



CITY OF TEXARKANA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES • NOVEMBER 13, 2018

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 Alcorn	Ward 4	Present	
Bill Harp	Ward 5	Present	
Josh Davis	Ward 6	Present	

City Staff: City Manager Shirley Jaster, Jennifer Evans, Kyle Dooley, Kristin Peeples, Eric Schlotter, Dusty Henslee, Sherry Jackson Hawkins, Karey Parker, Mashell Daniel, and Jerry Sparks.

Legal Counsel: Jeff Lewis.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARY HART

III. MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS AND ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Upcoming City Council Meetings:

Monday, November 26, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. - Council Members Swearing-In Ceremony
Monday, December 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. - Last meeting of the year

Upcoming Joint City Meeting:

The Texarkana Chamber of Commerce will host a "Joint Texarkana Community Committee" meeting with the City of Texarkana, Arkansas, on Tuesday, November 20, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. The topic of the meeting is "REDI - Regional Economic Development Inc.". The meeting is open to the public and will be held at the Ark-Tex Council of Governments building located at 4808 Elizabeth Street, Texarkana, Texas.

Other City Events:

Farmers' Market Christmas Market - Monday, December 3rd from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at 305 Texas Boulevard.

Annual Downtown Christmas Parade - Monday, December 3rd starting at 7:00 p.m.

Shop With a Cop or Firefighter - Tuesday, December 4th at 9:00 a.m. at Target Department Store, 102 Richmond Ranch Road.

Parks & Recreation Events:

November 22 nd	Turkey Trot 5K	Spring Lake Park
December 6 th	Bramlett Beans & Cornbread	Southwest Center

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

Mayor Bruggeman welcomed four Texas A&M - Texarkana students to the meeting. He also welcomed Texarkana, Arkansas' Mayor-elect Allen Brown.

Proclamation Presentation

Small Business Saturday - November 24, 2018

The Mayor read the proclamation and encouraged all to shop locally in support of business owners on Saturday, November 24th during the holiday season.

RESULT:	CLOSE ACTION
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Appointments to Boards & Commissions

Council Member Matlock recommended the reappointment of Steve Matlock to the Building Code Revision Committee.

1. Motion to make a reappointment to the Building Code Revision Committee.

(6:16 p.m.)

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

2. Mayoral Appointment to the Housing Authority Board.

Mayor Bruggeman appointed Linda Nolan as a Resident Commissioner to the Housing Authority Board.

IV. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Consent Items

(6:17 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mary Hart, Ward 2
SECONDER:	Jean H. Matlock, Ward 1
AYES:	Matlock, Hart, Williams, Alcorn, Harp, Davis
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held on October 22, 2018 at 6:00 PM.
2. Consider approval of the minutes of the Called Special Meeting of the City Council held on November 7, 2018 at 5:30 PM.

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

Cylestine Thornton addressed the council concerning restoration efforts on a property located at 3rd and Oak Streets.

Action Items

3. Resolution No. 2018-126 approving the amendment to the TIRZ #1 project list for funding or partial funding of infrastructure improvements to property on South Cowhorn Loop in an amount not to exceed \$310,000 and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an amended contract for the reimbursement of said amount from funds in the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1 Fund.

Public Hearing: November 13, 2018

Council Vote: November 13, 2018

Jerry Sparks briefed this agenda item. David Williams, of MTG Engineers & Surveyors, also made comments.

(6:30 p.m.)

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

4. Resolution No. 2018-134 authorizing the expenditure of Community Relations funds in support of the Live United Bowl Team's Banquet.

Public Hearing:

Council Vote: November 13, 2018

Allen Brown provided information about the upcoming activities related to the December 1, 2018 Live United Bowl football game. Bess Gamble-Williams asked a few questions concerning this event.

(6:42 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Harp, Ward 5
SECONDER:	Christie Alcorn, Ward 4
AYES:	Matlock, Hart, Williams, Alcorn, Harp, Davis
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman

V. FIRST BRIEFINGS - NONE

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Ordinance No. 2018-116 rezoning a 15-acre tract of land located in the L.T. King HRS, A-327, located on East Wallace Drive approximately 0.9 miles from Leopard Drive, Agriculture to Commercial. Clint Blakey, Big Horn Properties, II, owner. Vance Liles, MTG Engineers & Surveyors, agent.

Public Hearing: November 13, 2018

Council Vote: November 13, 2018

Vance Liles, of MTG Engineers & Surveyors, addressed the council at this hearing.
(6:48 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mary Hart, Ward 2
SECONDER:	Josh Davis, Ward 6
AYES:	Matlock, Hart, Williams, Alcorn, Harp, Davis
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman

VII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Staff Updates - Texarkana Public Library - by Jennifer Strayhorn

Ms. Strayhorn shared a presentation highlighting the library's growth, progress, and benefit to the community. During fiscal year 2017-18, 314,244 patrons visited the library. The library made available to those visitors 113,976 checkout materials.

The library houses 83,000 books, 7,600 DVDs and 4,000 audio books in its general collection. The current children's program is well-supported by both children and parents. The library also offers an eCard with access to a host of digital resources.

On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Bruggeman thanked Ms. Strayhorn for her informative report.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

1. City Council

Council had no administrative comments for staff.

2. City Staff

Staff had no administrative comments for council.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.
(7:03 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jean H. Matlock, Ward 1
SECONDER:	Christie Alcorn, Ward 4
AYES:	Matlock, Hart, Williams, Alcorn, Harp, Davis
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman