



CITY OF TEXARKANA

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES • APRIL 14, 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	6:00 PM
Brad Casteel	Ward 1	Present	6:00 PM
Willie Ray	Ward 2	Present	6:00 PM
Tina Veal-Gooch	Ward 3	Present	6:00 PM
Brian Matthews	Ward 4	Present	6:00 PM
Bill Miller	Ward 5	Present	6:00 PM
Josh Davis	Ward 6	Present	6:00 PM

Staff Present: City Manager John Whitson, Pam Burns, Shirley Jaster, Lisa Thompson, Kyle Dooley, Charlie Bassett, Robby Robertson, Chief Eric Schlotter, Bill King, David Orr, Jerry Sparks, Craig Lindholm, Jim Powell, Cheryl Halff, Anita Nettles, Gary Smith, Captain Danny Presley and Officer Cody Harris.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE BY COUNCILMEMBER BRIAN MATTHEWS

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

Important Dates to remember

City Council Meetings:

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 April/May Events:

April 25th - 26th

Spring Lake Park: Wooden Bat Baseball Tournament

April 26th

Karrh Park: Softball Tournament

April 26th

Spring Lake Park: Community Yard Sale/Electronic Recycle Day

May 1st

Spring Lake Park: Senior Day at the Park

May 3rd

Wallace Park: Softball Tournament

April 26th

Keep Texarkana Beautiful is having a cleanup day 7:30 AM - Noon - See Facebook Page for more info

Appointments to Boards & Commissions

None

Mayor's Comments

The Mayor recognized Captain Danny Presley for his 23-1/2 years of service with the Texarkana, Texas Police Department. Captain Presley is taking the position of Police Chief for the City of Webster, Texas.

Proclamations

The proclamations were read by the Mayor.

Safe Digging Month Proclamation - April 2014

Jazz Appreciation Month Proclamation - April 2014

Presentations

Leadership Texarkana's Ruth Ellen Whitt and Fred Norton Presenting "A FOCUS FOR OUR FUTURE"

Ruth Ellen Whitt with Leadership Texarkana spoke about the LIFT organization's vision and common focus for Texarkana.

Presentation by Texarkana College Environmental Biology Students on Illegal Dumping of Used Tires in the City

Precious Whitmore spear headed a presentation collectively produced by Professor Delores McCright's Texarkana College Biology class. Other speakers were: Cecilia Alverado, President of the Earth Club and Professor McCright.

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

1. Richard Reynolds spoke in favor of the redevelopment of the Grim Hotel. He described it as a signature property in Texarkana's history and feels the developer's proposal could be successful.

2. Carly Cigainero, a Liberty-Eylau 5th Grade student, read a speech she prepared in support of the Grim Hotel.

IV. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION***Consent Items***

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

Consider approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held on March 24, 2014 at 6:00 PM.

Action Items

Resolution 2014-043 in support of a cultural district application to the Texas Commission for the Arts.

Public Hearing:
Second Briefing:
Council Vote: April 14, 2014

David Orr briefed this Resolution. Andrew Clark with the Texarkana Symphony and Ina McDowell with Main Street also gave their support for this Resolution.

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

V. FIRST BRIEFINGS

1. Resolution No. 2014-042 accepting a bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for the construction of Phase IV TAMU East Approach.

Public Hearing: April 28, 2014
Second Briefing: May 12, 2014
Council Vote: May 27, 2014

Kyle Dooley briefed this Resolution proposing acceptance of a bid for the construction of the TAMU East Approach.

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD**Next: 4/28/2014 6:00 PM**

2. Resolution No. 2014 - 044 supporting the application by Sari & Company for New Market Tax Credits and approving the commitment of project funding in the form of a loan.

Public Hearing:

Second Briefing:

Council Vote: April 28, 2014

Craig Lindholm briefed this Resolution. Councilmember Miller asked questions concerning the funding.

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD**Next: 4/28/2014 6:00 PM**

3. Ordinance No. 2014-045 amending Chapter 2, Administration, Section 2-14, "Local Registrar of Vital Statistics; copies of Birth, Death, Stillborn Certificates" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Texarkana, Texas, to update and redefine the Local Registrar position title.

Public Hearing: April 28, 2014

Second Briefing: May 12, 2014

Council Vote: May 27, 2014

The City Manager, John Whitson, briefed this Ordinance regarding a Code of Ordinance change.

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD**Next: 4/28/2014 6:00 PM**

4. Resolution No. 2014-046 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with George Lavender of Texarkana, Texas for the funding of street improvements to property at 4619 Summerhill Road; allowing use of part of the 2012 TIRZ Bond Fund in an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for street construction.

Public Hearing:

Second Briefing:

Council Vote: April 28, 2014

Kyle Dooley briefed this Resolution. The following citizens expressed their concerns with the proposed road: Alan Shimming; Tommy Raffaelli; Kirk Patton and Richard Reynolds.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD
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5. Resolution No. 2014-047 accepting bids for the Wright Patman Water Treatment Plant 24" Water Meter and Piping.

Public Hearing:

Second Briefing:

Council Vote: April 28, 2014

Bill King briefed this Resolution.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD
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6. Ordinance No. 2014-048 amending Chapter 15, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions; of the Texarkana City Code by Prohibiting the sale to a minor of electronic Cigarettes and/or liquid nicotine and prohibiting self-service merchandising.

Public Hearing: April 28, 2014

Second Briefing: May 12, 2014

Council Vote: May 27, 2014

The City Manager briefed this Ordinance.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD
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VI. PUBLIC HEARING

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

City Manager, John Whitson, answered Councilmember Veal-Gooch's questions.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD
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2. Resolution No. 2014-049 recommending the support of a resolution of Region C and D Water Plan Interregional Conflict.

Public Hearing: April 14, 2014

Second Briefing:

Council Vote: April 28, 2014

The City Manager, John Whitson, briefed this Resolution stating the state plan would supersede the City's plan.

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD

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VII. SECOND BRIEFING WITH UPDATES

None

VIII. SECOND BRIEFING WITHOUT UPDATES

None

IX. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Sagging pants concerns.

Councilmember Casteel started the discussion stating, "I think it is sad when a person goes out into the public and have to look at young boy's and girl's underwear. There should be a law against sagging. I want to ask staff to present an ordinance that will prevent sagging." Other councilmembers agreed that it is certainly inappropriate to be dressed in this manner. After some discussion among councilmembers and staff the city council asked staff to do some more research and report back in discussion at a later date.

X. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

1. Council

1. Councilmember Dr. Matthews asked if the Civil Service Commission duties and responsibilities could be addressed and if the number of board members was set at three. The City Manager responded that state law sets the commission at three. He said more information on the commission would be forthcoming.

2. Councilmember Veal-Gooch asked about:

a) the progress of the donation bin solution and for the Planning and Zoning Board information. Ms. Jaster is working on this information for the Planning and Zoning Board. After the Planning and Zoning Board May meeting this information will be available to the council.

b) information on the parking in the yards and when the resolution would come forward. Ms. Jaster indicated she would be putting a Resolution together soon to bring before the council.

3. Mayor Bruggeman asked about the problem property on Blake Street and was assured it was being resolved. The Mayor also mentioned that the burned house was removed at 40th & Rio Grande.

4. Councilmember Miller inquired about the property on Holly Ridge. Ms. Jaster said the Inspection Department had sent a letter and the Code Department was watching the property.

3. Councilmember Casteel asked about neighborhood clean-up. Mr. Lindholm said we would try to work something out with Western Waste.

2. Staff

City Manager's Budget Update and Discussion

The City Manager, John Whitson, presented a PowerPoint regarding a budget update .

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Pam Burns
Asst. City Secretary



Bob Bruggeman
Mayor