



CITY OF TEXARKANA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES • AUGUST 11, 2025

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	
Steve Thompson	Ward 3	Present	
Christie Page	Ward 4	Present	
Cole Meador	Ward 5	Present	
Jay Davis	Ward 6	Present	

Staff Present: City Manager David Orr, Jennifer Evans, Kristin Peeples, Dusty Henslee, Mashell Daniel, Reed Russell, Billy McAnally, Gary Smith, Brandon Uselton, Chris Black, Brooke Stone, Chiquita Burks, Ryan Galvan, Keith Beason, Vashil Fernandez, and J.W. Bramlett.

Municipal Court: Judge Sherry Jackson Hawkins.

Legal Counsel: Jeff Lewis.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE LED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JAY DAVIS

III. MAYOR'S REMARKS AND ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Upcoming City Council Meetings

Monday, August 25, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. (Budget - Public Hearing only)

Monday, September 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, October 13, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Activities

Aug. 30th & 31st USSSA Softball Tournament Swanger Complex

Sept. 6th & 7th USSSA Softball Tournament Swanger Complex

Additional Parks & Recreation information can be found on the city’s website at <http://www.texarkanatexas.gov>

APA Texas East Section Workshop

The **APA Texas East Section Roadshow & Workshop** will be held on Friday, September 5th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Hotel Grim, 301 N. State Line; Texarkana, Texas.

Planners and partners from across the region will gather for a dynamic day of professional development, collaboration, networking, and on-the-ground learning.

IV. OPEN FORUM: COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Per Council rules, comment time is limited to five minutes, or ten minutes if using a translator. Before comments are made, a speaker must complete an information sheet and give to the City Secretary. If your comment pertains to an agenda item with a scheduled public hearing or public comment, the Council requires that you make your comment at that time; you do not need to complete an information sheet.

There were no public comments made at Open Forum.

V. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

Council Member Meador recommended the reappointments of Gene Joyce, Wanda Northam, and James Larkins to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Council Member Davis recommended the new appointment of David Crenshaw to an alternate position on the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Mayor Bruggeman recommended the reappointment of Council Member Thompson to the Bi-State IAC, who is willing to continue his service on this committee.

Motion to make a new appointment and reappointments to various boards, commissions, and committees.

(6:05 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Christie Page, Ward 4
SECONDER:	Mary Hart, Ward 2
AYES:	Matlock, Hart, Thompson, Page, Meador, Davis

VI. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Consent Items

(6:10 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mary Hart, Ward 2
SECONDER:	Steve Thompson, Ward 3
AYES:	Matlock, Hart, Thompson, Page, Meador, Davis

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held on July 14, 2025 at 6:00 PM.
2. Resolution No. 2025-113 authorizing the City Manager to approve an agreement with United Healthcare for fiscal year 2026 to provide medical, dental, and vision insurance benefits for City employees in an amount not to exceed \$7,600,000.

Public Hearing:

Council Vote: August 11, 2025

3. Resolution No. 2025-115 authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract for the 801 Wood Street Parking Lot Paving Project in an amount not to exceed \$53,738.82. Funds are available in the Utility's 2024-2025 budget in the Texas Capital Improvement Fund.

Public Hearing:

Council Vote: August 11, 2025

4. Resolution No. 2025-116 approving the Texarkana Regional Airport Executive Director to auction off aged-out airport equipment.

Public Hearing:

Council Vote: August 11, 2025

5. Resolution No. 2025-117 authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Business Communication Systems CONNEX for a shared VOIP phone service for the Texarkana Water Utilities with the City of Texarkana, Arkansas, in the amount of \$158,739.84 over a three-year (3) period, with the Texas portion being \$42,274.54, with funds budgeted in technology and departmental budgets.

Public Hearing:

Council Vote: August 11, 2025

6. Resolution No. 2025-118 authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with AR-TEX REDI for the operation and management of The Assembly Line located at 215 Pine Street, Pitch It TXK, and the Redi Set Move programs, in an amount not to exceed \$2,050,000 with grant funds of \$2,000,000 from the T.L.L. Temple Foundation, budgeted in The Assembly Line Fund (Fund 249) and economic development funds in the amount of \$50,000, budgeted in the Economic Development Fund (Fund 223).

Public Hearing:

Council Vote: August 11, 2025

7. Resolution No. 2025-119 authorizing the City Manager to continue accepting annual HUD Continuum of Care Grant awards, not to exceed \$1,000,000 annually, in partnership with the Texarkana Homeless Coalition and to execute any and all documents to fulfill the requirements of the grant.

Public Hearing:

Council Vote: August 11, 2025

8. Resolution No. 2025-122 accepting the sole bid and authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Coburn Supply Company of Texarkana, Texas, in an amount not to exceed \$1,115,184.20, for materials relating to the relocation project of the ten-inch water main along US 82, serving several member cities and wholesale customers, with funds available through the State Infrastructure Bank Loan authorized by Resolution No. 2025-101.

Public Hearing:

Council Vote: August 11, 2025

9. Resolution No. 2025-123 authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with RBIS, LLC of Texarkana, Texas, for the FM 2148 Looping Dead End Mains Project in an amount not to exceed \$136,597.50. Funds are available in the Utility's 2024-2025 budget in the Texas 2023 Bond Construction Fund.

Public Hearing:

Council Vote: August 11, 2025

Action Items

10. Resolution No. 2025-111 acknowledging submission of the Texas Tax Code calculations of the City's "no-new-revenue tax rate" of \$0.603797 per \$100 of assessed valuation and "voter-approval tax rate" of \$0.650101 per \$100 of assessed valuation; proposing a tax rate of \$0.650000 per \$100 of assessed valuation for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026; and authorizing public notice of the proposed tax rate. [Note: This resolution, if passed by the City Council, does not adopt a tax rate, but rather proposes for publication the same tax rate adopted last year. A public hearing and Council record vote to adopt a proposed tax rate will be held on September 8, 2025.] (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Public Hearing:
 Council Vote: August 11, 2025

Kristin Peeples briefed this agenda item.
 (6:12 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jay Davis, Ward 6
SECONDER:	Jean H. Matlock, Ward 1
AYES:	Matlock, Hart, Thompson, Page, Meador, Davis

VII. FIRST BRIEFINGS

1. Resolution No. 2025-110 approving the fiscal year 2026 Master Fee List, including reauthorization of building permit fees.

Public Hearing:
 Council Vote: September 8, 2025

Kristin Peeples briefed this agenda item.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD	Next: 9/8/2025 6:00 PM
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2. Resolution No. 2025-114 amending the city's purchasing policy manual.

Public Hearing:
 Council Vote: September 8, 2025

Reed Russell briefed this agenda item.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD	Next: 9/8/2025 6:00 PM
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3. Ordinance No. 2025-120 amending the budget estimate of the revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and adopting the budget and appropriating resources for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026. (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Public Hearing:
Council Vote: September 8, 2025

Kristin Peeples briefed this agenda item.

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD **Next: 9/8/2025 6:00 PM**

- 4. Ordinance No. 2025-112 ratifying the recently adopted budget that contains a property tax rate that raises more total property taxes than the previous year. [Note: As of the posting date of this agenda, the referenced property tax proposed for the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget is a tax rate of \$0.6500 per \$100 of assessed valuation — the same tax rate adopted for Fiscal Year 2024-25.] (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Public Hearing:
Council Vote: September 8, 2025

Kristin Peeples briefed this agenda item.

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD **Next: 9/8/2025 6:00 PM**

- 5. Ordinance No. 2025-121 fixing the tax rate and levy in and for the City of Texarkana, Texas, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, upon all taxable property in the City of Texarkana, Texas. (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Public Hearing:
Council Vote: September 8, 2025

Kristin Peeples briefed this agenda item.

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD **Next: 9/8/2025 6:00 PM**

- 6. Ordinance No. 2025-124 rezoning Lot 19, Block 6, H.S. Janes HRS, A-306, located in the 1300 block of Letter Carrier Drive (Ward 2) from Single Family-2 to Single Family-3. Alvin Battle, owner.

Public Hearing: September 8, 2025
Council Vote: September 8, 2025

Mashell Daniel briefed this agenda item.

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD **Next: 9/8/2025 6:00 PM**

- 7. Ordinance No. 2025-125 granting a Specific Use Permit to allow the location of a HUD code manufactured home on Lot 19, Block 6, H.S. Janes HRS, A-306, located in the 1300 block of Letter Carrier Drive (Ward 2). Alvin Battle, owner.

Public Hearing: September 8, 2025
Council Vote: September 8, 2025

Mashell Daniel briefed this agenda item.

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD **Next: 9/8/2025 6:00 PM**

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1. Ordinance No. 2025-100 amending Chapters 28, 36, and 140 of the City's Code of Ordinances relating to the regulation of coin-operated machines, distance restrictions in all zoning districts for exhibition of coin-operated machines, and prohibition of gambling devices and certain amusement redemption machines.

Public Hearing: August 11, 2025
Council Vote: August 11, 2025

There were no public comments made at this hearing.
(6:40 p.m.)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Christie Page, Ward 4
SECONDER: Jay Davis, Ward 6
AYES: Matlock, Hart, Thompson, Page, Meador, Davis

- 2. Ordinance No. 2025-106 rezoning on an approximate 3.498-acre tract of land (being Tract 201), George Brinlee HRS, A-18, located at 3133 Pleasant Grove Road from Single Family-1 to Planned Development-Office. David Potter, II, owner, and Kayla Wood, MTG Engineers & Surveyors, agent.

Public Hearing: August 11, 2025
Council Vote: August 11, 2025

There were no public comments made at this hearing.
(6:42 p.m.)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Jay Davis, Ward 6
SECONDER: Steve Thompson, Ward 3
AYES: Matlock, Hart, Thompson, Page, Meador, Davis

- 3. Ordinance No. 2025-107 amending PD-25-2(O) for site plan approval on an approximate 3.498-acre tract of land (being Tract 201), George Brinlee HRS, A-18, located at 3133 Pleasant Grove Road (Ward 5). David Potter, II, owner, and Kayla Wood, MTG Engineers & Surveyors, agent.

Public Hearing: August 11, 2025
Council Vote: August 11, 2025

There were no public comments made at this hearing.
(6:44 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Christie Page, Ward 4
SECONDER:	Cole Meador, Ward 5
AYES:	Matlock, Hart, Thompson, Page, Meador, Davis

- 4. Ordinance No. 2025-108 granting a Specific Use to allow a HUD code manufactured home on Lots 1-2, Block 17, Grandview Addition, located at 3909 Alexander Avenue (Ward 2). Jonathan Hamilton, owner.

Public Hearing: August 11, 2025
Council Vote: August 11, 2025

There were no public comments made at this hearing.
(6:45 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Christie Page, Ward 4
SECONDER:	Jean H. Matlock, Ward 1
AYES:	Matlock, Hart, Thompson, Page, Meador, Davis

- 5. Ordinance No. 2025-109 rezoning on the N 1/2 of Lots 9-12 and Part of Alley, Block 55, Grandview Addition, located at 1616 Iowa Street (Ward 2) from Single Family-3 to Two Family-2. Ceretha Brown, owner.

Public Hearing: August 11, 2025
Council Vote: August 11, 2025

There were no public comments made at this hearing.
(6:46 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mary Hart, Ward 2
SECONDER:	Jean H. Matlock, Ward 1
AYES:	Matlock, Hart, Thompson, Page, Meador, Davis

IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

National Brownfields Training Conference Award

During the week of August 4th, staff members attended the 2025 National Brownfields Training Conference and presented over development projects utilizing Brownfields cleanup

grant funds. A big congratulations to Management Fellows, Reed Russell and Ryan Galvan, for receiving the People's Choice Award for the poster competition at the conference. Their poster on the Hotel Grim redevelopment showcased the city's commitment to historic preservation, community revitalization, and innovation in urban planning.

TTFD Update

Staff are excited to announce the arrival of *Texarkana's first-ever rescue boat*. This marks a major milestone in the city's continued efforts to enhance emergency response and public safety for this community.

Adding to the momentum, the *new outdoor weather sirens* are scheduled to be installed this week through August 22nd. These vital upgrades will significantly strengthen the severe weather alert system and ensure broader coverage across the city.

Texarkana, Texas Industrial Development Corporation Update

The Texarkana, Texas Industrial Development Corporation recently held its first meeting, after many years, as part of the effort to reconstitute the board. Key actions included assigning initial director terms, electing officers, and formally adopting amended bylaws approved by the City Council. Board members include Denis Washington, Leslie Ledwell, Rob Sitterly, Steve Mayo and Patton Tidwell.

The board also began discussing strategic priorities and potential development opportunities, including the Kerr McGee property and city-owned tracts on Loop 369 and in the Falvey Industrial Park.

Texarkana Community Development Corporation Update

The Texarkana Community Development Corporation also held its first meeting last month and officially incorporated on July 30th. Board members include Donna Chatman, Chiquita Burks, Juan Bustamante, Cory Robinson, Will Humphrey, Deanna O'Malley, Christine Foster and Tarisha Duson.

The board will meet in September to elect officers and discuss strategic priorities for community development project opportunities.

SAVE THE DATE: National Night Out, Tuesday, October 7th. More information to follow from TTPD.

X. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

1. City Council

Council Member Matlock said two Texarkana students have been the recipients of scholarships from the Texas Association of Black City Council Members: **Derek Murphy**, in 2024, from Liberty Eylau High School and **Deon Carson**, this year, from Texas High School. Both students were congratulated for these outstanding achievements!

2. City Staff

Staff had no administrative comments for council.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.
(6:50 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mary Hart, Ward 2
SECONDER:	Christie Page, Ward 4
AYES:	Matlock, Hart, Thompson, Page, Meador, Davis