



CITY OF TEXARKANA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES • SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

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	
Betty Williams	Ward 3	Present	
Christie Page	Ward 4	Present	
Bill Harp	Ward 5	Present	
Jay Davis	Ward 6	Present	

Staff Present: Interim City Manager David Orr, Vicky Coopwood, Jennifer Evans, Kristin Peeples, Eric Schlotter, Karey Parker, Vashil Fernandez, Sherry Jackson Hawkins, Jonathan Wade, Doug Avery, J. W. Bramlett, Garrett Baker, Lisa Thompson, Mashell Daniel, Kevin Schutte and Dustin Henslee.

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, October 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, October 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Events:

October 9 th	The Down Syndrome Awareness Walk	Spring Lake Park
October 10 th	Tough Kookie Dow Show	Spring Lake Park
October 14 th	Movies in the Park - "Tom and Jerry"	Spring Lake Park
October 16 th	Alzheimer's Awareness Walk	Spring Lake Park

****Movies will start at dusk****

Additional Parks & Recreation information can be found on the city's website at <http://www.ci.texarkana.tx.us> or by contacting staff at (903) 798-3978.

A new COVID-19 therapeutic infusion center was opened in Nash, Texas. The center is designed to treat COVID positive individuals in hopes of avoiding hospitalization.

It will be open seven days a week from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and there are no residency requirements.

The Mayor thanked several City staff along with local partners instrumental in bringing this facility to Bowie county.

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATION - BY RIK ADAMSKI, ASH + LIME GROUP

COVID Rebound Study for small businesses. (Virtual)

Rik Adamski gave a virtual presentation regarding how to help small business owners recover from the COVID-19 epidemic. The targeted corridor was New Boston Road but the approach can be used in any location.

Vashil Fernandez provided Council a resource guide that explains programs currently available for small business COVID relief.

V. 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.

VI. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

There were no appointments or re-appointments made to any board, commission or committee by the Council.

VII. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION***Consent Items***

(6:18 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Christie Page, Ward 4
SECONDER:	Mary Hart, Ward 2
AYES:	Matlock, Hart, Williams, Page, Harp, Davis
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held on September 13, 2021 at 6:00 PM.
2. Resolution No. 2021-086 authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a 5-year lease agreement with FTC Texas of Texarkana, Texas, a member of the Texas Department of Information Resources, in an amount not to exceed \$246,600, with funds available in each department's budget, to supply new and updated Canon copiers and services.

Public Hearing:

Council Vote: September 27, 2021

Action Items

3. Resolution No. 2021-081 authorizing a Public Safety System Contract with Motorola Solutions, through an Interlocal Agreement with Houston-Galveston Area Council, for the purchase and installation of Computer Aided Dispatch and Records System and Services Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$600,000.

Public Hearing:

Council Vote: September 27, 2021

Doug Avery, from the Bi-State Justice Center's Central Records and Communications department, briefed this agenda item.

(6:29 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Betty Williams, Ward 3
SECONDER:	Bill Harp, Ward 5
AYES:	Matlock, Hart, Williams, Page, Harp, Davis
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman

4. Resolution No. 2021-089 approving a settlement agreement with AEP/SWEPCO for a \$39,712.98 settlement payment to the City for street lighting services for the time period between August 18, 2014, and November 25, 2019, and authorizing the Interim City Manager to sign and execute the settlement agreement.

Public Hearing:

Council Vote: September 27, 2021

Interim City Manager Orr briefed this agenda item.
(6:31 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mary Hart, Ward 2
SECONDER:	Betty Williams, Ward 3
AYES:	Matlock, Hart, Williams, Page, Harp, Davis
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman

VIII. FIRST BRIEFINGS

1. Ordinance No. 2021-087 closing and abandoning a section of a forty-foot (40') street right-of-way and retaining a utility easement in its place, in the Classic Auto Park East Addition and the George Brinlee HRS, A-18, located in the 900 block of Franklin Street.

Public Hearing: October 11, 2021
Council Vote: October 11, 2021

Jonathan Wade briefed this agenda item.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD	Next: 10/11/2021 6:00 PM
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2. Ordinance No. 2021-088 rezoning a 0.48-acre tract of land (being Tract 49) in the Howard Etheridge HRS, A-182, located at 1801 Waterall Street. Single Family-2 to Neighborhood Service. Knights of Columbus, owner, Kevin DuPree, agent.

Public Hearing: October 11, 2021
Council Vote: October 11, 2021

Mashell Daniel briefed this agenda item.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD	Next: 10/11/2021 6:00 PM
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IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Ordinance No. 2021-082 updating the City's drainage design manual and amending Chapters 120, 130 and 135 of the Code of Ordinances.

Public Hearing: September 27, 2021
Council Vote: September 27, 2021

There were no public comments made at this hearing.
(6:37 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jay Davis, Ward 6
SECONDER:	Bill Harp, Ward 5
AYES:	Matlock, Hart, Williams, Page, Harp, Davis
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman

X. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Interim City Manager's Report

Mary Philips Withdraw Letter

Mary Philips submitted a letter to withdraw as a candidate for Ward 2. The deadline to remove names from the election ballot has passed, so her name will still appear on the ballot. A copy of the withdrawal letter has been posted on the City's website. For additional information please contact Jennifer Evans at 903.798.3930. or j.evans@txkusa.org

Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

The City has been recognized for a sixth consecutive year for the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Budget Presentation award for fiscal year 2021 that was delayed due to the cyber-attack. The award is based on the examination of the budget by a panel of independent reviewers and it is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. Congratulations to Kristin and her team for this outstanding accomplishment.

Lake Wright Patman Ultimate Rule Curve and Environmental/Cultural Resources Study

City and Riverbend staff continue to hold weekly calls with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) on the federally required environmental studies. There is much more discussion about the cultural resources study and how to proceed. Costs for the study came back much higher than the original \$2.1 million that was anticipated. City and Riverbend staff are hopeful that the additional costs will be quantified soon so the project can continue to move forward.

State Line Corridor Virtual Survey

There was a good turn-out at Community Meeting #2. The consultants have a short survey at the link below that will help tremendously in finalizing recommendations. Questions or comments for the design team are welcomed at statelinecorridor@gmail.com <<mailto:statelinecorridor@gmail.com>>.

Virtual Survey Link Here www.statelinecorridor.com <<https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/7mRNCgJKDNFARGoZCoehkG?domain=statelinecorridor.com>>

XI. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

1. City Council

Council had no administrative comments for staff.

2. City Staff

Staff had no administrative comments for council.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

The City Council convened into closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) to discuss or deliberate the Interim City Manager's contract, evaluation, duties, and goals (scheduled performance review per May 2021 Interim City Manager Contract).

NOTE: The Council did not take any action after closed session other than reconvening in open session and adjourning the meeting.

XIII. RECONVENED INTO OPEN SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.
(7:29 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Betty Williams, Ward 3
SECONDER:	Bill Harp, Ward 5
AYES:	Matlock, Hart, Williams, Page, Harp, Davis
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman