



CITY OF TEXARKANA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES • NOVEMBER 27, 2017

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	
Willie Ray	Ward 2	Present	
Betty Williams	Ward 3	Present	
Christie Alcorn	Ward 4	Present	
Christy P. Paddock	Ward 5	Absent	
Josh Davis	Ward 6	Present	
Mary Hart	Ward 2	Present	
Bill Harp	Ward 5	Present	

Staff Present: City Manager Shirley Jaster, Jennifer Evans, Kyle Dooley, Jodie Lee, Billy McAnally, Karey Parker, Lisa Thompson, Hanan Southard, Mashell Daniel, J.D. Phillips, Dusty Henslee, Eric Schlotter, David Orr, Jim Powell, Doris Roberts, JoAnn Gray, Sherry Jackson, and Jerry Sparks.

Legal Counsel: Jeff Lewis.

Special Guests: John Jarvis, James Bramlett, James Prince, James Carlow, Derrick McGary, Brian Matthews, Robin Bass, Bill Miller, and Tom Whitten.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOSH DAVIS

III. SPECIAL OPENING COMMENTS & RECOGNITION

In behalf of the City Council, Mayor Bruggeman recognized the extraordinary service of Ward 2 Council Member Willie Ray and Ward 5 Council Member Christy Paddock as outgoing city council members. He also recognized Ward 3 Council Member Betty Williams as remaining on the council for another term.

Ms. Paddock has always displayed an open mind when dealing with city matters and she has been very accessible to the City Council, staff, and her constituents.

Ms. Williams has displayed a passion for the downtown area and the historic district. She can always be found picking up trash wherever her travels take her throughout the city.

Ms. Ray is leaving the council after 20 years of dedicated service to her constituents. She tirelessly listened to Ward 2 residents and worked in helping in anyway she could.

Although Council Member Paddock was not able to attend the meeting, she sent her parting comments and well wishes to her successor, fellow council members, and city staff. The Mayor read her closing statement. She said in part: "...serving as a council representative for Ward 5 has been a privilege and an honor".

Ms. Ray said serving on the city council has been truly enjoyable. She thanked everyone who supported her throughout the years. The job of being a council member is not done in your own power. But it's done with the help of others. She is truly appreciative of the honor she had in serving the citizens of Texarkana.

Swearing In Ceremony for Council Member Candidates

Ward 2 Council Member - Mary Hart

Ward 3 Council Member - Betty Williams

Ward 5 Council Member - Bill Harp

Swearing In Ceremony Summary

Candidates were sworn in by Judge Sherry Jackson. After the candidates signed documents, they assembled for the drawing. Jeff Lewis explained that at the recent special election, voters authorized the change of council office from two-year term lengths to three-year term lengths. Therefore, in order to transition to the new terms of office, a drawing must be held for a four-year term and two three-year terms to begin this year. After the four-year term has lapsed, the office will go back to a three-year term.

Council Member Hart drew the four-year term slip. Council Member Williams and Council Member Harp drew the remaining slips and will each serve three-year terms.

IV. RECESS - COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIE RAY'S RECEPTION - (30 MINUTES)

Prior to the recess, several guests made personal comments to outgoing Ward 2 Council Member Willie Ray.

Derrick McGary - '....she provided wisdom, insight, and inspiration. She is a principled individual'.

James Prince - '....she is a God-loving lady'.

Jamillia Johnson - '....Me-Momma taught me to be a woman of my word'.

James Carlow - '....she always stood up for her constituents'.

Brian Matthews - '....she's jubilant, sincere, and a transformational leader'.

James Bramlett, Sr. - '....she accomplished much through her great dedication'.

Mary Hart - '....she was my greatest encouragement in my journey to become a council member for Ward 2'.

Shirley Jaster - '....she always supported the employees and they appreciate what she did for them'.

Oliver Wendell Hart, II - '....she is my sister "in the Lord" and has always been loving and genuine'.

Josh Davis - '....she is very much admired for sharing her compassion with fellow council members'.

Christie Alcorn - '....she was very welcoming and has been a great leader'.

Mayor Bruggeman - '....she was always a mentor and is admired for her service in the medical community'.

Betty Williams - '....she has always been a good influence and is a remarkable person'.

Jean Matlock - '....she is humble, caring, and graceful'.

Jeff Lewis - '....she is an elected official who truly gives of her time, wisdom, and experience'.

Sherry Jackson - '....she has always been a wonderful employer, never using her influence to alter any outcome in the courts or garner any favors'.

V. MAYOR'S REMARKS AND ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Upcoming City Council Meetings:

Monday, December 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, December 25, 2017 - **CANCELLED**

Monday, January 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, January 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Farmers' Market:

Monday, December 4th - Christmas Market from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 305 Texas Blvd.

Parks & Recreation Events:

December 7th

Bramlett Beans & Cornbread

Southwest Center

For a complete list of Parks & Recreation activities and information call 903-798-3978 or visit the city website at <http://tx-texarkana.civicplus.com>

The annual Christmas Parade will be held on Monday, December 4th at 7:00 p.m. The parade route begins at East Broad & Hazel Street.

The Live United Bowl kickoff is scheduled for December 2nd at Razorback Stadium. This will be a NCAA Division II football game. The teams scheduled to play are Arkansas Tech and Pittsburg, Kansas. Tickets are \$10. All proceeds will go to the local United Way organization.

Appointments to Boards & Commissions

Council Members Annual Board Appointments Review

Council reviewed its appointments of council members to various boards and commissions. The following appointments were made:

Ark-Tex Council of Governments - Jean Matlock, Mary Hart

Electrical Appeals & Advisory Board - Christie Alcorn

MPO Policy Board - Mary Hart

Council made no citizen board appointments.

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

Items scheduled for "Public Hearing" or have been heard at a previous "Public Hearing" are not to be addressed at the "Open Forum".

There were no public comments made at Open Forum.

VII. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Consent Items

(7:39 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Josh Davis, Ward 6
SECONDER:	Jean H. Matlock, Ward 1
AYES:	Matlock, Williams, Alcorn, Davis, Hart, Harp
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held on November 13, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

2. Consider approval of the minutes of the Joint City Committee Special Meeting of the City Council held on November 14, 2017 at 3:00 PM.
3. Consider approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council held on November 20, 2017 at 6:00 PM.
4. Resolution No. 2017-125 setting the 2018 City Council meeting dates and official City Holiday closings.

Public Hearing:

Second Briefing:

Council Vote: November 27, 2017

5. Resolution No. 2017-129 designating a local rabies control authority.

Public Hearing:

Second Briefing:

Council Vote: November 27, 2017

Action Items

6. Resolution No. 2017-124 appointing a Mayor Pro Tem for the term beginning December 1, 2017 and ending on November 30, 2018 or until superseded by new council member appointments.

Public Hearing:

Second Briefing:

Council Vote: November 27, 2017

Council decided to reappoint Council Member Josh Davis to serve another year as Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member Davis thanked the council for its choice in his reappointment.

(7:40 p.m.)

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

7. Resolution No. 2017-130 adopting an ethics policy to comply with TxDOT requirements for grant recipients.

Public Hearing:
Second Briefing:
Council Vote: November 27, 2017

Jim Powell shared background information regarding this agenda item. City Manager Jaster said two minor changes were made to the policy and provided council a copy of those changes.

(7:45 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Christie Alcorn, Ward 4
SECONDER:	Betty Williams, Ward 3
AYES:	Matlock, Williams, Alcorn, Davis, Hart, Harp
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman

VIII. FIRST BRIEFINGS

1. Ordinance No. 2017-121 amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 140 "Zoning", Section 140-111 "UPDD University Planned Development District" to add the additional use of "application of permanent cosmetics business" in Area 8 (Richmond Road Mixed Use Development Area). Kayla Neely, applicant.

Public Hearing: December 11, 2017
Second Briefing: January 8, 2018
Council Vote: January 22, 2018

David Orr briefed this agenda item.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD	Next: 12/11/2017 6:00 PM
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2. Ordinance No. 2017-122 granting a specific use permit to allow the location of a tattoo studio in a tenant space (Suite 110A) in Oaklawn Center, located at 2729 New Boston Road (part of a 25.334 acre tract of land in the Eli Moore HRS, A-401). New Boston Retail Group, LLC, applicant. Nathan Biddle, agent.

Public Hearing: December 11, 2017
Second Briefing: January 8, 2018
Council Vote: January 22, 2018

David Orr briefed this agenda item.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD
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3. Ordinance No. 2017-123 amending PD-05-7(GR) for site plan approval to allow a dentist office and future retail space on Lot 1, Pavilion Park Minor Plat, located at the northeast corner of Pavilion Parkway and Gibson Lane. Mitchell Glass, applicant. Kayla Wood, MTG Engineers and Surveyors, agent.

Public Hearing: December 11, 2017

Second Briefing: January 8, 2018

Council Vote: January 22, 2018

David Orr briefed this agenda item.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD
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4. Resolution No. 2017-131 approving the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Comprehensive Assessment Performance Evaluation Report.

Public Hearing: December 11, 2017

Second Briefing:

Council Vote: December 11, 2017

David Orr briefed this agenda item.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD
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IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

X. SECOND BRIEFING WITH UPDATES - NONE

XI. SECOND BRIEFING WITHOUT UPDATES

1. Motion to move Ordinance No. 2017-116 up for council vote.

(8:02 p.m.)

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

2. Ordinance No. 2017-116 granting a Specific Use Permit to allow the application of permanent cosmetics and microblading on an approximate 1.757 acre tract of land in the George Brinlee HRS, A-18, located in a tenant space at 4142 McKnight Road. Bill King, applicant. Kori Reyna, Brow and Arrow Salon, agent.

Public Hearing: November 13, 2017
Second Briefing: November 27, 2017
Council Vote: December 11, 2017

Kori Reyna asked for council consideration in expediting the vote on this agenda item.
(8:04 p.m.)

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

XII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Staff Updates - Charter Amendments Recently Passed

At the Special Election held on November 7, 2017, Texarkana, Texas, voters passed nine charter amendments. These amendments became effective on November 20, 2017, when the Council enacted Ordinance No. 2017-126.

Jeff Lewis highlighted three charter amendments that directly relate to members serving on the City Council. Charter Amendment "H" changes council term lengths from two years to three years. All seven council positions will eventually transition to the new term lengths. However, if there is more than one year left remaining in the three-year term, the Texas Constitution requires that the position be filled by special election; such a vacancy can no longer be filled by Council appointment. However, if the position has less than one year remaining in the term, then the Council can either fill the vacancy by appointment, call for a special election, or leave the position vacant until the next general election.

Quorum requirements of five elected officials for meetings remain unchanged. Charter Amendment "G" now allows a "majority vote" of the council present at a meeting to pass an item, unless the Charter or law requires a greater number. Charter Amendment "E" expands the Mayor's voting authority of breaking a tie to now include voting in the event

of a vacancy in council membership, an absence of a council member at a meeting, or an abstention by a council member at a meeting.

XIII. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

1. City Council

Council Member Hart thanked her husband Oliver and dear friend, Zabrina, for their support in her efforts to becoming a city council member. She is grateful for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Ward 2 and was amazed that she did not have any challengers in the race!

Council Member Harp expressed his thanks to his wife Kathy for her support in his running for city council as the Ward 5 representative. He also thanked the council and city staff for welcoming him to his new position.

The Mayor concluded that this meeting and all its events made for a very memorable evening for the Texarkana community.

2. City Staff

Staff had no administrative comments for council.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.
(8:17 PM)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Christie Alcorn, Ward 4
SECONDER:	Betty Williams, Ward 3
AYES:	Matlock, Williams, Alcorn, Davis, Hart, Harp
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman