



CITY OF TEXARKANA

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES • MAY 12, 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, Jennifer Evans, Bill King, Gary Smith, J.D. Phillips, John Murphy, Karey Parker, Jim Powell, Craig Lindholm, Shirley Jaster, Eric Schlotter, David Orr, Pam Burns, Charlie Bassett, Lisa Thompson, Kyle Dooley, Intern Monique Ross, Intern Hannah Dyal, Intern Morgan Westbrook and Jerry Sparks.

Legal Counsel: None

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE BY COUNCILMEMBER JOSH DAVIS

III. MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS

Upcoming City Council Meetings:

Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, June 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, June 23, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Events:

May 15th	Spring Lake Park	Movie - "Frozen"
May 16th & 17th	Wallace Park	Soccer Tournament
May 17th	Karrh Park	Softball Tournament
May 17th	Southwest Center	Baseball Tournament
May 17th	Southwest Center	Veterans Fair

May 22nd	Spring Lake Park	Movie - "Thor - The Dark World"
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Other City Events:

May 24th 7:00 a.m. until sold out
Grand Opening of Farmers' Market

Special Events:

May 26th 11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Vietnam Veterans of America "Memorial Day Walk" (Vietnam Memorial at 7th & State Line Ave.)

Information and Presentations

1. City of Texarkana, Texas Website 'Notify Me' Program

Lisa Thompson, Public Information Officer, gave an overview of the "Notify Me" program through the city's website. It's a interactive program allowing citizens and others interested to sign up for notifications or updates on city events. To sign up for this service, visit ci.texarkana.tx.us and click on "Notify Me".

2. City of Texarkana, Texas 2014 Internship Program Recognition

Mayor Bruggeman presented a certificate of recognition and city pin to interns Hannah Dyal, Monique Ross and Morgan Westbrook along with Dr. Walter Casey, Assistant Professor of Political Science with Texas A&M University - Texarkana. Each intern successfully completed the 2014 City of Texarkana, Texas Internship Program in various areas of the Finance Department, Municipal Court and Human Resources Department. David Orr, Program Manager, expressed commendation for the hard work of each student intern.

3. Kids to Parks Day Proclamation - May 17, 2014

Mayor Bruggeman read a proclamation entitled "Kids to Parks Day" and encouraged citizens to take their children and grandchildren to visit a local, state or national park on Saturday, May 17, 2014.

4. Presentation on Proposed Neighborhood Revitalization Plan

Craig Lindholm, Executive Director of Community Redevelopment and Grants, gave a presentation.

Appointments to Boards & Commissions

There were no appointments made.

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

Tracey Prather & Ed Black addressed council regarding the Museums System "Ghost Walking Tours" in downtown Texarkana to be held on June 7th and June 21st.

Craig Lindholm reported the huge success of citizen turnout for *Better Block Texarkana* held on Saturday May 10th in downtown Texarkana. Mr. Lindholm also gave a special thanks to the city's Street Department staff and Parks and Recreation staff for their assistance with this event.

V. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Consent Items

Councilmember Miller left the meeting. (6:47 p.m.)

Councilmember Miller returned to the meeting (6:49 p.m.)

(Adopted 6:48 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	Josh Davis, Ward 6
SECONDER:	Brian Matthews, Ward 4
AYES:	Casteel, Ray, Veal-Gooch, Matthews, Davis
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman
AWAY:	Miller

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held on April 28, 2014 at 6:00 PM.

Action Items

There were no action items considered.

VI. FIRST BRIEFINGS

1. Ordinance No. 2014-054 prohibiting the wearing of pants below the waist inappropriately exposing skin or undergarments (i.e., sagging).

Public Hearing:	May 27, 2014
Second Briefing:	June 9, 2014
Council Vote:	June 23, 2014

City Manager Whitson briefed this item and stated that staff does not recommend the adoption of this proposed ordinance. Councilmember Casteel spoke in support of adopting this proposed ordinance.

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD**Next: 5/27/2014 6:00 PM**

2. Public Hearing and consider Ordinance No. 2014-055 authorizing the City Manager to execute the Third Addendum to Declaration of Gift Agreement between the City of Texarkana, Texas and the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System to revise and amend certain obligations remaining under the "Declaration of Gift Agreement" executed November 7, 2005 as amended by the "First and Second Declaration of Gift Agreement" executed February 11, 2011 and providing for a limited funding in the amount of \$235,000, payable to Texas A&M University - Texarkana.

Public Hearing: May 27, 2014

Second Briefing:

Council Vote: May 27, 2014

Shirley Jaster, Assistant City Manager, briefed this item.

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD**Next: 5/27/2014 6:00 PM**

3. Resolution No. 2014-057 authorizing the City Manager to purchase one (1) Vac-Con PD Combination Unit for Texarkana Water Utilities in an amount not to exceed \$309,770.20.

Public Hearing: May 27, 2014

Second Briefing: June 9, 2014

Council Vote: June 23, 2014

Bill King, Executive Director of Texarkana Water Utilities, briefed this item.

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD**Next: 5/27/2014 6:00 PM**

4. Resolution No. 2014-058 authorizing the City Manager to purchase a Sprinter Cargo Van equipped with an Rover X Truck Camera System for the Texarkana Water Utilities in an amount not to exceed \$164,995.00 with the Texarkana, Texas portion not to exceed \$102,610.39.

Public Hearing: May 27, 2014

Second Briefing: June 9, 2014

Council Vote: June 23, 2014

Bill King briefed this item.

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD**Next: 5/27/2014 6:00 PM**

5. Resolution No. 2014-059 recognizing Leadership Texarkana and their effort to document the Community's Vision and Values supporting Texarkana USA.

Public Hearing: May 27, 2014
Second Briefing: June 9, 2014
Council Vote: June 23, 2014

City Manager Whitson briefed this item.

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD

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6. Resolution No. 2014-061 consenting to the sale of airport timber.

Public Hearing:
Second Briefing:
Council Vote: May 27, 2014

Stephen Luebbert, Texarkana Regional Airport Director, briefed this item.

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD

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7. Resolution No. 2014-063 authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract for the exterior and interior repainting of the I-30 and Liberty Eylau elevated storage tanks and the interior of the Wright Patman Water Treatment Plant backwash tank with Utility Service Co., Inc. of Perry, Georgia in an amount not to exceed \$1,018,850.

Public Hearing: May 27, 2014
Second Briefing: June 9, 2014
Council Vote: June 23, 2014

Bill King briefed this item.

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD

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VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Ordinance No. 2014-050 amending Chapter 13 Motor Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of Ordinances regulating the parking of vehicles in front yards of residential structures.

Public Hearing: May 12, 2014
Second Briefing: May 27, 2014
Council Vote: June 9, 2014

Shirley Jaster summarized in brief that the proposed ordinance would basically limit the number of vehicles parked in residential yards. City Manager Whitson spoke to this item.

Tom Sadowski, Keep Texarkana Beautiful representative, spoke to council regarding junk car issues and how that reflects on the beautification of Texarkana.

Councilmember Miller said the ordinance language needed more clarification. Shirley Jaster responded that the proposed ordinance is in draft stage and would be changed to fit and read as the council wishes.

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD

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2. Ordinance No. 2014-051 granting a Specific Use Permit to allow the one additional use of a tattoo studio on the east 75' of Lots 1-3, C.E. Huckabee's Garden Addition, located at 1002 Westlawn Drive. Ronald Griffith, owner. Eric McIntyre, applicant.

Public Hearing: May 12, 2014

Second Briefing: May 27, 2014

Council Vote: June 9, 2014

There were no comments made at this public hearing.

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD

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3. Ordinance No. 2014-052 granting a Specific Use Permit to allow the location of a CEVMS (digital) billboard on a part of Tract 18, George Brinlee HRS, A-18, located at 2506 Richmond Road. Mark Liepman, owner. Chad Shipp, Shipp Outdoor, LLC, agent. (Due to Planning and Zoning Commission denial, a 3/4 vote by the City Council is required to approve this request).

Public Hearing: May 12, 2014

Second Briefing: May 27, 2014

Council Vote: June 9, 2014

The following citizens spoke at the public hearing about the proposed digital billboard:

For: Amy Thomas, Tracey Prather, Brian Goesl, Chadd Shipp, Joel Orr, and Shanna Richardson.

Against: Tom Sadowski, Julie Tidwell, Fred Cain and Parker Phoenix.

Ruth Ellen Whitt stated she was not for or against the proposed digital billboard, but asked council members to consider the overall vision for the city before making a decision on this item.

Councilmember Veal-Gooch said this issue is an opportunity to address everything in the city and would like for the Planning and Zoning Commission to develop a vision plan that would contain clutter when it comes to signage. Advertising and marketing can be done through other means. The City Council should look at the big picture and how the city will be affected in the future.

Councilmember Casteel said Texarkana is growing and businesses make money through advertising.

Councilmember Ray said that signs are very helpful while driving through a city.

Councilmember Miller suggested that the Planning and Zoning Commission design a comprehensive plan to decide and regulate signage in certain areas and on certain streets for council consideration.

The following referenced documents are attached or linked for public record purposes:

1. Digital Billboard Fact Sheet from Scenic America.
2. A comprehensive report on safety impacts of digital billboards. http://www.azmag.gov/Documents/pdf/cms.resource/NCHRP_Digital_Billboard_Report70216.pdf
3. Scenic Dallas statement which verifies action taken by the City of Dallas in the year 2000.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD
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4. Ordinance No. 2014-053 revoking Specific Use Permit #S-628 that permitted the location of a tattoo studio on Lots 14-16, Block 2, Beverly Addition, located at 2402 New Boston Road. City of Texarkana, Texas, agent.

Public Hearing: May 12, 2014

Second Briefing: May 27, 2014

Council Vote: June 9, 2014

There were no comments made at this public hearing.

(Adopted 8:38 p.m.)

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

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, City Engineer, said two bids were submitted to the city. Tatum Excavating Company had the low bid. Funds are available in the 2009 bond funds for this project.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD	Next: 5/27/2014 6:00 PM
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IX. SECOND BRIEFING WITHOUT UPDATES

1. 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

There were no updates given.

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X. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**Staff Updates**

There were no staff updates.

Marking of Handicapped Only Parking throughout the City

Mayor Bruggeman opened the discussion reporting that a concerned citizen contacted him about unpermitted vehicles parking in handicapped only parking. Mayor Bruggeman said he would like staff to research the matter extensively and prepare a report back to the City Council. He also stated, that if warranted, city staff should recommend an ordinance that would strengthen the city's ability to enforce the proper marking of handicapped only parking and the effective enforcement thereof. Staff will research federal, state, and local laws related to handicapped parking and survey the community to estimate the level of compliance with these laws. Based on the results of the research, staff will determine a game plan for meeting the direction of the City Council.

XI. INFORMATION ITEM

City of Texarkana, Texas Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2014

Charlie Bassett, Chief Financial Officer, presented the quarterly investment report. City Manager Whitson said this report is for the council's information and review.

XII. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

1. Council

Councilmember Matthews asked if information concerning marking and designating handicapped parking in residential areas would be considered in staff's research and report to council on handicapped parking. City Manager Whitson said research had been

done on handicapped parking in residential areas and that he would re-forward the information to council members.

2. Staff

Staff had no comments.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

(8:49 p.m.)

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



Jennifer Evans
City Secretary



Bob Bruggeman
Mayor