilmember Bill Miller asked for an update on the Boards & Commissions process which the City Manager indicated he was working on and should have something soon.

Councilmember Brad Casteel asked the staff address the 'sagging' concerns in the city.

Councilmember Dr. Matthews issued a thank you to the staff for the diligence in pursuing the discussion items brought by council.

2. Staff

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Willie Ray, Ward 2
SECONDER:	Tina Veal-Gooch, Ward 3
AYES:	Casteel, Ray, Veal-Gooch, Matthews, Miller, Davis
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman



Pam Burns
Asst. City Secretary



Bob Bruggeman
Mayor