



CITY OF TEXARKANA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES • NOVEMBER 25, 2019

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	

Staff Present: City Manager Shirley Jaster, Jennifer Evans, David Orr, Karey Parker, Kristin Peeples, Robby Robertson, Jerry Sparks, Mashell Daniel, Eric Schlotter, and Sherry Jackson Hawkins.

Legal Counsel: Jeff Lewis.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE LED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BILL HARP

III. MAYOR'S REMARKS AND ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Upcoming City Council Meetings:

Monday, December 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. - Last meeting of 2019

Parks & Recreation Events:

December 5th 21st Annual Bramlett Beans and Cornbread Southwest Center
 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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.

Other City Events:

10th Annual Small Business Saturday, November 30th

Christmas Market, Monday, December 9th, 5:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m. Kress Gap (116 Broad St.)

On Friday, November 15th, Habitat for Humanity hosted a special groundbreaking for Barbara Jackson. Ms. Jackson grew up living in the Sunset Apartments. In hopes of having a home of her own, she applied with Habitat for Humanity but was turned down. However, she did not let that discourage her. She took on a second job working nights and later reapplied. Ultimately, her application was accepted. Her home will be constructed at the corner of Atlanta Street and Norris Cooley Drive.

Ms. Jackson is to be commended for her determination and perseverance in not giving up but seeing her dream through in securing a home in a part of the city where she wants to remain.



David Orr provided information regarding activities surrounding the "Shop Small" event to be held on Saturday, November 30th in support of local businesses.

Three students from Liberty Eylau High School were welcomed to the meeting.

Proclamation Presentation

Mayor Bruggeman read the "Small Business Saturday" proclamation and encouraged residents to shop local to support small businesses in the community now and throughout the year.

Small Business Saturday - November 30, 2019

RESULT:	CLOSE ACTION
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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

There were no citizen appointments or reappointments made to any board or commission. Council did consider individual council member appointments to various boards and commissions.

1. Motion to keep current council member appointments to various boards and commissions.

(6:12 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Josh Davis, Ward 6
SECONDER:	Betty Williams, Ward 3
AYES:	Matlock, Hart, Williams, Alcorn, Harp, Davis
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman

Council Members Annual Board Appointments Review

RESULT:	CLOSE ACTION
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VI. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Consent Items

(6:13 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

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held on November 12, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

2. Resolution No. 2019-110 setting the 2020 City Council meeting dates and official city holiday closings.

Public Hearing:

Council Vote: November 25, 2019

Action Items

3. Ordinance No. 2019-112 calling for a Special Election to be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 for the purpose of electing a Council Member for Ward 6 to fill a vacancy of an unexpired term.

Public Hearing:

Council Vote: November 25, 2019

City Attorney Lewis highlighted portions of the proposed ordinance related to election procedure, early voting, and the polling location on Election Day for Ward 6 voters only. This election will be conducted by the city and not Bowie County.

Therefore, all Ward 6 voters will vote at Pleasant Grove Middle School located at 5605 Cooks Lane; Texarkana, Texas. Council Member Harp said Ward 6 voters will vote at the Band Hall room on the school campus.

The Mayor asked the City Secretary for a roll call vote.

(6:19 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Mary Hart, Ward 2
SECONDER:	Betty Williams, Ward 3
AYES:	Bruggeman, Matlock, Hart, Williams, Alcorn, Harp
ABSTAIN:	Davis

VII. FIRST BRIEFINGS - NONE

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Resolution No. 2019-108 approving the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Comprehensive Assessment Performance Evaluation Report.

Public Hearing: November 25, 2019

Council Vote: November 25, 2019

There were no public comments made at this hearing.

(6:20 p.m.)

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

IX. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Staff Updates

There were no staff updates for council.

X. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

1. City Council

Council Member Matlock thanked City Secretary Evans for her assistance with timely preparation of proclamations that frequently are requested at the last minute. City Attorney Lewis also commended Ms. Evans for her handiwork and detail in preparing the language in the ordinance related to the special election.

Mayor Bruggeman expressed to everyone a happy holiday season, beginning with Thanksgiving, and wished everyone enjoyable family time together.

2. City Staff

Staff had no administrative comments for council.

XI. CLOSED SESSION

The City Council **did not** convene in closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to have a private consultation with the City Attorney.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

(6:22 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